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## **Illinois Waterway 2023 Consolidated Maintenance Closures Update**

Dear Illinois Waterway Stakeholders,

I am sending this message to confirm, as we have previously communicated, that there will not be a closure at Starved Rock Lock in 2023. In other words, Starved Rock will be scheduled to remain open and pass navigation traffic without restrictions in 2023.

Marseilles, Dresden Island, and Brandon Road Locks will be dewatered and closed to navigation as originally scheduled, starting 01 JUN 2023 and lasting for 120 days.

The gate machinery replacement work that was originally scheduled at Starved Rock and Marseilles in 2023 will need to be deferred to a future date, to be coordinated with our Navigation Industry stakeholders. That work will require relatively brief closures or restrictions (to disconnect, reconnect, and commission the machinery, for example) at each of those two locks, and there will be some inefficiencies for a period of time when the miter gates will have to be operated by other means (while the machinery is disconnected), but it will not require complete closures or dewatering of the locks -- we will still be able to pass traffic during that effort.

We will continue to keep our webpage up to date: [Navigation Status \(army.mil\)](https://www.army.mil/navigation-status). Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Best regards and Happy Holidays,  
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