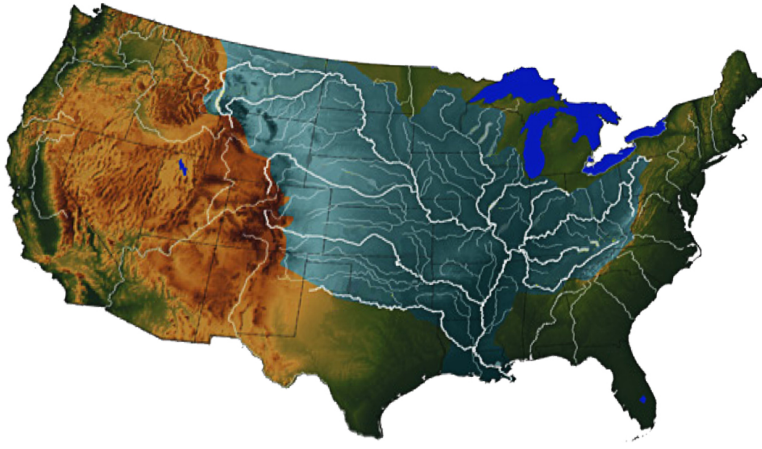


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## RE: USACE 2022 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 91922

Members,

The present schedule for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) 2022 Mississippi Riverbank stabilization program schedule (revetment operations), with applicable navigation restrictions, is enclosed below. The latest schedule of work as provided by the MVN on September 15, 2022, is attached. There are four proposed revetment locations between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and one location below New Orleans this year. **The revetment operations on the Mississippi River Ship Channel are presently scheduled to begin at the first White Castle location at Mile 193.6 Above Head of Passes [AHP] on October 3, 2022. There will be no deep-draft or ship traffic allowed through the White Castle location during working hours on the dates of active revetment operations.**

Earlier this year the USACE hosted a meeting, 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 in accordance with the transit restrictions.**

### 2022 Corps' Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations Below Baton Rouge

Locations	Mile (Right or Left)	2022 Scheduled Dates	Transit Restrictions
White Castle	193.6 RDB 193.4 RDB 193.4 RDB 192.7 RDB 192.7 RDB	October 3 to October 7 October 7 October 10 to October 15 November 16 to November 18 November 21 to November 26	<b>No deep-draft transits during working hours.</b> MSU will fold in at night.
Reserve	138.7 LDB	November 27 to December 2 December 5 to December 7	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Kenner Bend	111.3 LDB	October 16 to October 20	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Greenville Bend	99.8 RDB	December 8 to December 16 December 19 to December 21	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours for vessels with drafts of 40 feet or greater. MSU will fold in at night.
Linwood	70.7 LDB	December 22 to December 23 December 27 to December 29	No transit restrictions during working hours. MSU not required to fold in.

**The revetment operations at the three White Castle locations will be the trickiest with no deep-draft or ship transits allowed through the area during working hours (0600 hours to 1900 hours).**

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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 will change but those listed above are based on the latest schedule from the USACE (attached). Updates will be provided to ensure accurate information is distributed when time permits. During the bank stabilization operations changes based upon river stages and experience with vessel transits should be expected. The Corps, Coast Guard, Pilots and BRC will work closely with industry to ensure that changes are noted and broadcast when warranted. The USCG is expected to issue a Marine Safety Information Bulletin later this week, but the BRC wanted to provide as much notice as possible based on the no deep-draft transits for the White Castle locations beginning on October 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Attachments