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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

## **ALABAMA RIVER, ALABAMA**

Notice is given to mariners that surveys on the Alabama River below Claiborne Lock indicate severe shoaling has occurred since the recent flood event. A detailed survey conducted on April 23, 2009 of the Ms. Grays Bar area (NM 58) has indicated severe shoaling in the cross-over portion of the bar that restricts available drafts to the point that the 9ft. channel is lost at a Claiborne tailwater elevation of 15ft Mean Sea Level (MSL). Additional serious shoaling is expected to be found during surveys over the next few weeks, our profile surveys of the navigation channel indicated that the area of Ms. Grays Bar is among the most severe.

Mariners should exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

For further information please contact Mr. Daniel Hensley of the BW&T/Alabama-Coosa Project Management Office (205) 752-3571.

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