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Low Water Update

Our Mission

The Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will continuously and proactively plan for and execute actions in order to ensure authorized navigation channels and harbors are sustained. We will collaborate with all relevant Corps elements, navigation and port partners, and other stakeholders as part of a unified region, and leverage all available resources and capabilities.

Purpose of this newsletter

To inform the public and our partners on the status of harbors, the navigation channel, and current and future operations.

Memphis District Harbor Conditions - Oct. 9, 2012

Harbor	River Mile	Last Survey Date		Last Dredged	Dredging Schedule	Harbor Status
Elvis Stahr (Hickman), KY	921.0	August 22, 2012	Green	AUG 2012	22 July - 15 August	OPEN
Northwest TN	899.0	April 4, 2012	Red		9 - 16 November	CLOSED
New Madrid City, MO	886.0	June 12, 2012	Green	SEP 2012	3 - 8 September	OPEN
New Madrid County, MO	885.0	September 4, 2012	Green	AUG 2012	26 Aug - 2 Sept	OPEN
Caruthersville, MO	850.0	September 26, 2012	Green	SEP 2012	10 - 21 September	OPEN
Osceola, AR	785.0	October 4, 2012	Green	OCT 2012	22 Sept - 7 Oct	OPEN
Wolf River, TN	736.0	May 3, 2012	Red	OCT 2011	15 - 22 October	Restricted to 6' draft
McKellar Lake, TN	725.0	August 21, 2012	Green	JUL 2012	10 Sept - 13 Nov	OPEN - currently dredging
Helena, AR	663.0	October 2, 2012	Red	AUG 2010	9 - 18 October	CLOSED - currently dredging
Phillips County, AR	652.0	October 2, 2012	Red	SEP 2010	20 - 27 October	CLOSED
Color key						
Controlling Depth						
Greater Than	11'		Green			
Between	9' and 11'		Yellow			
Less Than	9'		Red			

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Dredge and Floating Plant locations in Memphis District and status as of Oct. 9, 2012

USACE Dredge Hurley: Currently at Redman Bar, mile 741.5 LMR until approximately Oct. 15.

Contract Dredge Venture: At Helena Harbor, Ark., mile 663.2 LMR until approximately Oct. 18, then scheduled to move to Phillips County Harbor, Ark., mile 652.2 LMR.

Contract Dredge Pontchartrain: Began dredging at McKellar Lake, Memphis, on Sept. 12. Scheduled to remain at this location through Nov. 10.

Riverbank Stabilization Mat Sinking Unit: Walnut Point-Kentucky Bend (Miss.), mile 517.3 LMR.

Funding status as of Oct. 9, 2012

Mainstem Mississippi River channel dredging: \$21.4 million received, \$17.4 million obligated.

Harbor dredging: \$18.8 million received, \$15.9 million obligated.

Additional information

General conditions: Conditions remained fairly stable through the holiday weekend, with Cairo fluctuating between 10 and 11 feet. The Cairo stage this morning was 10.9. With no significant rainfall expected in the Ohio Valley over the next 5-7 days, Ohio River flows will decrease with Cairo stages dropping to about 8.3 feet by Sunday. At Memphis, the gage was minus 6.6 feet today dropping to minus 7.4 by Sunday. Rainfall models are hinting at a more significant rainfall event sometime late next week, about 9-10 days out.

Useful links

NWS Ohio and Lower Mississippi River 5 Day Forecast:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/?n=lmrfc-mississippiandohioriverforecast>

NWS Extended Streamflow 28 Day Prediction:

<http://www.riverwatch.noaa.gov/forecasts/ORNESPORN.php>

Corps of Engineers Regional Common Operating Picture:

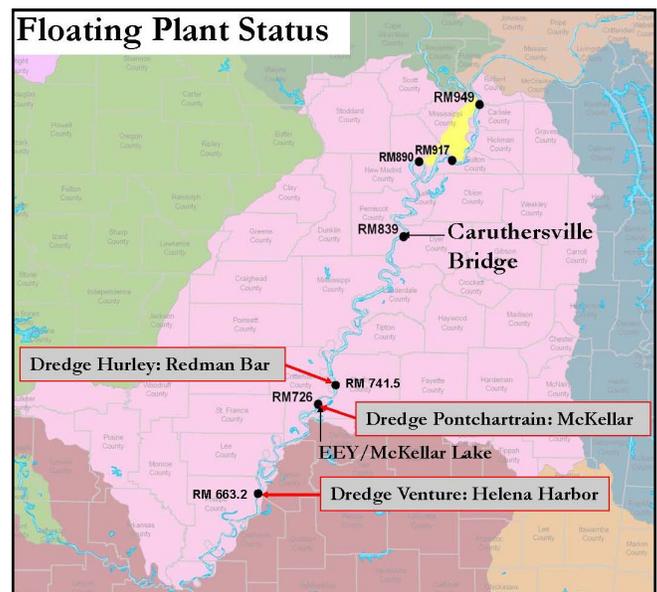
http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/gis/2012_low_water/MVD_82912_Drought_email.pdf

Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

<http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/>

USCG Sector Lower Mississippi River, Memphis:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d8/seclmr/>



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