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Civil Regulatory Functions
McCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM
STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 11
VESSEL ADVISORY SYSTEMS

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to specify procedures for implementing and canceling vessel advisory systems.
2. Applicability. The provisions herein are applicable to the Little Rock District portion of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System.
3. Reference. None.
4. Policy. It is the policy of the Little Rock District to monitor navigation conditions and to provide timely information to navigation interests concerning navigation conditions that may affect their operations and use of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. Notifying navigation interests of vessel advisories that are in effect is one method of providing this service.
5. Small Craft Advisory.
 - a. Description. The small craft advisory is issued whenever flows exceed 70,000 cubic feet per second on the Arkansas River to advise operators of small craft to exercise caution in navigating the river.
 - b. Monitoring. The Reservoir Control Section is responsible for monitoring the discharge on the Arkansas River to determine when and where the advisory should be implemented and canceled. The Reservoir Control Section is also responsible for notifying the Public Affairs Office of the need to implement or cancel the advisory.

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c. Implementation. Upon notification from the Reservoir Control Section, Public Affairs Office is responsible for notifying the public that the small craft advisory is implemented or canceled.

6. Little Rock VTS.

a. Description. The Little Rock Advisory Vessel Traffic Service, commonly referred to as VTS, requires special procedures for tows navigating through the 3 vertical lift railroad bridges at miles 118.2, 118.7, and 119.6 when flows on the Arkansas River exceed 70,000 cubic feet per second at Murray Lock and Dam.

b. Monitoring. Lock personnel at Murray Lock and Dam are responsible for monitoring the discharge to determine when the VTS should be implemented or canceled.

c. Implementation. When flows at Murray Lock and Dam increase (or decrease) to 70,000 cubic feet per second, Murray Lock personnel will notify the U.S. Coast Guard, Aids to Navigation Branch, Memphis, Tennessee, by telephone to implement (or cancel) the VTS at Little Rock. Lock personnel will notify the Navigation Section of the action taken as soon as practical.

d. Advertisement of requirements. No advertisement to industry required.

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