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Notice to Navigation Interests

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CELRN-OP-N 07-35

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In Reply Refer To:

CELRN-OP-N PO Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37072-1070 (615) 736-5607

SUBJECT: Closure of Kentucky Lock for scheduled major maintenance, Tennessee River Mile 22.4.

Kentucky Lock is scheduled for closure to navigation traffic from 6:00 a.m. on 16 October 2007 through 6:00 p.m. on 8 November 2007. This closure is necessary in order to inspect and repair the underwater components of the lock. No auxiliary lock is available to pass traffic at this project. However, traffic is encouraged to utilize the alternate route via the lower Cumberland River, through Barkley Lock and Barkley Canal, during this period.

In order to expedite the movement of vessel traffic through Barkley Lock during this closure period, the following operational procedures will be utilized:

VESSEL COMMUNICATIONS

Vessels will need to contact the Barkley Lock via marine radio channel #13 or telephone (270-362-4222) at the following locations to allow for better vessel traffic management and to ensure proper placement within the locking queue:

- Call when vessel has entered the mouth of the Cumberland, around mile #1.
- Call when vessel is transiting the Cumberland down-bound at mile #50.
- Call when vessel is transiting the Tennessee down-bound at mile #44.

Upon contacting Barkley Lock as described above, vessels will be given further information concerning the number of vessels in queue, current direction of flow of vessel traffic, approximate wait time, and any special instructions.

Due to the constrictive nature of the lower Cumberland River and the possible number of vessels waiting to be processed, frequent communication and coordination between vessels transiting the area is highly encouraged.

VESSEL ASSISTANCE

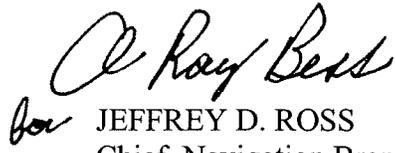
Arrival points will be extended as necessitated by lockage backlog similar to previous extended closures at Kentucky Lock. The lock operator on duty will establish arrival times. Vessel operators are encouraged to utilize the "Self-Help" program during their lockages. Notice to Navigation Interests **CELRN-OP-N 07-34** provides information on the "Self-Help" Program. A copy of the notice is available from the Nashville District web site at:

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/opn/navnotices.htm>

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY LOCKING

Vessels that are transporting cargo with critical delivery time issues may submit a Priority Locking Request. All requests will have to be submitted to the Barkley Lock Facility Supervisor, with at least 24 hour prior notice. The request will be reviewed by Corps of Engineers personnel and a committee of marine industry representatives. A notification of the approval or denial of the request will be communicated following the review. Priority Request Forms may be obtained by contacting the Barkley Lock.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


for JEFFREY D. ROSS
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