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# Notice to Navigation Interests

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## LOCKS AND DAM 53

## DEMOLITION COMPLETE

## OHIO RIVER MILE 962.6

Locks and Dam 53 (Ohio River Mile 962.6): This navigation notice announces the official closure of the Locks and Dam (L&D) 53 project that was originally opened in 1929. L&D 53 was replaced when Olmsted L&D came online on 4 September 2018. Demolition of the lock and dam was started under the Olmsted Dam construction contract and was completed under a final demolition contract. The contract for the final demolition of L&D 53 was awarded in August 2020. This is a historic milestone for navigation on the lower Ohio River, as this project was in service for nearly 90 years and its replacement marked the end of the modernization era for locks and dams on the Ohio River.

L&D 53 was demolished down to EL 280.0' (Ohio River Datum) across the width of the river, and the river is being returned to open navigation.

/s/

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