

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2013 at the Corps' offices (room number 2136) and via teleconference. The following people participated in the meeting:

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| Amelia Wagner | USEPA, Region 2 | Assistant Regional Counsel |
| Atef Ahmed | Port Authority of NY & NJ | Project Manager |
| Len Warner | Louis Berger Group | Project Manager |
| Elizabeth Franklin | USACE, KC District | Remedial Project Manager |
| Ellen Simon | USACE, NY District | Assistant District Counsel |
| Bryce Wisemiller | USACE, NY District | Project Manager |

2. The EPA provided the following information regarding its activities in Newark Bay:

- a. **Field Work:** Tierra submitted a QAPP for crab and clam sampling in October. It's under review by EPA and Partner Agencies. EPA expects to send comments to Tierra in January so comments can be carried over to the development of fish QAPPs for sampling in spring 2014.
- b. **Documents:**
 - a. A revised Conceptual Site Model report from Tierra was received by EPA on July 19th. Final comments on the CSM are still under development due to ongoing review by EPA.
 - b. The Data Evaluation and Analysis Report (DEAR) by Tierra has neither been finalized nor approved by the USEPA. EPA is anticipating providing final comments on the DEAR report to Tierra before the holidays.
 - c. Tierra submitted a Risk Assessment Tech Memo on November 27th outlining the risk assessment plans. The memo is currently under review by EPA and Partner Agencies. EPA expects to send comments to Tierra before the holidays.
- c. EPA Division of Environmental Science and Assessment collected many sediment surface samples for chemical characterization of the NBSA as well as other areas of the NY/NJ Harbor following Hurricane Sandy. The results of the lab testing of the sediment samples have been validated and the testing results are anticipated to be available shortly when the accompanying report is completed.

3. The Corps provided the following information during the meeting:

- a. GLDD has started construction for the S-AK-3 contract, which deepens the last leg of the 50 ft. Arthur Kill Channel to NYCT, as well as deepening the western 1,000' of Port Elizabeth Channel. The contractor finalized dredging work in the middle of the Kill Van Kull Channel (outside the NBSA) and western Port Elizabeth Channel. Work is now continuing to deepen the Arthur Kill Channel next to the New York Container Terminal located on Staten Island, NY. Work there is anticipated to continue thru spring of 2014.
 - b. The Corps has solicited two construction contracts to remove accumulated shoals in various areas of the HDP, including some within the NBSA. The S-SR-2 contract will remove the shoals in the HDP in the NBSA. The S-SR-2 contract was awarded late September to GLDD, with construction expected to begin later this month.
 - c. The Corps is preparing plans for a construction contract in the Arthur Kill Channel to deepen to 40 ft. from the end of the S-AK-3 contract to the Phillips 66 refinery. This contract is to complete construction of the Arthur Kill 41/40 ft channel deepening project, which is separate and distinct from the HDP. The northern limits of this contract, which would be solicited and potentially awarded late in FY 14, would fall within the designated NBSA. Most of the construction would largely be performed in CY 2015.
 - d. The Corps is planning to perform maintenance dredging work in the Port Newark and Pierhead Channels in the NBSA in 2014. The exact volume and location of the shoals to be removed has not yet been identified.
 - e. No new Corps regulatory actions to report.
4. The Port Authority reported that 27,000 CY has been dredged from berths 86 to 88 and other berths in the Port Newark/Elizabeth terminal facility, with approximately 1,000 CY remaining to be dredged. The Port Authority plans to perform additional dredging in 2014 of the permitted volume, but has not yet identified the specific berths to be dredged.
 5. The next NBSA Interagency Coordination Team Meeting will be held at the EPA's offices on January 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
 6. The next NBSA public meeting will be on December 17, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at Corps offices.
 7. POC for this MFR is the undersigned at (917) 790-8307.

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Co-Chair