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DATE: 10/10/2018

POC: Lockmaster: Allen
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NOTICE NUMBER: 9249-3

LOCAL NUMBER: 18-17C
WTRWY/CHNL: UPPER MISSISSIPPI

LOCK(S): MI 26
EFFECTIVE: 10/10/2018 06:00 thru Until Further
Notice CDT

**DOWN BOUND SAFETY ADVISORY
Melvin Price Locks & Dam
Main & Auxiliary Locks, UMR Mile 200.5**

1. After an extended weekend with an experienced industry representative in the control house at Mel Price and no incidents with southbound tows approaching the Lock, the requirement for a mandated helper boat is relieved with the following restrictions:
 - a. Any boat wishing to transit down bound though either Mel Price Locks must discuss their transit plan with the industry representative, if there are concerns about the wheelman's familiarity with the lock the representative may discuss the wheelman's qualifications further with that company's Port Captain and potentially require a daytime transit, a different pilot, or use of a helper boat.
 - b. Until further notice, no down bound transits will occur unless there is an experienced industry representative, designated by RIAC, in the control house with required communication with the down bound tows.
2. If USACE determines this situation is not sufficiently reducing the risk on Southbound approaches to the Lock, the direction to mandate a helper boat may be re-instated.
3. 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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