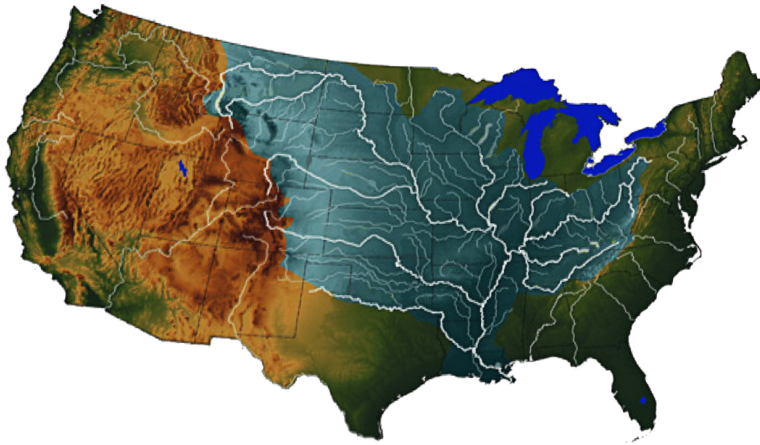


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RE: USACE 2022 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 111022

Members,

The present schedule for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mississippi River bank stabilization program schedule (revetment operations), with applicable navigation restrictions, is detailed below. The latest schedule of work as provided by the USACE today, November 11, 2022, is attached. The USACE has completed the revetment operations at the following locations White Castle #1 (Mile 193.6 Above Head of Passes [AHP]), Kenner Bend (Mile 111.3 AHP) and Linwood (Mile 70.7 AHP). **The USACE expects to resume revetment operations on the Mississippi River Ship Channel at the Reserve location on December 1, 2022, with one-way transits as noted in the table below.**

The Corps has hosted multiple meetings and outreach, with representatives from the Corps' Bank Stabilization Division, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), applicable Pilot Associations and navigation representatives, to detail the scope of bank stabilization efforts and develop potential 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 Industry's request to fold in the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) at night on revetment locations that warranted concern. **The Pilots and 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 these operations.**

2022/2023 USACE Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations Below Baton Rouge

Locations	Mile AHP (Right or Left)	2022/2023 Scheduled Dates	Transit Restrictions
White Castle #1	193.6 RDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
White Castle #2	193.4 RDB	January 2 to January 9	No deep-draft transits during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
White Castle #3	192.7 RDB	January 16 to January 21	No deep-draft transits during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Reserve	138.7 LDB	December 1 to December 2 December 5 to December 11	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Kenner Bend	111.3 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Greenville Bend	99.8 RDB	December 12 to December 16 December 19 to December 23 December 27 to December 29	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours for vessels with drafts of 40 feet or greater.
Linwood	70.7 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED

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The revetment operations at the White Castle locations will be the trickiest with no ship transits allowed through the area during working hours (0600 hours to 1900 hours). The New Orleans Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association (NOBRA) enforce a daylight only transit restriction for vessels with a draft of 41 feet or greater when transiting above Mile 220 AHP. NOBRA will develop a solution for the deeper vessels to transit through at night if delayed due to the no transit restriction during revetment operations at White Castle.

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 may change again, but those listed above are based on the updated schedule from the USACE. Updates will be provided in an attempt to provide accurate information as time permits. The USACE, Coast Guard, Pilots and BRC will work closely with industry to ensure that changes are noted and broadcast when warranted. The revetment dates and details will also be updated by the USCG in the Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River- LMR Restrictions 5 Day Outlook documents that the USCG has been issuing due to the high volume of projects ongoing on the Ship Channel.

Sincerely,



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