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DATE: 07/11/2018
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NOTICE NUMBER: 8976
LOCAL NUMBER: 18-11
WTRWY/CHNL: UPPER MISSISSIPPI
LOCK(S): MI 26
EFFECTIVE: 07/11/2018 17:00 thru Until Further Notice CDT

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULED LOCK CLOSURE
Melvin Price Locks & Dam, Main Lock UMR mile 200.5**

1. Starting at 1700 hours on 11 July 2018, until further notice, all south bound vessels using the 1200-ft main lock will require the services of an assist vessel which will be provided at the site. This is to prevent further damages to the upstream liftgate following a tow allision on 6 July. Please contact the lockmaster for specific directions.
2. Additionally, starting at 0600 hours on Monday 16 July, the Melvin Price Main Lock Chamber will be closed to dewater and inspect damages to the gate resulting from an allision on 6 July. There may be an opportunity to make preliminary repairs, so we are anticipating the closure of the main lock to last thru 1700 hours on 27 July. Please watch for updates as the dates may change. During this time vessels will not be permitted to land on the upstream long guidewall of the main lock.
3. During the closure of the main lock the 600-foot auxiliary lock will remain open, but without tow haulage equipment, tows requiring double lockage will have to provide their own helper boat to pull cuts.
4. All navigation interest 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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