



American Commercial Barge Line
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2026 ACBL Upper Mississippi River Navigation Opening Letter

Dear Valued Customers,

This is our reopening plan (release dates by origin, tentative departure plans) for the full Upper Mississippi River region above St. Louis. As operating conditions dictate, these dates may change.

ACBL will begin accepting barge releases to destinations above St. Louis on the Upper Mississippi River, for the following release dates (initial departures to planned after these dates):

Origin Port	For barges destined to Louisiana. MO thru St. Paul, MN (UM240 - 841):
Houston	14-Feb
Mobile/Tenn Tom	16-Feb
Salt Mines	18-Feb
New Orleans	23-Feb
Memphis	2-Mar
Arkansas River origins	24-Feb
Pittsburgh	22-Feb
Cincinnati	1-Mar
Jeffersonville, IN	2-Mar
Decatur, AL	28-Feb
Cairo	8-Mar
Chicago	2-Mar
St. Louis	13-Mar
Ottawa	5-Mar
Nashville	4-Mar
Chattanooga	27-Feb

Is there a penalty if I choose to ship/release barges prior to the release dates in the above schedule?

Yes. Barges loaded prior to the above scheduled release dates will be subject to demurrage while barges await departure dates from origin, and/or interchange at Cairo and/or St. Louis (prior to release dates).

What can I expect for transit times on my initial shipments to the Upper Miss?

Transit times on the initial voyages may be longer than normal due to additional time for locks and bridges to resume operations.

Please contact your Salesperson or Customer Experience Specialist if you need additional information, or if you have any questions regarding release dates for specific origins and destinations not listed above.

Sent on behalf of



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