

Army Corps of Engineers Report – April 2020 UMWA Meeting

1. Two contract Mechanical Plants began early April in Pools 3 and 5, they continue working in those areas as the river in most areas has crested and slowly coming down. The Hydraulic Dredge Goetz is nearing completion of the off-season maintenance. Tentatively, the dredge is scheduled to begin dredging operations in the first part of May.
2. The Coast Guard Buoy Tender Wyaconda is currently operating south of Dubuque in the Southern portion of their AOR. They plan to return to the St. Paul District after the high water recedes a bit.
3. The Maintenance and Repair Mechanical Dredge began offloading McMillan Island in Pool 10 the last week of March, they plan to continue this operation until the water recedes enough to channel dredge. All of the material is planned to be used beneficially at the McGregor Lake HREP.
4. 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; attempts will be made to continue dredging further out in the project area to meet plan objectives. The constraint is placement site capacity, this navigation season the plan is to make strides toward the end goal.
5. Miter Gates are being fabricated for Locks 5A, 8 and 10. Delivery of first set of gates not anticipated until 2021. *No Change*
6. Lock and dam tow rail design and replacement, Locks 4, 5, 5A, 6, 8, and 9: Contract awarded to Kraemer North America. Construction will take place over the next three years and will be scheduled during the winter months. Construction at LD 6, LD 8 and LD 9 completed. Locks 5 and 5A scheduled for non-navigation season 2020-2021.
7. Pool 2 DMMP: The report was sent to MVD on 13 APR for a final review prior to endorsement of the FONSI. The report has been distributed to the RRF for review and endorsement and the PDT is currently addressing comments from the forum. If there are no major concerns from MVD or the RRF, the FONSI is likely to be signed in May 2020.
8. Pool 4 DMMP: The City of Wabasha and the COE continue to exchange cost information for a potential Sec. 217 Public-Private Partnership material management agreement. Currently considering willing sellers that have come forward since the release of the DRAFT Pool 5 DMMP. DRAFT Pool 4 DMMP is being finalized for a second round reviews. DRAFT to public anticipated late summer.
9. Pool 5 DMMP: MVP anticipates closing on the Rolling Prairie property by mid-May.
10. Pool 6 DMMP: The Public Comment period ended on 10 APR. Due to the unfavorable comments received the COE will continue to work with City of Winona and Winona County officials regarding other mutually-acceptable solutions. The City of Winona is considering a Sec. 217 program similar to the program being worked with the City of Wabasha. Depending on plan changes and potential solutions, will likely need another Public Comment period.
11. Pool 10 McMillan Island: The contract to hydraulically unload ~125kcy from McMillan Island to the COE-owned Buck Creek site was advertised on BETA.SAM.GOV on 30 MAR. Bid opening is scheduled for 30 APR.
12. St. Louis District: Lock 25 opened on time 31 March.
13. Rock Island District: Lock 16 was closed to navigation on 8 April due to high water and is expected to reopen 17 April due to river levels dropping and Lock 17 was closed to navigation 10 April - 13 April due to high river levels.