

Tuesday, August 4th, 2020

2020 Upper Mississippi River Navigation Closeout Letter

Dear Valued Customers, Friends, and Neighbors,

In preparation for the closing of the 2020 navigation season for the Upper Mississippi River during the winter months, the following tentative dates should be used for planning purposes.

As operating conditions and weather dictate, these dates may be extended or shortened as the navigation season closes.

The following dates are our Upper Mississippi final departure dates (0700 release):

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| St. Paul, MN – South (UMR 857-640) (Includes barge traffic for the Minnesota River) | Sunday, November 22nd |
| McGregor/Dubuque – South (UMR 639-521) | Sunday, November 29th |
| Clinton, IA – South (UMR 520-240) | Sunday, December 6th |

Key anticipated lock closures: Locks 4, 5, 5A (mi. 752-728) December 15th 2020 through March 4th 2021
Lock 14 (mi. 493) December 16th 2020 through March 3rd 2021
Lock 15 (mi. 483) December 14th 2020 through March 3rd 2021
Lock 19 (mi. 364) December 16th 2020 through March 3rd 2021
Lock 25 (mi. 241) January 1st 2021 through March 15th 2021

The following dates should be used as final loading dates (0700 release) from points of origin.

Barges loading to destinations between **Dubuque, IA and St. Paul, MN (UMR 521-841):**

| <u>PORT</u> | <u>BARGES TO BE LOADED AND RELEASED BY</u> |
|----------------|---|
| Mobile | September 26 |
| Houston | October 3 |
| New Orleans | October 10 |
| Pittsburgh | October 8 |
| Huntington | October 10 |
| Chicago-Ottawa | none accepted due to Illinois River lock closures |
| Peru, IL-South | none accepted due to Illinois River lock closures |
| Memphis | October 15 |
| Owensboro | October 14 |
| Decatur, AL | October 6 |
| Cairo | October 20 |
| St. Louis | October 20 |

Barges loading to destinations between **Louisiana, MO and Clinton, IA (UMR 240-520):**

| <u>PORT</u> | <u>BARGES TO BE LOADED AND RELEASED BY</u> |
|----------------|---|
| Mobile | October 10 |
| Houston | October 17 |
| New Orleans | October 24 |
| Pittsburgh | October 22 |
| Huntington | October 24 |
| Chicago-Ottawa | none accepted due to Illinois River lock closures |
| Peru, IL-South | none accepted due to Illinois River lock closures |
| Memphis | October 29 |
| Owensboro | October 28 |
| Decatur, AL | October 20 |
| Cairo | November 3 |
| St. Louis | November 3 |

Off-loading Instructions at Destination

Please plan all shipments to be off-loaded at destination at least 10 days prior to our scheduled final departure dates (listed above). 10 days will be needed to prepare and plan barges (reload barges back to St. Louis).

Barges not off-loaded in a timely manner may incur additional charges (i.e. winter storage, towing charges, etc.).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

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