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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

DEMOPOLIS LOCK & DAM
BLACK WARRIOR/TOMBIGBEE RIVERS, ALABAMA

Notice is given to mariners that Demopolis Lock, river mile 213.2, is currently locking traffic during daylight hours only. Due to the recent rainfall the upper pool elevation is above 81.2 feet which allows water and debris to enter the miter gate machinery recesses in the lock walls. The lock action plan requires visual inspections to ensure machinery spaces are clear of debris during operations and a restriction to daylight operations only.

The lock will remain in daylight only operations until the pool elevation falls below 81.2 feet. Current river forecasts indicate high water is possible to recede below 81.2 feet in approximately 3 days.

All mariners should contact the lock or the BWT/ALA Rivers Project Management Office for the latest conditions and further information. The lock can be contacted on VHF channels 14 and 16, or at 334-289-0645. Also, please contact Mr. Anthony Perkins at the BWT/ALA Rivers Project Management Office, CESAM-OP-BA, at 205-752-3571.

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