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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

BLACK WARRIOR AND TOMBIGBEE RIVER SYSTEM, ALABAMA

Selden Lock Closure Opening, 04 November 2009

Lock Procedure for vessels waiting to lock

Selden Lock is scheduled to re-open on Wednesday afternoon, 04 November 2009. Additional lock personnel will be utilized until vessel traffic returns to normal. The priority of lockage will be determined by a locking list. As each vessel notifies the lock of their arrival, they will be placed on the lockage list. At least one lockage will be made to test operation prior to any vessel being locked. The three up/three down process will be utilized for as long as is necessary to efficiently clear traffic; three lockages will be made in one direction and then three from the other direction. The beginning direction of the 3 up / 3 down process will be based on where the chamber is (lower pool or upper pool elevation) when all work and operational tests are complete. Vessels should be aware that the chamber fills and discharges outside of the lock gates and therefore must remain a safe distance from the lock gates while the chamber is being cycled. Communication by marine radio will be maintained during the entire lockage. Channel 16 will be monitored. Channel 14 and 13 will be used as working channels. As the boats enter the lock, the deckhand must use a rope fender to keep the barges from rubbing the lock gates. After all traffic is cleared, lock operations will return to normal.

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution when transiting these areas.

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