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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE REGIONAL TESTING MANUAL FOR TESTING OF DREDGED SEDIMENT PROPOSED FOR USE AS REMEDIATION MATERIAL AT THE HISTORIC AREA REMEDIATION SITE (HARS) - APRIL 2016**

The New York District US Army Corps of Engineers (NYD) and the US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 (EPA) have revised the Regional Testing Manual (RTM), entitled “Guidance for Performing Tests on Dredged Material Proposed for Ocean Disposal,” that is used to evaluate the suitability of dredged material for use as Remediation Material at the HARS. This document sets forth the testing guidelines and requirements to be referenced by applicants in obtaining Department of the Army (DA) authorization from the New York District (NYD) for transportation and placement of dredged material from the Port of New York and New Jersey at the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS) in the Atlantic Ocean pursuant to Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act. The manual lists administrative requirements for completing ocean placement permit applications, as well as specific requirements and protocols for sampling and testing of proposed dredged material. This manual updates and supersedes the existing regional implementation manual entitled “Guidance for Performing Tests on Dredged Material to be Disposed of in Ocean Waters” (USACE NYD/EPA Region 2, 1992).

A draft of this document was circulated among members of the HARS Scientific Review Panel and New York/New Jersey Regional Dredging Team for review, and their comments were incorporated into the final.

The RTM is available online on the New York District website:

<http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/FormsandDocuments.aspx>

This document will take effect 30 calendar days after the date of this notice.

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