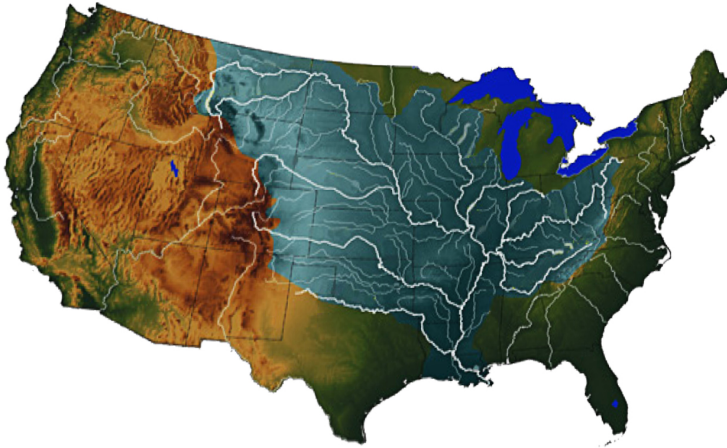


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RE: USACE 2020 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 11321

Members,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 2020 Mississippi River bank stabilization program schedule (revetment operations) has been adjusted to match the update schedule as issued by the USACE yesterday (January 12, 2021). The schedule provided by the USACE today is attached. The USACE has completed work on the four priority locations and two of the secondary locations below Baton Rouge. **Revetment operations at Plaquemine Bend continue with significant transit restrictions as detailed in the table below.**

The Corps previously reviewed the upcoming work in a webinar with representatives from the USACE Bank Stabilization Division, the U.S. Coast Guard, applicable Pilot Associations and navigation representatives to detail the scope of bank stabilization efforts and develop the listed transit restrictions. During times of actual revetment work, the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) extends from approximately 300 to 900 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 Corps agreed to the request to fold in the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) at night on revetment locations that warranted concern. **The Pilots and the Coast Guard's Lower Mississippi River Vessel Traffic Service will utilize the Contact Pilot on the MSU to coordinate vessel movements in the vicinity of revetment operations.**

The BRC will notify our members of any changes; however, please keep in mind that changes may occur with short notice to industry. The scheduled dates have changed and may change again, but those shown below are based on the latest schedule provided by the USACE. During the bank stabilization operations, changes based upon river stages and experience with vessel transits should be expected. The USACE, Coast Guard, Pilots and BRC will work closely with industry to ensure that changes are noted and distributed when warranted.

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2020 USACE Revetment Schedule Primary Locations Below Baton Rouge

Priority Locations	Mile (Right or Left)	2020 Scheduled Dates	Restrictions
Algiers Point	93.7 RDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Point Michel	43.7 RDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Angelina	143.2 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Poydras	84.8 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED

The updated Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) as issued by the U.S. Coast Guard detailing the vessel transits restrictions specific to the Plaquemine Bend location is also attached. The dates of completion for work at Plaquemine Bend are tentative based on production and updates will be provided upon receipt. The completion date of January 22, 2021 is listed as documented in the attached schedule from the USACE

2020/21 USACE Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Secondary Locations Below Baton Rouge

Secondary Locations	Mile (Right or Left)	2020/2021 Scheduled Dates	Restrictions
Avondale Bend	108.6 RDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Saint Gabriel	200.0 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Plaquemine Bend	208.5 RDB	January 7 to January 14 January 18 to January 20	No southbound traffic and northbound traffic is limited to vessels having drafts of 25 feet or less during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.

The USACE revetment operation are scheduled to work a half a day tomorrow, Thursday, January 14, 2021. Dependent on production the channel could be reopened ahead of schedule, projected completion by approximately 1200 hours. The USACE intends to conduct revetment operations with a partial work day on January 18, 2021, with a tentative starting time of 1200 hours. The transit restrictions would go into effect when the MSU begins mat sinking operations that day.

Sincerely,



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