



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers®  
Memphis District**

**Nov. 20, 2012**

Published every  
Tuesday



# Mississippi River

# Low Water Update

## Our Mission

**Important Notice: Effective with this issue, we will publish the Mississippi River Low Water Update newsletter once a week each Tuesday.**

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 - Nov. 20, 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		22 Nov - 6 Dec	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 16, 2012	Green	OCT 2012	22 Sept - 7 Oct	OPEN
Wolf River, TN	736.0	October 1, 2012	Green	OCT 2012	29 Oct - 7 Nov	OPEN
McKellar Lake, TN	725.0	August 21, 2012	Green	JUL 2012	10 - 31 December	OPEN
Helena, AR	663.0	October 2, 2012	Green	OCT 2012	9 - 16 October	OPEN
Phillips County, AR	652.0	October 2, 2012	Green	OCT 2012	17 - 24 October	OPEN
<b>Color key</b>						
<b>Controlling Depth</b>						
Greater Than	11'		Green			
Between	9' and 11'		Yellow			
Less Than	9'		Red			

District Commander: Col. Vernie Reichling • Chief of Operations: Mr. Russ Davis

Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MemphisUSACE> • Follow us on Twitter: @MemphisDistrict

To subscribe to this newsletter contact the Public Affairs Office at 901.544.3005 or [MemphisPAO@usace.army.mil](mailto:MemphisPAO@usace.army.mil)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Memphis District, 167 N Main St. B202, Memphis, TN 38103

## Dredge and Floating Plant locations in Memphis District and status as of Nov. 20, 2012

**USACE Dredge Hurley:** Currently at Ensley Engineer Yard on standby.

**Contract Dredge Venture:** Currently in tow to begin dredging at Northwest Tennessee Harbor.

**Contract Dredge Pontchartrain:** Has completed its portion of Corps of Engineers dredging at McKellar Lake.

**Riverbank Stabilization Mat Sinking Unit:** Currently at Saint Gabriel Lower, La., mile 199 LMR.

## Funding status as of Nov. 20, 2012

**Mainstem Mississippi River channel dredging:** \$21.4 million received, \$19.8 million obligated.

**Harbor dredging:** \$17.1 million received, \$15.9 million obligated.

## Additional information

**General Conditions:** As a cold front will moves through the watershed, showers are possible Thursday evening into Friday. Showers are also possible on Sunday night into Monday. The Cairo stage was 13.1 feet this morning and will fall to 10.5 feet by Sunday. Memphis was minus 4.0 this morning and will slowly fall over the next 5 days. Based on NWS models, above normal to normal precipitation (normal is  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) is forecasted for the Ohio Valley through late November.

## 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:**

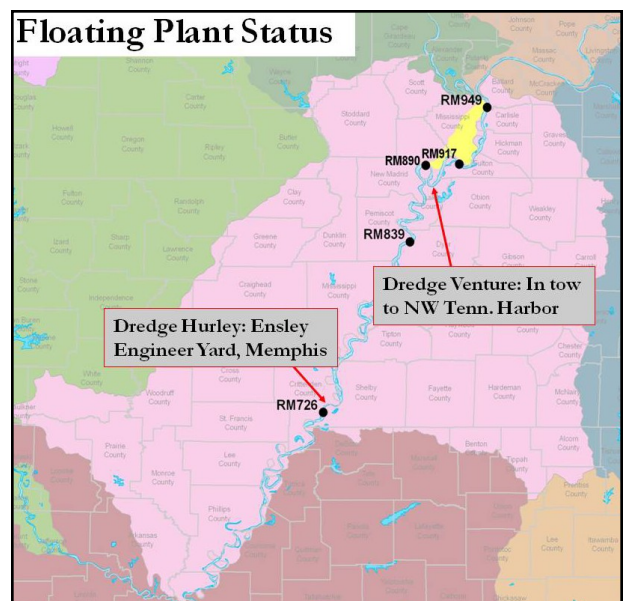
[http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/gis/2012\\_low\\_water/MVD\\_82912\\_Drought\\_email.pdf](http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/gis/2012_low_water/MVD_82912_Drought_email.pdf)

**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/sectlmr/>



## Your suggestions welcomed

If you have an idea of how we can improve this newsletter, make it more useful to you or provide additional information, please let us know. You can email us at [MemphisPAO@usace.army.mil](mailto:MemphisPAO@usace.army.mil) or call the Memphis District Public Affairs Office at 901-544-3005.