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**DATE:** 10/02/2018

**POC:** Lockmaster: Allen  
Barnes  
Phone: (618) 462-1713

**NOTICE NUMBER:** 9249-1

**LOCAL NUMBER:** 18-17A  
**WTRWY/CHNL:** UPPER MISSISSIPPI

**LOCK(S):** MI 26  
**EFFECTIVE:** 10/02/2018 04:30 thru Until Further  
Notice CDT

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**LOCKS REOPENING AND HELPER BOAT**  
**Melvin Price Locks & Dam**  
**Main & Auxiliary Locks, UMR Mile 200.5**

1. As of 1800 hours, Mel Price main lock will re-open following removal of barges from the alision this morning. Due to hydraulic conditions existing above the lock, the US Government is mandating use of a helper boat for ALL southbound tows for both the main and auxiliary locks until further notice. Helper boats will not be provided by the US Government. All Southbound traffic shall make arrangements of use of a helper boat before approaching the locks.
2. 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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