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Seaway Visitor Center at Eisenhower Lock to Transition to Off-season Hours After Labor Day

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS) announced today that its Seaway Visitor Center at Eisenhower Lock will transition to its planned seasonal <u>hours</u> for the fall beginning Wednesday, September 4. The Center will be open to the public on Wednesday to Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 4, 2024 — May 26, 2025.

"We are proud to offer a modern facility that is now open year-round. Not only does the new Visitor Center showcase the Seaway's rich history, but it is a major North Country destination, drawing visitors from every state and numerous countries annually," said Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Administrator of the GLS. "We invite all to visit and explore the past, present, and future of this vital waterway through this spectacular amenity throughout the year!"

Since the grand opening on May 13, 2024, the new Seaway Visitor Center has received over 23,000 visitors from 47 U.S. states, 2 Canadian provinces, and 13 other countries. In its previous iteration, the Center served as a major tourist attraction for North Country residents and tourists visiting the region during the summer only.

"The Visitor Center team is thrilled to showcase what the Center has to offer to new and returning guests," said Amy Stark, Visitor Center Director and Community Relations Manager at the GLS. "We continue to be grateful to everyone who visits our Center to learn more about Seaway history or to watch ships coming through the Lock. Visitors of all ages and interests are sure to find something memorable here every season."

The Seaway Visitor Center represents a best-in-class example of a Federal net-zero emissions building: it is all-electric, meets the Biden-Harris Administration's <u>Federal Building Performance Standard</u> by eliminating the on-site use of fossil fuels, and uses 100 percent carbon-free electricity, as the Center takes advantage of hydropower generated by the nearby Moses-Saunders Power Dam.

For those who are interested in seeing vessels go through the Eisenhower Lock there are several ways to obtain up-to-date information on estimated transit times:

- Call 315-769-2422, for a voice recording of that day's projected lockage schedule.
- Review the Great Lakes-Seaway binational website at https://greatlakes-seaway.com/en/navigating-the-seaway/seaway-map/ which updates every 15 minutes with details on ships currently in transit within the Seaway System.
- For lock-specific information see https://seaway-greatlakes.com/vessel-transit/order-of-turn?LocationId=4765 which offers real-time information on vessels preparing to enter any of the locks (by pulling down the Order of Turn Information).
- Social Media: Facebook and Instagram @SeawayVisitorCenter