

Lower Allegheny Locks

■ Issue

- ▶ Recent issue of denied lockage. Could not pull a double for them. The tow allided with a lock in the early evening which affected the lockage, delaying its lockages after the published AL lockage times.
- ▶ Concerns raised about the recent cold weather and lack of towboats passage.
 - The river was never closed
 - Locks were always available
 - Waterways Association of Pittsburgh made decision among themselves not to navigate the river during the 21 day cold weather period.
 - This decision was binding on no one



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■ Status/Policy

- ▶ AL2, CW Bill Young (AL3) and AL4 are all classified as LoS 1, AL5 is at LoS 2 and the remaining locks (AL6-9) are LoS 6 (Commercial traffic only and by appointment).
- ▶ Policy is all lower Allegheny River Locks are operated as IMTS LoS 1 facilities and are always available for lockage.
- ▶ Corps has staff available to "pull doubles" for industry only at specific well publicized times
- ▶ Policy provides users free to "double trip" anytime that they can do so safely.



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- Actions and Way-Ahead
 - ▶ Coordinated actions with Pittsburgh District, Navigation Industry and end users
 - ▶ AL2 and CW Bill Young L&Ds will staff for doubles to transit locks 6 days per week to address power plant stockpile issues.
 - ▶ Commences 22nd March and extend through 10 May
 - ▶ Future critical shipments accommodations will be coordinated and addressed as required

