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## **Navigation caution at Melvin Price Locks and Dam Main Lock Chamber**

Alton, Ill. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis issued an advisory to navigation interests Sunday, Jan. 13, cautioning all southbound commercial traffic should stay off the guidewall above the 400' mark when approaching the Melvin Price Locks and Dam main 1200-foot lock chamber. Northbound commercial traffic is also advised to stay off the guidewall when exiting northward. Tow lengths are not restricted at these Locks.

The reason given was an embedded metal corner strip that was damaged at that point and protruding into the water above and below the waterline.

Divers inspected the site Monday and were able to cut the portion below the surface off. Personnel from the Corps Service Base at the foot of Arsenal Street were completing work on the above-water portion today. Navigation interests have been alerted to follow any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster in conjunction with this situation.

In addition, the navigation notice cautioned commercial towboat masters to be alert for changing conditions in the region and possible hazards due to ice formations, which may be expected to develop throughout the ice-forming season.