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**NAVIGATION BULLETIN NO. 11-49**

**NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:**

**ALABAMA RIVER SYSTEM**

Notice is given to mariners that due to lack of funding, hydrographic surveying of the Alabama River has been suspended. Until such time as funding is restored, no maintenance dredging or surveying of the river is scheduled.

Be advised that the Claiborne lower gage reading only indicates the river surface elevation (mean sea level) at that location and is not a measure of available channel depth on the Alabama River downstream of Claiborne Lock and Dam. Without surveys, the elevation of the channel bottom is unknown, but in the absence of dredging, the channel bottom can be expected to be several feet above mean sea level in some locations; accordingly the channel depth can be expected to be several feet less than the Claiborne lower gage elevation reading.

Mariners are urged to exercise caution and to contact the Corps of Engineers prior to transiting the Alabama River.

For addition information, contact Mr. Danny Hensley at the Black Warrior - Tombigbee & Alabama River Waterways Management Center at 205-752-3571.

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