



1701 East Market Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130-4714

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**2023 Upper Mississippi River Navigation Closeout Letter**

Dear Valued Dry-Cargo Customers,

In preparation for the closing of the 2023 navigation season for the Upper Mississippi River (above St. Louis) during the winter months, the following tentative dates should be used for planning purposes. **As operating conditions and weather dictate, these dates may be extended or shortened as the navigation season closes.**

**The following dates should be used by Shippers as “final loading dates” (0700 release) from points of origin to destinations on the Upper Mississippi (above St. Louis). Final barges will be moved towards their destinations using these 2 schedules:**

| Origin Port         | 1.) <u>For Destinations Dubuque, IA thru St. Paul, MN (UMR 521 - 841)</u> | 2.) <u>For Destinations Louisiana, MO thru Clinton, IA (UMR 240 - 520)</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mobile/Tenn-Tom     | September 22                                                              | October 6                                                                  |
| Houston             | September 26                                                              | October 10                                                                 |
| Lake Charles        | September 27                                                              | October 11                                                                 |
| Salt Mines          | September 29                                                              | October 13                                                                 |
| New Orleans         | October 6                                                                 | October 21                                                                 |
| Memphis             | October 14                                                                | October 28                                                                 |
| Arkansas R. Origins | September 26                                                              | October 10                                                                 |
| Blytheville/Hickman | October 16                                                                | October 30                                                                 |
| Pittsburgh          | September 24                                                              | October 8                                                                  |
| Huntington/Cincy    | September 28                                                              | October 12                                                                 |
| Jeffersonville/Lou. | September 30                                                              | October 14                                                                 |
| Evansville          | October 2                                                                 | October 16                                                                 |
| Chicago-South       | October 1                                                                 | October 15                                                                 |
| Ottawa-South        | October 6                                                                 | October 20                                                                 |
| Nashville           | October 2                                                                 | October 16                                                                 |
| Decatur, AL         | October 1                                                                 | October 15                                                                 |
| Chattanooga         | September 24                                                              | October 8                                                                  |
| Cairo               | October 20                                                                | November 3                                                                 |
| St. Louis           | October 22                                                                | November 5                                                                 |

**Off-loading Instructions at Destination - Important Details for Shippers and off-loading facilities:**

Shippers, please plan with your customers so that all barges are off-loaded at destination, at least 10 days prior to our scheduled “final departure dates” from the Upper Mississippi (listed below).

- 10 days will be needed to prepare and plan unloaded barges (clean/reload barges back to St. Louis).
- Barges that are not off-loaded in a timely manner may incur additional charges (e.g., winter storage, towing charges, etc.).

**The following dates are our Upper Mississippi “final departure dates” (for southbound loads, 0700 release). All barges will be planned to be removed from the Upper Miss (above St. Louis), using this schedule:**

| Southbound Loading Origin Areas   | Final Departure Dates |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| St. Paul – South (UMR 841-581)    | Sunday, November 19   |
| Dubuque – South (UMR 580-521)     | Sunday, November 26   |
| Clinton, IA – South (UMR 520-240) | Sunday, December 10   |

**Key planned full lock closures (plus 1 bridge, planned to start before 12/31/2023):**

- Locks #2, #3, #4, (UMR815 - 753), full closure 12/4/2023-3/5/2024
- Locks #7, #8, #9, (UMR703 - 648), full closure 12/23/2023-3/24/2024
- Sabula RR (swing) Bridge (UMR535), full closure 12/11/2023 - 3/11/2024
- Lock #17 (UMR437), full closure 12/18/2023 - 3/4/2024

Thank You,

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