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River Operations Update

Sept 14, 2023

Reduction of Max Draft possible due to Low Water Conditions

The River Industry continues to see low water stages across the inland river systems. Due to the current river stage and operating conditions max draft reductions and tow size restrictions will be implemented as needed. That will in turn limit the amount of cargo per barge and reduce tow sizing overall. We will continue to monitor the conditions and inform you of the possible effects.

DREDGING LOCATIONS:

Dredge Jadwin – (LM537) – **River is shut down** in this area, but should open back up later today to clear traffic

Dredge Dubuque - Vicksburg Harbor (LM 437) – Expected Completion 9/19/2023 – Daily closures from 0600 – 1800. River open at night from 1800-0600.

Dredge Hurley – (LM 925) – Traffic is moving NB, and will most likely begin to run SB later today.

Dredge Susan Crosby – Greenville (LM 537) – Expected Completion 9/24/2023

Dredge Wallace McGregor – (LMR 487) – to begin 9/16

Dredge Potter – (UM 28.6) to begin 9/15

Dredge Bill Homan (OH 975) – working for the next 10 – 11 days. Olmstead area is running SB tows during the day and NB at night.

ARKANSAS RIVER:

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
JOE HARDIN #3	AR 50.2	9/11/23 – 9/15/23	FULL
WEBBER FALLS	AR 366	9/11 – 9/15	FULL



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OHIO RIVER:

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
MONTGOMERY LOCK	OH 31.7	9/5/23 – 12/22/23	MAIN CLOSED – OPENINGS 9/5 – 9/25, 10/17 – 11/22 AND 11/26 – 12/22
JOHN T MEYERS	OH 846	8/21/23 – 10/30/23	MAIN CHAMBER
SMITHLAND	OH 918.5	10/10/23 – 11/6/23	MAIN CHAMBER

ILLINOIS RIVER:

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
Brandon Road	286	6/1/23 – 9/30/23	FULL
Dresden Island Lock	271.5	6/1/23 - 9/30/23	FULL
Marseilles Lock	244.6	6/1/23 - 9/30/23	FULL

EAST CANAL: Industrial Lock Congestion (EC 0 / LMR 92.6) – Due to increased industry traffic, lockage is delaying boats 1-2 days. Expected to continue going forward due to volumes in the Michoud area and greater East Canal.

WEST CANAL: Algiers Lock Closure (WC 0 / LMR 88) – projected to be closed starting 10/2/2023 thru December 1st to facilitate repairs from an allision in early July.

Harvey Lock Closure (WC 0 / LMR 98.3) – Closed June 15th until further notice due to risk from reverse head conditions on the Lower Mississippi River.

If conditions improve the Harvey lock will be used during the Algiers closure. If not, traffic will be diverted through the Port Allen Route.

Special Note - Please be aware Celtic’s Service Agreement under the “Tolls, Taxes, or User Charges” clause gives Celtic the right to bill costs for lock delays.



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Weather Highlights:

- Scattered showers will be possible across LA and MS today as a front lingers over the region.
- Another front will move into the Upper Miss region tomorrow and bring scattered showers there.

7-day QPF totals (through next Monday morning):

- Upper MS: Up to $\frac{3}{4}$ " of precip is forecast over the region.
- Middle MS/Lower Ohio Valley: Very little precip is expected over the region.
- Lower MS Valley: Up to 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " is forecast over parts of the region.

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