

April United States Army Corps of Engineers Report

1. We are starting to see hydrographic surveys for the District, conditions are looking ok in most locations. It is expected the first mechanical dredge plant will begin May 2nd, with Plant 2 beginning later in May.
2. The Goetz team has finished most of the high priority maintenance projects. The Caterpillar 3516 overhaul project has seen some setbacks, due to supply shortages. The engines are scheduled to arrive onsite the week of 25 April. It will take roughly 2 weeks to install both engines. The PLC replacement project for the dredge Goetz has been postponed until the close of the upcoming dredge season, this is due to supply shortages as well. Expected to be mobilized the week of 16 May.
3. Lower Pool 2 Channel Mgmt Project: Phase I is complete and appears to be working as designed as it is scouring the channel. Phase II: Dredging portion; The primary constraint to do the expanded dredging in Lower Pool 2 is placement site capacity. ***No Change***
4. Pool 2 Pigs Eye Lake Project: Contract was awarded to LS Marine on 25 June 2021 for \$14.7M. The project will restore and enhance backwater habitat by creating island and wetland features on Pigs Eye Lake using more than 400,000 cubic yards material dredged from the Mississippi River for maintenance of the navigation channel. Work is expected to begin after fish spawning restrictions have concluded on June 15th, 2022 with completion expected by the end of 2025. ***No Change***
5. Lock and Dam 2 tainter gate chain replacement started during the 2021 navigation season, the crane barge Leonard is transiting to Lock and Dam 2 currently to resume replacement, no impacts to navigation stakeholders expected.
6. Lock and Dam 5A and 8 miter gate installation: New miter gates will be installed during 2022 navigation season during multiple scheduled 12-hr closures, dates TBD. ***No Change***
7. Lock and Dam 9, Lower bullnose concrete and steel repair: Work paused due to staffing needs on higher priority projects. Potential for locking restriction to remain for navigation season as noted on channel condition report; **LD9**: Be advised to stay clear of the bullnose section of the lower guide wall as it contains unprotected concrete and potential for exposed steel. All tows transiting the lock should avoid landing or rubbing on the exposed section which is primarily on the river side and tip of the bullnose. ***No Change***
8. DePool 2 DMMP: The report has been approved and we have started implementation. The Grey Cloud Island landowner has formally rejected the maximum fee title offer made. Efforts are now focused on pursuing less than fee alternatives. ***No Change***
9. Pool 4 DMMP: The DRAFT Pool 4 DMMP was released for 30-Day Public Review on Monday, 21 March; the comment period ended on 19 April. A Public Meeting was held on 13 APR at the Wabasha-Kellogg High School, 7-9PM; about 25 members of the public attended. The majority of the questions asked during the Public Meeting were about the Port Facility the City of Wabasha is proposing to construct to assist with the management of the river sand. The COE and City of Wabasha are working on the DRAFT Sec 217 Agreement and Operations Plan;

it is anticipated that each of those documents will begin internal reviews within the next few weeks. The City and Corps staff met yesterday 20 APR.

10. Upper Pool 4 Pierce County Islands 1122 Project update: PM is MAJ Nick Voterro. PPA with Wisconsin was signed in August 2021; the PDT is currently going through 95% DQC, hoping to have 95% draft P&S in May, advertise in June, award in Sep, construction estimated to complete in 3.5years (summer 2026).
11. Pool 5, Rolling Prairie site: St. Paul District team is developing a long-term use plan for the entire ~1000 acres IDing future farming, wetland preservation and restoration & beneficial use areas; plan to have out for public review this late this winter. ***No Change***
12. Pool 6 DMMP: St. Paul District and the City of Winona continue to work on a potential Section 217 (Public-Private Partnership) agreement; the key is a potential barge off-loading area in the Winona Commercial Harbor in order to reach properties interested in the bene use of our material. The DRAFT DMMP report is currently going through internal reviews (DQC, ATR, MVD). It is anticipated that the next DRAFT report will be released for Public Review in mid/late spring 2022. St. Paul District continues to work with Canadian Pacific Railroad and MnDOT to make safety improvements at our Homer upland placement site; construction improvements could begin as soon as summer 2022. ***No Change***
13. Pools 9 & 10 DMMPs: The team continues to develop a matrix of placement sites alternatives. ***No Change***