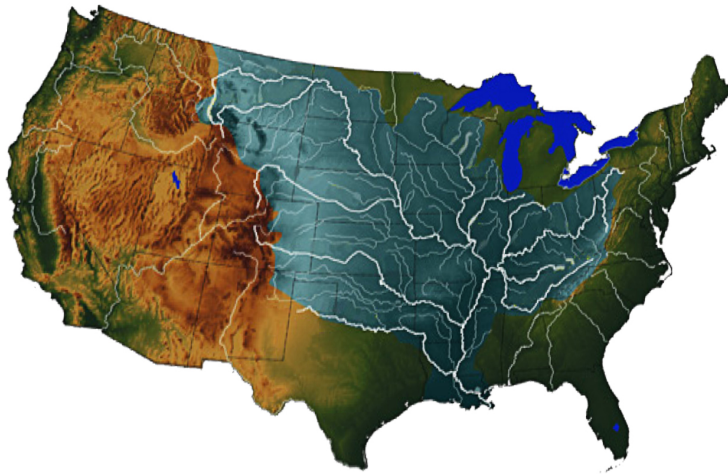


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 72716

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues dredging on the Crossings Above New Orleans with three dustpan dredges and the hopper dredge WHEELER working in Southwest Pass (SWP). There are presently no reduced draft recommendations on the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Baton Rouge to the Gulf (Louisiana) and the maximum draft recommendation in SWP is 47 feet. There are also two cutterhead dredges working in the New Orleans Harbor.

Dustpan Dredge(s) on the Crossings Above New Orleans:

JADWIN: The government dustpan dredge JADWIN continues dredging operations to restore full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Belmont Crossing (Mile 154 AHP). **The NOBRA and Federal Pilots will not place vessels in the Belmont Anchorage (Mile 154 AHP to Mile 152.9 AHP) while the JADWIN is dredging at Belmont Crossing.** The intent is to allow the JADWIN to dredge without having to move to accommodate passing vessel traffic navigating around anchored vessels. **This assignment is now expected to be completed on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.** The dustpan dredge commenced dredging on the Crossings on May 1, 2016.

HURLEY: The government dustpan dredge continues dredging full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Red Eye Crossing (Mile 224 AHP). The HURLEY begin dredging on the Crossings (Red Eye) on June 26, 2016.

WALLACE McGEORGE: The industry dustpan dredge WALLACE McGEORGE continues dredging full channel dimensions (500 Feet) at Medora Crossing (Mile 212 AHP). The dustpan dredge began dredging on the Crossings (Red Eye Crossing Mile 224 AHP) on May 1, 2016.

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Hopper Dredge(s) working in the area of Southwest Pass (SWP):

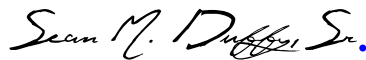
WHEELER: The MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER continues dredging from Mile 7 Below Head of Passes (BHP) to Mile 9 BHP. The WHEELER began dredging under Readiness Exercise #3-2016 on July 19, 2016 and is expected to complete this Readiness Exercise on August 8, 2016.

Cutterhead Dredge(s) working in the New Orleans Harbor:

MIKE HOOKS: The industry cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS began dredging at the Port of New Orleans on Saturday, July 23, 2016. The cutterhead is working at the Erato Street Cruise Terminal and is presently located directly under the Crescent City Connection.

EDWARD S. "NED" REED: The Port of New Orleans' cutterhead dredge NED REED is also working at Nashville Avenue Wharf C and is reported to be working 300 feet to 1100 feet of the left descending bank. **In order to promote safe vessel transits while the cutterhead is working off the dock the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River is recommending one-way traffic in the immediate area (Mile 100 AHP) for ship and large tow traffic.**

Sincerely,



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