



Notice to Navigation Interests

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BLASTING SCHEDULE FOR NEW LOCK CONSTRUCTION

MARMET LOCKS AND DAM

KANAWHA RIVER, MILE 67.7

Notice is given that on or about 15 December 2006, Kokosing / Fru-Con, contractors for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, will begin blasting at the new lock construction area at Marmet Locks and Dam, Kanawha River, mile 67.7 along the right descending bank.

This work is being done in preparation for the construction of the new lower guide wall. All work will be done using land base equipment.

One blast is scheduled daily between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with Saturday being a make up day due to weather. The contractor will be monitoring marine channels 13 and 16. It is anticipated that the blasting will be completed on or about 15 May 2007.

The original locks will be closed approximately 20 minutes for the blast. The lock whistle will be using the following safety signals for the operation:

1. **Warning Signal** – Three short horn blasts 5 minutes prior to blast signal.
2. **Blast Signal** – One short horn blast 1 minute prior to the shot.
3. **All Clear Signal** – One long horn blast.

Prior to and during detonation there will be no deckhands, boats, or red flag barges permitted beyond the arrival points marked on the navigation charts. Other barges will be permitted in the chambers during the detonation, but deckhands must be taken out of the area by their respective tow boat.

Following the pre-blast safety signals and immediately before detonation, the Lock Master or the designated representative shall orally communicate by radio that all Lock Commercial traffic personnel are clear.

On completion of each blast and the site is found to be safe, the all clear signal shall be sounded and the Lock Master advised orally by radio.

Mariners are urged to proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made with lock personnel.

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