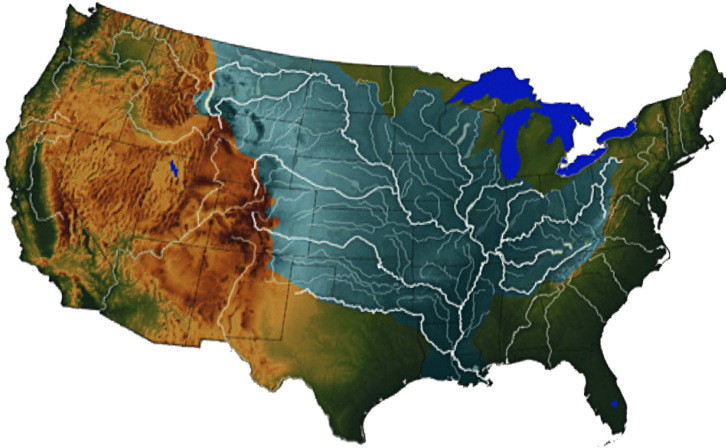


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RE: USACE 2020 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 112320

Members,

The most recent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 2020 Mississippi River bank stabilization program schedule (revetment and stone berm), with applicable navigation restrictions is detailed below. The most recent schedule of work, as provided by the USACE on November 5, 2020 is attached. The USACE has now completed work on the four priority locations below Baton Rouge. Revetment operations have moved upriver above Baton Rouge but are expected to return to the three secondary locations below Baton Rouge in January 2021.

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 and Restrictions Priority 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

Upon completion of the revetment work at the Poydras location the revetment equipment and operations will move upriver to work at locations above Baton Rouge. The revetment operations are expected to resume below Baton Rouge in early January 2021 to work the three secondary revetment locations listed below.

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	January 3 to January 8	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU to fold in at night.
Saint Gabriel	200.0 LDB	January 10 to January 13	No southbound traffic and northbound traffic is limited to 25 feet or less during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Plaquemine Bend	208.5 RDB	January 14 to January 23	No southbound traffic and northbound traffic is limited to 25 feet or less during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.

Sincerely,



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Attachments