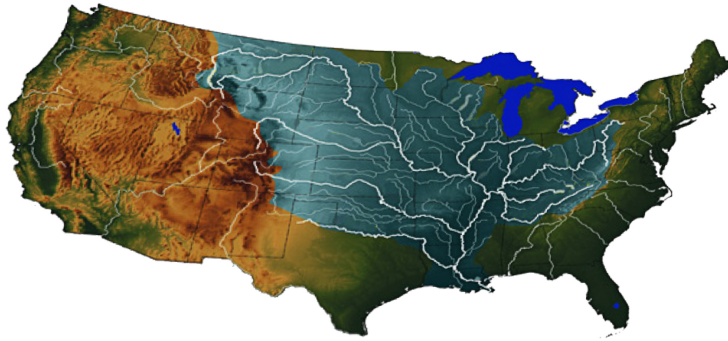


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RE: USACE 2023/2024 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS 33024

Members,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) 2023/2024 Mississippi Riverbank stabilization program's updated schedule of work for the revetment operations is listed below. The applicable navigation restrictions and **updated** schedule of work are detailed in the table below. **The revetment operations at the Poydras location (Mile 84.3 Above Head of Passes [AHP]) were completed this morning, the Mat Sinking Unit is moving upriver to begin work at the Vacherie (Mile 149.4 AHP) location tomorrow morning. The second location at Vacherie (Mile 148.7 AHP) has been removed from the list and will most likely be on addressed on the list of locations for Fiscal Year 2024.**

The Corps' Bank Stabilization Division, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), applicable Pilot Associations and navigation representatives, have reviewed the scope of bank stabilization efforts and developed the listed transit restrictions. During times of actual revetment work, the MSU extends from approximately 300 to 900 feet channelward from the bank. If not folded in the MSU extends 480 feet from the bank/dock channelward. When it is folded in, the MSU extends 250 feet from the bank/dock. 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 transiting through the revetment locations.**

2023/2024 Corps' Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations Below Baton Rouge

Locations	Mile (Right or Left)	2024 Scheduled Work Dates	Transit Restrictions
Manchac	Mile 214.2 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
St. Gabriel	Mile 199 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Avondale	Mile 108 RDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Neptune	Mile 23.1 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Poydras	Mile 84.3 LDB	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Vacherie	Mile 149.4 RDB	March 31– April 5 *April 8- April 14	One-way transit restriction from Mile 150 AHP to Mile 148 AHP for all vessels. All traffic must transit on a slow bell (24-hours). The MSU will fold in at night.

*Next weekend (Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7) is a scheduled no work weekend and work usually completes early on Fridays prior to no work weekends. Lower Nine Mile Anchorage has been reopened for normal vessel usage.

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The scheduled working times for the MSU are from 0600 hours to 1900 hours daily. The USCG/USACE may be able to open the channel prior to 1900 hours on Friday, April 5, 2024, but vessel movements must be coordinated with the pilots and contact pilots or the Vessel Traffic Service first. This communication will ensure the MSU has completed revetment operations and equipment is ready for normal vessel traffic to transit through the area.

The USCG is utilizing the U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port New Orleans Navigation Outlook daily broadcasts to address the transit restrictions related to revetment and other operations impacting navigation. Today's Daily Outlook is attached to this email.

The BRC will notify our members of any changes; however, please keep in mind that changes may occur with short notice to industry. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean M. Duffy, Sr." in a cursive script.

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