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# US 60/62 Bridge at Cairo Reduced Beginning Oct. 23

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*Submitted by Jill Temples*

*SMT Writer*

**Carbondale, Illinois-** The District 9 Office of the Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that the structure carrying US Routes 60 and 62 traffic over the Mississippi River will be reduced beginning Oct. 23. The lane closure is expected to be in place weekdays until approximately Nov. 22. All traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Maintenance crews are scheduled to repair this structure.

This bridge is located south of the City of Cairo, Ill. (Alexander County, IL & Mississippi County, MO)

Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the construction site as quickly as possible. Through traffic should seek alternate routes, as delays will be expected.

For more information, please contact Keith Miley at (618) 549-2171

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## Interstate 55 in Ste. Gen County Reduced for Repairs

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Interstate 55 in Ste. Gen County Reduced for Repairs

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**Ste. Genevieve, Missouri** - Interstate 55 in Ste. Genevieve County Reduced For Pavement Repairs

Southbound I-55 in Ste. Genevieve County will be reduced to one lane with a 16-foot width restriction as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located between Route OO and Route Y

Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, Oct. 21 at 12 a.m. and will reopen Saturday, Oct. 26 at 12 a.m.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit [www.modot.org/southeast](http://www.modot.org/southeast).

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## World War II Reenactment at Stars & Stripes

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**Bloomfield, Missouri - "Welcome Home" - WWII Reenactment and Demonstration to be held on Saturday October 19th.**

Military vehicles on display, plus military display camps with groups representing the United States, Great Britain and her Commonwealth Nations, the Soviet Union and Germany.

Enjoy weapons demonstrations, equipment and uniform talks, camp displays, small skirmishes and other activities.

This World War II Living History Event will be held on the Stars & Stripes Museum grounds in Bloomfield, Missouri. Food vendors are available.

Admission: \$5 per car load and is from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Stars & Stripes Museum  
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## Operation Safe Driver Oct. 20-26

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Operation Safe Driver Oct. 20-26

*Submitted by Jill Temples*

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Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces the Patrol will take part in Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Operation Safe Driver during the week of October 20-26, 2013. Operation Safe Driver is an enforcement program that targets unsafe and aggressive driving by passenger and commercial motor vehicle drivers in order to raise awareness and make our roadways safer.

Each year more than 36,000 people die in traffic crashes throughout North America -- many of which are the direct result of unsafe and aggressive driving practices by both passenger and commercial vehicle drivers.

Troopers will be specifically targeting traffic violations that can lead to traffic crashes, such as speeding, following too close, use of a handheld mobile device (in commercial vehicles), and failure to signal when changing lanes or turning.

Motorists are urged to share the road, be courteous drivers, and pay attention—no matter what size vehicle they operate. Drivers of smaller vehicles are urged to take extra care when driving near commercial vehicles. Motorists should keep the following in mind:

Stay out of the No-Zone. No-Zones are actually blind spots where the car disappears from the view of the truck driver.

Stay visible! Large trucks need a much longer braking distance than a car. Don't cut into a truck's space. If this happens, it reduces a truck's much needed breaking distance and restricts evasive action.

Don't tailgate a truck. The further you are away from a truck the less likely you will be involved in a collision.

Don't speed. Obey all speed limits.

Allow plenty of room. Large trucks are almost as wide as your lane of travel. Driving too close behind one prevents you from reacting to changing traffic conditions and patterns.

Buckle up. Wearing your safety belt is the single most important thing you can do to save your life in a crash.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division will be joined by the Kansas City Police Department Commercial Vehicle Unit, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Unit, and Missouri Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Services for Operation Safe Driver.

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District to Close

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**Memphis, Tennessee** - Oct. 15, 2013 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Memphis District today announced it will close its Regulatory offices due to the absence of available federal funding. Regulatory offices will be unable to evaluate individual permit applications, pre-construction notifications (PCNs) for nationwide permit (NWP) or regional general permit authorizations, or requests for jurisdictional determinations until after current year funding is received and the offices reopen.

During this time, should an emergency activity need to be conducted in waters or wetlands that requires a Department of the Army authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, please call Tonya Acuff, Regulatory and Environmental Compliance Program Manager, Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) at 601-634-5821.

Those applying for NWP authorizations are reminded that proposed NWP activities that require PCNs must wait 45 days before beginning the activity (see

33 CFR 330.1(e)). Please note that certain NWP PCNs require a written response from USACE before beginning the NWP activity. More NWP information can be found at

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/Nationwide>

Prospective applicants should ensure proposed activities comply with all NWP terms and conditions, including regional conditions. They must also obtain other required authorizations, such as Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification or waiver if the proposed activity involves a discharge into waters of the United States, or Coastal Zone Management Act consistency concurrence or waiver if the proposed activity occurs in the coastal zone, prior to conducting NWP activities.

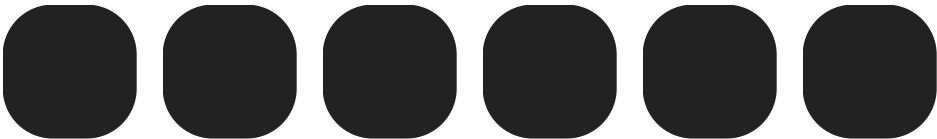
Regional conditions that have been imposed on the 2012 NWPs are provided online at each Regulatory office Web site.

For more information on Memphis District's Regulatory Program, please visit <http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Regulatory.aspx>.

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