

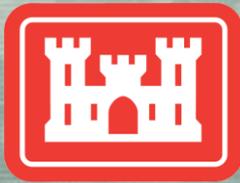
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Inland Waterways Users Board #76

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Process for Lock / River Outages:

- Coordinate with affected USACE elements; US Coast Guard; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; other affected Federal, state, or local agencies; port authorities; shipping companies; vessel operators; and other affected industry and public stakeholders (AWO, RIETF, LOMRC, PNWA, RIAC, GICA, etc.)
- Provide schedules at meetings/conferences
- Post Notices to Navigation Interests (NTNI) on USACE NTNI Webpage: <http://ntninotices.usace.army.mil/>
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LOCAL NUMBER: MVN 15-19 / MVN 15-68
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EFFECTIVE: 08/15/2015 00:00 thru 10/15/2015 23:59 CST

AMENDMENT - Navigation Notice 3211, MVN 15-19

DEWATERING OPERATIONS GIWW - Bayou Sorrel Lock

Reference Navigation Bulletin No. 15-19, dated 5 March 2015, stating that commencing on 15 July 2015 and continuing until approximately 15 September 2015, Bayou Sorrel Lock will be closed to navigation 24 hours a day due to dewatering operations, repairs, and maintenance to the Lock, which will be performed by a U.S. Government Hired Labor Unit.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT DEWATERING OPERATIONS AT BAYOU SORREL LOCK HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO HIGH RIVER STAGE CONDITIONS IN THE ATCHAFALAYA RIVER. THE DEWATERING OPERATIONS WILL NOW COMMENCE ON 15 AUGUST 2015 AND CONTINUE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 15 OCTOBER 2015.

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(Sample NTNI)

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Columbia River locks to close March 7 - 21, 2015

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District will close navigation locks at dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers in March to conduct annual inspections, repairs and maintenance.

(Sample News Release)

Portland District's Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day navigation locks at Columbia River miles 145, 191 and 216, respectively, will close March 7 at 6 a.m. and reopen March 21 at 11:59 p.m. The closure allows employees to perform preventative maintenance and minor repairs to major lock systems like gates, valves, pumps and electrical gear.

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Locking through at Bonneville Lock and Dam. Visitors can view the locks from the Oregon side of the Bonneville Lock and Dam Project. (Photo by Billie Johnson)

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The Corps coordinates these annual closures with inland shippers and cruise lines to achieve minimal impact to the various industries that use the locks.



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- **Continued Improvements to the Process**
 - **Proactive involvement with industry stakeholders well in advance of scheduling closure dates and durations.**
 - **Ensure communication plans identify all interested stakeholders.**
 - **Coordination across the IMTS to minimize impacts to navigation, e.g. schedule concurrent closures on same waterway – stagger closures on alternative waterways.**
 - **Work with industry groups (RIETF, LOMRC, PNWA, RIAC, etc.) to coordinate future closures.**



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• Next Steps

- **Collecting best management practices from the field.**
- **Draft SOP.**
- **Circulate SOP to USACE and industry stakeholders for review and comment.**
- **Revise SOP as appropriate.**
- **Conduct conference calls/webinars to review and discuss.**
- **Circulate revised SOP to USACE and industry stakeholders for final review and comment.**
- **Finalize SOP.**



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