St. Louis District
Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - April 8, 2026

US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 13.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.0 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 12.5 ft.

Lock and Dam 24
TW Current = 24.3 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 25.9 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 23.1 ft.

RM 273.4 - L/D 24 CONSTRUCTION
Until further notice, construction activities are being conducted on the Dam at L/D 24, at RM 273.4. Tainter gate 1 will not be operational and Tainter gate 2 may be potentially closed as well. There is potential for stronger than normal outdraft conditions at the lower end of the lock. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (573) 242-3524, for further information.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 23.7 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 25.5 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 22.7 ft.

RM 241.4 - TRANSIT ADVISORY
~Effectively immediately and until further notice, vessels will be required to use an assist vessel as to not land on the damaged DS L&D protection cell northbound or create excess wheel wash when exiting the lock southbound.

~USACE contractor Massman Const. will be constructing a new 50-foot diameter guide cell downstream of L&D 25, approx. 340 ft DS of the existing guide wall, until 10/2026. Mariners should be on the lookout for construction activities working in the area. All navigation interest should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster.

~Lock 25 will be closed from 0700-1700 on April 10, 14, and 17 for USACE contractor Massman Const.

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 14.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 14.8 ft.

St. Louis
Gage = 19.0 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 18.2 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 14.2 ft.

Chester
Gage = 22.6 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 21.2 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 17.2 ft.

Cape Girardeau
Gage = 27.5 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 26.1 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 22.5 ft.

Cairo
Gage = 31.6 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 26.9 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 20.8 ft.

Marker	Mississippi River Mile	Illinois River
L&D 22	301	80
L&D 24	273.5	
	247.6	47.5
L&D 25	241.5	
	241.5	
	220.6	
Grafton	218.0	Illinois R.
	207.0	
Mel Price	201	
Missouri R.	Upper R.	
	Lower R.	
Locks 27	184	
St. Louis	180	
	Kaskaskia	
Chester	110	
Cape G.	52	
	SEMO Port	
Cairo		
	Ohio R.	

LOCK AND DAM 24 AND 25- SECURITY NOTICE
Effective immediately and until further notice, due to security requirements at St. Louis District Locks 24 and 25, TWIC cards will be checked for all industry personnel during crew changes. All navigation should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the

RM 246.6 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 246.6. Mariners are urged to favor left of the sailing line and exercise caution in the area.

RM 220.6 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 220.6. Mariners are urged to favor the green buoys and exercise caution in the area.

IL RM 47.5 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Green buoys have been reset. Mariners are urged to favor the LDB and exercise caution in the area.

RM 109.9 - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
The right descending navigation span is blocked to river traffic for the next two years due to on-going bridge construction of the new Chester Bridge, also the green navigation lights have been extinguished in that channel. Due to work at the center pier, mariners are advised to stay 100 feet off the center pier. Work is also ongoing upstream of the left descending navigation pier and at the edge of the channel. Mariners are advised to contact the M/V ANDREA or RUBY BELLE via VHF-FM Channels 13 or 16 prior to transiting the bridge. Watch for notifications on upcoming closures.

Dredge Status:

Dredge Potter: Is demobilized and is performing maintenance activities.

Dredge Goetz: Out of District.

Mechanical Dredge - Pathfinder: Demobilized.

Channel Marker Status:

Be aware that there may be other buoys off station/missing than the ones mentioned in this report. Mariners should use caution. For ATON or Buoy issues please contact or 319-520-8556 SUMRWaterways@uscg.mil.

Pathfinder: Dockside this week and next, performing maintenance.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the lower 80s to the mid 60s, lows from the upper 60s to the lower 50s. Rain to the North Thursday through Tuesday.

Hannibal, MO

St. Louis, MO

Cape Girardeau, MO

Cairo, IL

Web Information

For additional River Training Structure information, see the links below:

Current Construction

Recently Completed Construction

For open Regulatory Public Notices, See the link below:

Regulatory Public Notices

For the most recent channel patrol and pre or post dredge surveys, see the links below:

Channel Patrol Surveys

Dredge Surveys

Electronic Navigation charts for the Upper Mississippi River are available online for download or to order at the below link:

Electronic Charts

More Status Reports

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Key:

- Current Construction Location
- Anticipated Dredging Locations
- Groundings
- Mechanical
- Dredge Potter
- Dredge Goetz
- Dredge Bill Holman
- Dredge Hurley
- Very Likely to be Problematic at Low Water
- Could be Problematic at Low Water
- Problem Resolved/Not Problematic

Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)

River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge

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