

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2013 but was postponed until October 22, 2013 due to the Government shutdown. On October 22, 2013 the Corps' hosted the meeting in room 2105 in the New York District offices and via teleconference. The following people participated in the meeting:

Eugenia Naranjo	USEPA, Region 2	Remedial Project Manager
Amelia Wagner	USEPA, Region 2	Assistant Regional Counsel
Anne Hayton	NJDEP	Project Manager/Scientist
Ellen Simon	USACE, NY District	Assistant District Counsel
Bryce Wisemiller	USACE, NY District	Project Manager

2. The EPA provided the following information regarding EPA's activities in Newark Bay during the meeting:

- a. **Field Work:** During the shutdown, Tierra submitted the QAPP for performing field clam and crab collection, with the field work planned for later in the month.
- b. **Documents:**
 - a. A revised Conceptual Site Model report from Tierra was received by EPA on July 19th and is still undergoing EPA review.
 - b. The Data Evaluation and Analysis Report (DEAR) by Tierra has not been finalized nor approved by the USEPA. EPA is still reviewing the report and working with Tierra to revise it, as a statistical analysis indicated that sections of the report needed to be redone.
- 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 are pending and will be made available when completed.

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

- a. GLDD started construction of 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 1000' of Port Elizabeth Channel. The contractor finalized dredging work in the middle of the Kill Van Kull Channel (outside the NBSA), and is 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 fall.
 - c. The Corps also is preparing plans for a construction contract in the Arthur Kill Channel for deepening 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, would fall within the NBSA. This contract would be solicited and potentially awarded late in FY 14.
 - d. The Corps did not have any active maintenance dredging work in the NBSA to report.
 - e. Corps regulatory actions were unchanged from the prior month. Mr. Steven Schumach, the Corps regulatory specialist who has previously attended the NBSA meetings, has retired from Federal service.
4. The Port Authority was unable to attend the meeting due to the need for rescheduling as a result of the government shutdown.
5. The next NBSA Interagency Coordination Team Meeting will be held at the EPA offices on November 12th 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