

Key Issues

- Mel Price Lock (UM 201) has reopened, 35 boats in queue
- Traffic has stopped at mile 530 on the Upper Miss due to low water, waiting on water level surveys
- Calcasieu Lock (WC 238) Closure, major delays, 95 boats in queue
- Loaded barges drafting over 9'0" cannot transit between miles 72-88 on the Illinois River

RIVER CLOSURES & RESTRICTED MOVEMENTS

For additional details on the information noted below, please contact your ACBL Salesperson or Logistics Representative at (800) 899-7195

Ohio/Tennessee/Cumberland

Lock 52 (OR 939):

The small chamber is closed in both directions due to high flows. The large chamber is locking, **current queue is 14 boats.**

The Corps plans to operate Lock 52 for 30-60 days this summer, to allow for additional training and the demolition of Lock 53.

Olmsted (OR 964):

Wicket Lifter Training: Training is ongoing

Newburgh Lock (OR 776) closure—Beginning on 6/7 and ending on 10/4, the main chamber will be closed, boats will use the auxiliary chamber. Expect around 24 hours of delay during this time period. **Current queue is 21 boats.**

Chicago/Illinois/Upper Miss

Upper Miss closed at mile 221 for dredging - The river has reopened

Upper Miss closed in the St. Paul area from miles 825-835 - The river has reopened

Traffic stopped at mile 530 on the Upper Miss due to low water - Industry is waiting on water level surveys to determine the extent of the issue.

Illinois River low water in the Meredosia-Beardstown area (mile 72-88) - Loaded barges drafting over 9'0" are NOT able to transit through this area until dredging is complete, estimated timeframe is 4-7 days, Tuesday through Friday of next week. Dredge is enroute to begin working.

Mel Price Lock (UM 201) Main Chamber Closure - Lock has reopened

Lower Miss/Gulf/Canals

Daily River Closure at mile 811 on the Lower Miss - This closure will be for 12 hours each day, 0630-1830, 7 days a week. This will be a full river closure during work hours, boats will only transit at night through this area. **As of 8/10, the project is an estimated to complete during the first week of September.** The end date has been set at 9/7, in order to not impact harvest.

Upcoming Bayou Sorrel (PA 36) Closure to Refurbish South Gates - **This will be a full closure of the Port Allen Canal 7 days a week from 8/15 until 11/15.** Boats will use Algiers as the alternate route. This closure has the potential to cause major delays, **24-48 hours in each direction.**

Calcasieu Lock (WC 238) Closure—Beginning on July 30, the lock will only be closed Monday-Thursday from 07:00-17:00. The river will be open from Friday-Sunday. This change is an effort to help control the major delays occurring at this lock. Contractors will demolish the south chamber guide wall and start construction of a new guide wall. **The lock will be closed Monday-Thursday from 07:00—17:00 each day. Current queue is 102 boats, expect an additional 4-6 days of delay in each direction.**

Special Note - Please be aware, ACBL's standard contract, under the "River Closures and Restricted Movements" section, gives ACBL the right to bill for lock delays.

Current Loading Drafts

Upper/Lower Mississippi		Illinois (Dry and Liquid)	
St. Paul SBD / PDC (UM 635) SBD	9'0" Max	Lemont to St. Louis	9'0" Max
PDC to Linwood (UM 475) SBD	9'3" Max		
Linwood to St. Louis SBD	9'6" Max		
St. Louis to Cairo SBD	12'6" Max	Gulf	
Cairo to Gulf SBD	12'6" Max	Gulf NBD to St. Louis (UM 174)	11'6" Max
Ohio		Gulf NBD to Point Pleasant (OR 266)	10'0" Max
Pittsburgh to Cairo SBD	10'0" Max	Gulf NBD to Hennepin (IR 207)	9'0" Max
		Gulf NBD Starved Rock to Lemont	9'0" Max

