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TECHNICAL SUPPORT BRANCH

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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

TOMBIGBEE RIVER, ALABAMA

COFFEEVILLE LOCK

The lock chamber at Coffeeville has been refilled to lower pool level while work continues on upper gates. Upon completion of work on upper gates, the lock chamber will be filled to upper pool level and upper stoplogs pulled to facilitate gudgeon pin replacement on the lower river gate. Lower gates are otherwise repaired. We anticipate pulling lower stoplogs and an early opening of Coffeeville Lock for traffic at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 20th.

DEMOPOLIS LOCK

Demopolis Locks remains de-watered for ongoing repairs of significant lower gate cracking, replacement of anchor link assemblies and top plates on both upper gates, and repair and painting of upper and lower gates. Repairs required at Demopolis are more extensive than anticipated, and even with additional repairs being accomplished concurrently with painting, will require the full 30 day closure period. Demopolis remains scheduled to open at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 26th.

SUNFLOWER BAR, RIVER MILE 78

Notice is given to mariners that recent surveys indicate that a 2.0 foot Coffeeville tailwater gage is required for a 9.0 foot channel at Sunflower Bar, river mile 78. The Inland dredge Kelly L is scheduled to complete dredging at Bayou Coden this week and will begin consolidating pipeline for the move to the Tombigbee River. We anticipate approximately 45 days maintenance dredging on the Tombigbee beginning at Sunflower Bar.

Mariners are urged to exercise caution when transiting this area.
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