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NAVIGATION POLICY NOTICE

DATE: 01/10/2018

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NOTICE NUMBER: 8341

LOCAL NUMBER: 18-04
WATERWAY: KANAWHA RIVER
OHIO RIVER

EFFECTIVE: Until Superseded

NOTIFICATION OF SINKING OR SUNKEN VESSELS,

VESSEL GROUNDINGS, AND BARGE BREAKAWAYS

Timely notification of sinking or sunken vessels, groundings, and barges breakaway is a matter of great concern to the United States Army Corps of Engineers because of the potential danger that could result from unreported cases.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the River and Harbor Act of August 8, 1917, regulations have been prescribed to govern the use, administration, and navigation of the Ohio River, the Mississippi River above Cairo, Illinois, and their tributaries. Excerpts from these regulations (33 CFR 207.300) are as follows:

“Any accident resulting in uncontrolled barges shall immediately be reported to the nearest lock. The report shall include information as to the number of loose barges, their cargo, and the time and location where they broke loose. The lockmaster or locks shall be kept informed of the progress being made in bringing the barges under control so that they can initiate whatever actions may be warranted.”

“Sunken or sinking barges shall be reported to the nearest lock both downstream and upstream of the location in order that other traffic passing those points may be advised of the hazards.”

“Any other activity on the waterways that could conceivably endanger navigation or a navigation structure shall be reported to the nearest lock.”

The following is a listing of pertinent information for all Huntington District Lock and Dam Projects.

<u>Location</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>River Mile</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
Willow Island	Ohio	161.7 R	740-374-8710
Belleville	Ohio	203.9 R	740-378-6110
Racine	Ohio	237.5 L	740-247-3130
Robert C. Byrd	Ohio	279.2 L	304-576-2272
Greenup	Ohio	341.0 L	606-473-7441
Meldahal	Ohio	436.2 R	513-876-2921
Winfield	Kanawha	31.1 R	304-586-2501
Marmet	Kanawha	67.7 R	304-949-1175
London	Kanawha	82.8 R	304-442-8422

Reporting incidents such as these to other Federal Agencies other than the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers does not fulfill your reporting obligation.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (304) 399-5239.

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