INLAND ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION CHARTS

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers produces Inland Electronic Navigation Charts (IENCs) for the Inland Waterway System, including the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

These IENCs are created for use in Electronic Chart Systems (ECS) to position a vessel upon the electronic navigational chart display. Use of ECS in conjunction with IENCs does not eliminate the USCG paper chart carriage requirement. Until such guidance and policy is established, IENCs provide a valuable adjunct to the 2012 Navigational Charts.

IENCs offer significant benefits to vessels including accurate and real-time display of vessel position relative to waterway features, voyage planning and monitoring tools, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) integration, and training tools for new personnel and integrated display of river charts, radar, and AIS.

IENC chart products, services, and information are available for download at: http://www.ace.army.mil/echarts

WATERBORNE COMMERCE STATISTICS CENTER

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center under the authority of the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1922, collects, processes, distributes, and archives vessel trip and cargo data.

Under Federal law, vessel operating companies must report domestic waterborne commercial movements to the Corps.

Data summaries include origin to destination information of foreign and domestic waterborne cargo movements by region and state, and also waterborne tonnage for principal ports, states and territories. Internal waterway tonnage indicators are updated monthly on the NDC web site.

This acquired vessel movement data is primarily for Corps and other government agencies’ use. However, summary statistics, which do not disclose movements of individual companies, are also released to private companies and to the general public.

The Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center summarizes this data in the publication, Waterborne Commerce of the United States. It is issued in five parts (one to cover each coast and a national summary). A database that aggregates information of foreign and domestic waterborne cargo movements is available on CD. The publication Transportation Lines of the United States contains listings of domestic vessel operators, details their equipment and references their service areas. Most data are available in both hard copy and electronic form. Specialized data processing requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Products and services may be obtained by request to: Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC)
P.O. Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70161-1280 (504) 862-1424 or (504) 862-1404 http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/ndc/wcsc/wcsc.htm

CORPS LOCKS WEBSITE

Corps Locks, a newly accessible website is now available. The website contains lock and vessel specific information derived from the United States Army Corps of Engineers Lock Performance Monitoring System (LPMS). The information contained there represents a half-hourly updated snapshot of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) data on U.S. flag vessels and foreign vessels operating in U.S. waterways that transited a Corps-owned or operated lock structure. Detailed information on specific companies or commodities is considered privileged and is not included in the Corps Locks website.

http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil
Aids to Navigation marking the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) display unique yellow symbols to distinguish them from aids marking other waters. Yellow triangles ▲ indicate aids should be passed by keeping them on the starboard (right) hand of the vessel. Yellow squares □ indicate aids should be passed by keeping them on the port (left) hand of the vessel. A yellow horizontal band ■ provides no lateral information, but simply identifies aids as marking the ICW.