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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Date: 5 APRIL 2011

Waterway: ST MARYS RIVER

Location: MICHIGAN

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EMBARKING AND DEBARKING OF PERSONNEL **ST. MARYS FALLS CANAL**

The following changes to the requirements for embarking and debarking personnel at the St. Marys Falls Canal become effective on April 10, 2011 as follows:

1. Embarking - Personnel, including technicians, repairmen, and company officials will be permitted to embark at the locks if they are in possession of a letter addressed to the Area Engineer, St. Marys Falls Canal, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, from the vessel's master, the operators of the vessel, or the Lake Carriers' Association, requesting that the individual named therein be permitted to embark on a particular vessel. All individuals wishing to embark must also be in possession of a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Their papers and card will be presented to the civilian guard on duty at the main gate on Portage Avenue who will arrange escort from the gate to the vessel. Luggage will be subject to inspection and limited to a total of 2 bags weighing not more than 100 lbs total.
2. Debarking - The vessel master will furnish prior notification to the Chief Lockmaster at St. Marys Falls Canal (Radio Call WUE-21) that he has vessel personnel, technicians, repairmen or company officials aboard for whom he requests authority to debark. If authority to debark is granted such personnel will be furnished a letter by the vessel master, addressed to the Area Engineer, St. Marys Falls Canal, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, giving the name and position of the individual concerned. Personnel will not debark until they have been properly identified by a licensed officer of the vessel and the letter furnished to the escort provided from the civilian guard detail who will escort personnel to the gate. All individuals wishing to debark must also be in possession of a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Luggage of debarking personnel will be subject to inspection and limited to a total of 2 bags weighing not more than 100 lbs total. In the event a person debarking for medical attention requires a stretcher, notification will be given sufficiently in advance to permit the Chief Lockmaster to route the vessel to the MacArthur Lock in order that the long carry over the lock gates may be avoided. The Area Engineer will make the necessary arrangements for clearance of ambulances and medical personnel into the lock area.
3. All personnel supplying services to vessels must be in possession of a valid Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC).

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to our Operations Office.

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