Lock Closures and Information

Gulf and Intercoastal				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	8/14 - 18	Closed from 07:00 on 8/14 through 19:00 on 8/18, boats will use Bayou Chene as the detour, expect minor delays
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	August 2019	Tentative dewatering closure expected to last 60 days
Bayou Sorrel	225-659-7773	36	8/15 - 11/15	Dewater & Refurbish south gates, complete closure, will use Algiers as alternate route
Calcasieu	337-477-1482	238	5/21/18 - 12/1/19	Demolition of south chamber guide wall and construction of new guide wall. Closed M-F from 07:00 - 17:00, as of 7/30 contractor will only work Monday-Thursday
Illinois Waterway				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
O'Brien	773-646-2183	327	2018	2-3 36 hour closures, Dates TBA
Starved Rock 2019	815-667-4114	231	June through August 2019	Work is for installation of new miter gates, both upper and lower will be replaced with vertical framed miter gates. Work will be closed during the day for 8-10 hours. Lockings will take place during off hours with an 80' width restriction. Will need a helper boat for 15 barges tows.
Marseilles 2019	815-795-2593	245		
Illinois River Complete Lock Closures 2020	Multiple Locks		June through September 2020	Starved Rock and Marseilles: Total Closure, work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance, 90-120 day closures. Dresden Island and Brandon Road: 90-120 days (105 days of width restriction of 70' with a 15 day total closure) Lagrange and Peoria: 60-120 day closures
Brandon Road 2023	815-744-1714	286	June through August	90 day closures, will be total closures. Work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance
Dresden Island 2023	815-942-0840	271		
Upper Mississippi				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Kaskaskia	618-284-7160	0.8	6/25 - 8/19	Multiple closures: 6/25-29 - Closed 06:00-18:00, 7/1-4 - Closed 06:00-18:00, 7/9-20 - Full closure, no traffic, 7/26-29 - Closed 06:00 - 18:00, 7/30 - 8/9 - Full closure
Mel Price	636-899-1543	201	7/16 - 8/10	Main Chamber closed, expect 12-18 hour delay through this area
Lock 22	573-221-0294	301	7/17-18, 25	The lock will be closed for 8 hours on the following days, 7/17-18 and 7/25
Ohio				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Montgomery	724-643-8400	32	8/9 - 9/14	Primary chamber - Install lower bulkhead sill. There will be a total closure for three days between 9/4 and 9/14. Exact dates are not currently known
Dashields	724-457-8430	13	8/13 - 9/14	Primary Chamber will be closed from 06:30-16:30 on the following days, 8/13-17, 8/20-24, 8/27-31, 9/4-7, 9/10-14. The auxiliary will be used during these times, this chamber can only hold one barge at a time
Robert C Byrd	304-576-2272	279	10/3 - 11/3	Primary Chamber - Repair Miter Gates
Newburgh	812-853-8470	776	6/7 - 10/4	Primary Chamber - Miter Gate Pintle Ball Replacement
Arkansas				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Chouteau	918-687-4501	401	8/14 and 8/16	Closed from 07:00 - 17:30, full closure
Webber Falls	918-489-5987	367	8/15	Closed from 08:00 - 18:30, full closure
Robert S Kerr	918-775-2091	336	9/5 and 9/12	Closed from 07:00 - 23:59 each day, full river closure
Cumberland River				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Cheatham	615-792-4349	149	August 13	Closed from 07:00 - 15:00
Tennessee River				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes

River Stages

River Stages	Milepoint	Current/24 hr Change	24hr	48hr	72hr	Flood Stage
St. Paul	UM 837	4.3/nc	4.3	7.3	4.2	14
Dubuque	UM 579	9.4/-0.1	9.2	9.1	8.9	17
Morris	IR 265	5.1/-0.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	13
Beardstown	IR 88	9.8/+0.2	9.8	9.6	9.5	14
St. Louis	UM 174	10.5/-0.3	11.2	11.7	11.9	30
Chester	UM 107	13.3/-0.3	13.4	13.9	14.2	27
Cape Girardeau	UM 50	19.1/-0.1	18.8	18.9	19.3	32
Pittsburgh	OR 0	16.5/-0.2	16.6	16.6	16.5	25
Cincinnati	OR 480	27.3/-0.2	26.6	26.5	26.5	52
McAlpine Upr	OR 605	12.5/-0.4	12.8	12.7	12.7	23
McAlpine Lwr	OR 606	14.9/+1.2	13.4	12.3	11.7	55
Evansville	OR 795	14.6/+0.2	14.7	14.1	13.8	42
Paducah	OR 930	14.6/-0.7	15.7	15.6	15.4	39
Cairo	OR 976	19.6/-0.8	19.1	19.3	19.1	40
Memphis	LM 725	5.3/-0.5	5.0	4.6	4.2	34
Little Rock	AK 118	7.5/+0.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	23
Greenville	LM 536	22.0/nc	21.5	21.2	20.8	48
Vicksburg	LM 435	16.8/+0.1	16.7	16.3	16.0	43
Natchez	LM 364	24.2/+0.2	24.4	24.3	24.0	48
Baton Rouge	LM 237	11.2/-0.1	11.4	11.7	11.7	35
New Orleans	LM 107	3.7/nc	3.7	3.6	3.5	17
Red	Flood Stage					
Orange	2' + increase					

Current Lock Delays

Lock	Milepoint	Queue
Lock 25	UM 241	1
Peoria/Lagrange	IR157/IR80	0/0
Melvin Price	UM 201	35
Kentucky Lock	TR 22	5
Dashields	OR 13	1
Newburgh	OR 776	21
Lock 52	OR 939	14
Calcasieu	WC 238	102
Bayou Sorrel	PA 36	2
Port Allen	LM 228	1
Algiers	LM 88	1
Industrial	LM 92	17

Inland Waterway Weather Report

Rain over the Plains next week highlights the weather today.

- A cold front stretches across TN/AR into the Southern Plains. The front will move slowly southward today and become stationary across MS/AR from tomorrow-Monday. Moderate to locally heavy rain is predicted along and south of the front.
- Another cold front will move through the Illinois/Middle Mississippi Valleys today and the Ohio Valley tomorrow with light to moderate rain predicted.
- A third cold front will move through the Upper Mississippi Valley on Monday night-Wednesday and become stationary across IL/IA on Thursday/Friday. Moderate to locally heavy rain is predicted with the heaviest rain expected to fall over the Plains States.

7day QPF totals (through Friday morning):

- 1 ½-4" of rain is forecasted for the Arkansas/Red River Valleys.
- ½" or less of rain is forecasted for the region north of Rock Island.
- 1-2 ½" of rain is forecasted for the region S of Rock Island.

Bill Frederick, USACE

Precipitation Forecast

Precipitation (in) during the period:

Fri, 10 AUG 2018 at 00Z

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Sat, 18 AUG 2018 at 00Z

Sat, 18 AUG 2018 at 00Z

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Sun, 26 AUG 2018 at 00Z

