

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting, 13 May 08

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was held on May 13, 2008 at the USACE offices to discuss the USACE and EPA activities in the Newark Bay Study Area (NBSA). Attendees are as follows:

Thomas Shea	USACE, NY District	Project Manager (Harbor)
Bryce Wisemiller	USACE, NY District	Project Manager (Harbor)
Ellen Simon	USACE, NY District	Assistant District Counsel
Richard Tomer	USACE, NY District	Chief, Regulatory Branch
Steven Weinberg	USACE, NY District	Project Engineer
Elizabeth Butler	USEPA, Region 2	Project Manager
Amelia Wagner	USEPA, Region 2	Attorney
Matt Masters	PANYNJ	Manager, Waterways Development
Tim Kubiak	USFWS	Assistant Supervisor

2. The following is a summary of the discussions held during the monthly coordination meeting:

a. Contractor GLDD is currently dredging Non-HARS material using GL 53 in the side slope area (northwest of Area B3). Material quantities dredged to date are as follows: 277,442 CY of Non-HARS material and 514,756 CY of HARS material. Percent completion by material volume of the contract is 32.7%. Material dredged is only in Areas C1, C2, C3, D, B3 and side slope (northwest of Area B3). Work in Areas A1, A2, B1 and B2 (and their side slopes) of the contract has not started because of the Environmental Fish Window, and is scheduled to commence on 1 June 2008. See attached diagram. Blasting will occur off of the South Elizabeth berth for approximately 1 month.

b. Bryce Wisemiller reported that the field work for the Near Field Turbidity/Total Suspended Solid pilot study and the Stratified Sampling work are complete. The draft report for the pilot study and the data for the sampling are expected to be available in late summer. In addition, there other field work required until the silt curtain deployment in South Elizabeth channel (part of S-NB-2 contract) in a year or two.

c. Tom Shea reported that the District released the PN for the HARS placement of material from the S-E-1 contract area. The District expects to advertise this contract in the summer and award at the beginning of the next fiscal year

b. Patricia Donohue was unable to attend but provided the following information: We issued a supplemental public notice for maintenance dredging on April 28 and have currently received the priority areas for dredging from the project non-federal sponsor (PANYNJ).

Dredging will be prioritized to a small 12,000 CY shoal in the main channel, some piece of a shoal in Port Newark Channel where it connects with the main channel (former contract area) and if funding allows, some of the northern half of the Port Newark channel. Funding is only available for 100,000 to 200,000 CY of dredging from the above areas. The Public Notice is at: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/buslinks/navig/cntldpth/newarkS.pdf>

c. Rich Tomer provided a written status, which is attached. He also stated that the public notice for the permit to keep the Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility Open until ~2014 was published. The comment period ended on 5 May 2008.

d. EPA NBSA: Elizabeth Butler provided the following information:

- Received letter from Regulatory Branch concerning some information about the NBCDF. Will work on response.

- Tierra ran into lab delays concerning PCB congeners, so they will be submitting the majority of the validated data in late May with the (without PCBs) and full set of validated data to be submitted by mid-set (with PCBs) in June.

- Wants to have a meeting on the Data Evaluation Comments and give Tierra data sets or literature to review and compare the recent data to. The Corps agreed to provide some recommendations the data sets identified in the literature review.

- Is finalizing the screening level ecological report with Battelle.

- Will be holding a radiochemistry data telcon at 1530 hrs, 13 May. (Ben Baker from USACE will participate.)

- Called Sommerfield & Chant from U Delaware & Rutgers; they have collected data but have they have not started the evaluation of it yet.

- A joint Lower Passaic and Newark Bay meeting will be held on 11 June at 1000 hrs at the EPA.

e. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has requested authorization for the proposed reconstruction of the wharf at Berths 36 and 63 at the Port Newark Marine Terminal, in the City of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. The wharf had collapsed in October 2006, resulting in considerable submerged debris in the Port Newark Pierhead Channel and the Elizabeth Channel.

f. Tom Shea stated that the next NBSA public meeting will be held on June 10, 2008 at 3 p.m., in Room 2120; call in number is (917) 790-8650. All agencies are invited to attend.

