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Navigation Notice

River: **UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

Date: **3 OCTOBER 2012**

Notice No: **PN 12-15**

Effective Period: **Immediately through 12/10/12**

In Reply Refer to: **CEMVS-OD-N**

Rivers Project @ 314-630-6280

SPECIAL NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

Locks 27, Upper Mississippi River Mile 185.5

1. All navigation interests are advised that removal of the Locks 27 downstream protection cell which failed on 14 September 2012 has been postponed until after 10 December 2012. In order to protect the damaged cell from impact by passing tows, the spud barge currently in place at the project will remain until after 10 December 2012. It will also be necessary for all Northbound tows to use the assistance of a helper boat to avoid impact with the protection cell. The helper boat will also be necessary for all Southbound tows wider than 70 feet. AFTER 0800 ON FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2012, THE HELPER BOAT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A HELPER BOAT AND BEAR THE COST. The names of the vessels used as helper boats will be reported to the lockmaster upon arrival at the project.
2. Additionally, the 1200-foot main lock will be closed for miter gate replacement and embedded metal repairs from 10 December 2012 till 1 March 2013. During this time the 600' auxiliary lock will be open and the Government will provide the services of a helper boat to pull cuts from the 600-foot chamber. The auxiliary lock will have short intermittent closures between 17 December 2012 and 31 December 2012 to facilitate removal of the damaged protection cell. Specific durations and details will be announced.
3. All navigation interests should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster during these timeframes.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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