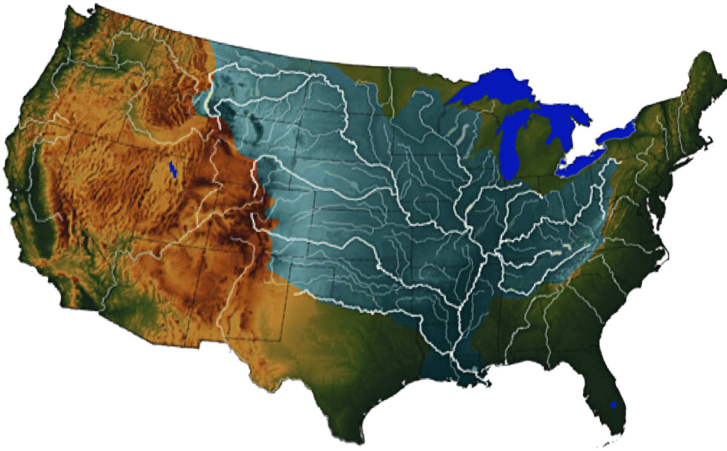


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RE: CORPS 2018 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 122018

Members,

The latest schedule from the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division (Vicksburg - MVD) 2018 Mississippi River bank stabilization program schedule (revetment and rock work), with navigation restrictions, is enclosed. **The December 20, 2018 schedule of work as provided by the MVD is attached.** The Corps has completed revetment operations above New Orleans and continues working at Gravolet (Mile 50.4 Above Head of Passes [AHP]) and will then resume work at the Poydras location (Mile 81 AHP). **The schedule of work has been hampered by the high river stages and due to the Holiday Schedule there will be no work from mid-day Friday, December 21st until mid-day on December 26th.** There are two remaining locations between Baton Rouge and New Orleans scheduled for rock work (bank stabilization) that will be conducted in 2019.

During times of actual revetment work, the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) extends from approximately 300 to 800 feet channelward from the bank. When the Unit is not folded in, it extends about 480 feet from the bank channelward. When it is folded in, the MSU extends 250 feet from the bank. The scheduled working times for the MSU are from 0600 hours to 1900 hours. In different locations the operations may be completed slightly before or after 1900 hours. **The Pilots and Coast Guard's Lower Mississippi River Vessel Traffic Service (LMR VTS) will utilize the Contact Pilot on the MSU to coordinate vessel movements in the vicinity of ongoing revetment operations.**

The updated schedules from the Corps will be distributed upon receipt. The BRC will notify our members of any changes; however, please keep in mind that some changes occur without advance notice. The scheduled dates may change but those shown below are based on the latest schedule provided by the Corps.

The revetment operations will cease at approximately noon tomorrow, Friday, December 21 and resume at approximately noon on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at the Gravolet location. The revetment operations at Gravolet and Poydras have both warranted Vessel Traffic Service Measures covered in the attached Marine Information Safety Bulletins (MSIB) each details multiple transit restrictions, including restrictions in local deep-draft anchorages. The schedule below reflects that covered in the attached schedule provided by the MVD.

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2018 Corps' Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations Below New Orleans

| Location | Mile (Right or Left) | 2018 Scheduled Date(s) | Restrictions |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Gravolet | 50.4 LDB | December 19 to December 21 December 26 to December 28 | Refer to attached MSIB, language. Fold in at night. |
| NO WORK | | December 22 to December 26 | December 21 cease at mid-day. December 26 resume at mid-day. |
| Poydras | 81.0 LDB | December 29 to January 3 (2019) | Refer to attached MSIB, language. Fold in at night. |

Sincerely,



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