3. The next NBSA Coordination Team Meeting will be at the USEPA offices; call in number TBD at 10 am on June 10, 2008.

4. POC for this MFR is the undersigned at (917) 790-8304.

/s/
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Project Manager\Co-Chair



S-NB-1 Contact Area, Basic and Option Areas

Regulatory Branch – Applicant	Pending Applications in Newark Bay		If Dredging CY & Depth	Location	Status
	Application Number	Type of Work			
New York Container Terminal	2007-195-WCA	Dredging	195,000 CY to HARS, 267,000 CY with upland placement and 172,000 CY rock to artificial reef in Atlantic Ocean	Arthur Kill, Staten Island, NY	Sampling and testing plan sent to applicant 8 Mar 08
Hudson County Department of Engineering	2007-741-WSC	Fisheries Habitat Improvement Project	N/A	Newark Bay off of Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne, Hudson County, NJ	Awaiting applicant's response to public notice comments
Performance Transportation	2007-157-EET	Fill in wetlands for commercial truck facility	N/A	Newark Bay, Delancey Street, Newark	Needs jurisdictional determination
Catellus Urban Renewal North Avenue	2006-107-EJE	Fill in wetlands and stream relocation for commercial facility	N/A	Newark Bay, Union County, NJ	Needs jurisdiction determination
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2007-1531-WSC	Allow future use of existing Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility	N/A	Newark Bay, NJ	Reviewing public notice comments

Regulatory Branch – Permittee	Issued Permits in Newark Bay		Type of Work	If Dredging, CY & Depth	Location
	Permit Number and Project Manager	Permit Expiration Date			
Tern Landing Development, LLC (formerly OENJ Cherokee Corporation)	1997-07040, PM: SE	4/26/2009 (Note: Some work in the NJDEP 8 Jan 08 permit would require a permit modification)	Dredging with Upland Placement	175,700	City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Motiva Enterprises, LLC	1999-3620, PM: MV	1-Nov-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	38,000	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Hess Corporation (formerly Amerada Hess Corporation)	1999-11040, PM: MV	31-Aug-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	20,500	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Darling International	1999-13370, PM: MV	28-Jun-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	22,000	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Texaco Downstream Properties, Inc.	2003-01034, PM: SS	11-Apr-08	Pier Replacement and Bulkhead and Riprap for Shoreline Stabilization	N/A	Newark Bay, City of Bayonne
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711, PM:SS	16-Oct-12	Dredging with Upland Placement	351,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 254,010 CY expired on 16 Oct 05)	Berths 2-98, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711-2, PM:SS	11-Aug-14	Dredging with Upland Placement	3,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 60,000 CY expired on 11 Aug 07)	Berths 2-98, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-57, PM: ESJ	11-Aug-15	Dredging	9,000 CY Upland and 35,000 CY rock for artificial reef	Arthur Kill, NY Container Terminal, Staten Island, NY
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-3353, PM: SS	25-May-10	Dredging	47,000 CY Upland and 356,000 for HARS. Deepen Berths to -50 ft MLW	Berths 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 78 (part), 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94 and 96 at Port Newark/Port Elizabeth Marine Terminal
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2007-00821, PM: SJ	26-Dec-09	Fender repair	N/A	Port Newark/Port Elizabeth Marine

						Terminal
Union County	2004-00846, PM: SE	15-Aug-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A		Newark Bay, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Hudson County Department of Engineering	2006-245, PM: SS	20-Jun-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A		Newark Bay, Hudson County, NJ
Union County (North Avenue Corridor Improvement)	2006-00478, PM: SE	29-Jun-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A		Newark Bay, Union County, NJ
Colonial Pipeline Company	2006-03298, PM: SE	8-Nov-08	Directional drilling of pipeline	N/A		Newark Bay, Essex County, NJ
Metal Management Northeast, Inc.	2005-463, PM: SE (Note: Previously shown as Application Number 2001-00871-EET)	27-Dec-10	Dock	N/A		Passaic River
Public Service Electric and Gas Services	2007-00209, PM: JC	12-Jun-09	Directional drilling to relocate pipeline	N/A		Newark Bay, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-00501, PM: SS	17-Aug-08	Repairs to Wharf	N/A		Newark Bay, Berth 19, Port Newark, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-3232, PM: SS	11-Mar-11	Berth reconstruction, maintenance dredge, and deepen	58,000 CY Upland and 252,000 CY of Pleistocene clay to HARS, deepen to -45 feet MLW		Newark Bay, Berths 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, Port Newark Marine Terminal, Newark, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2008-28, PM: LY	11-Jan-10	Repairs to Wharf	N/A		Howland Hook Marine Terminal, Staten Island, NY