

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

## **Navigation Notice**

River:

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Date: 14 June 2013

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Effective Period: 6/17/2013 - Further Notice

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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

LOCKS 27 Assist Vessel

1. All navigation interests are advised that all Northbound tows approaching the main lock chamber at Locks 27 will require the use of an assist vessel to insure proper alignment on the lower guide wall, effective 0800 on 17 June 2013 whenever river stages are above 27' on the St. Louis gage. This mandate is necessary to prevent misaligned tows from impacting the lower east wall miter gate in the recess during north bound approach. At river stages below 27' the miter gate has timbers to protect the structural members. The Government will not provide the assist vessel. Please exercise extreme caution during approach to the lock.

2. All navigation interests should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the lockmaster.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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