



American Commercial Barge Line
1701 E. Market Street
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2026 Upper Mississippi River Navigation Closeout Letter

Dear Valued Customers,

In preparation for the closing of the 2026 navigation season for the Upper Mississippi River 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 are our Upper Mississippi final departure dates (for southbound loads, 0700 release):

St. Paul, MN - PDC, WI (UM857-640) (includes barge traffic for the Minnesota River)	Sunday, November 15
PDC, WI - Clinton, IA (UM639-521)	Sunday, November 22
Clinton, IA- Ft. Madison (UM520-383)	Sunday, November 29

Off-loading Instructions at Destination - Important Details

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 (listed above). Ten days will be needed to prepare and plan barges (clean/reload barges back to St.Louis).

Barges that are not off-loaded in a timely manner may incur additional charges (i.e. winter storage, towing charges, etc.).

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).

Origin Port	For Destinations Dubuque, IA thru St. Paul, MN (UMR 521 - 841)	For Destinations Louisiana, MO thru Clinton, IA (UMR 240 - 520)
Mobile/Tenn-Tom	19-Sep	3-Oct
Houston	19-Sep	3-Oct
Lake Charles	20-Sep	4-Oct
Salt Mines	21-Sep	5-Oct
New Orleans	29-Sept	13-Oct
Memphis	7-Oct	21-Oct
Arkansas River Origins	19-Sep	3-Oct
Blytheville/Hickman	8-Oct	22-Oct
Pittsburgh	24-Sep	8-Oct
Huntington/Cincy	28-Sep	12-Oct
Jeffersonville/Lou.	30-Sep	14-Oct
Evansville	2-Oct	16-Oct
Chicago-South	1-Oct	15-Oct
Ottawa-South	6-Oct	20-Oct
Nashville	2-Oct	16-Oct
Decatur, AL	1-Oct	15-Oct
Chattanooga	24-Sep	8-Oct
Cairo	20-Oct	3-Nov
St. Louis	22-Oct	5-Nov

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Customer Experience Specialist.

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