



INTERIM DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR PORT OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

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DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District is preparing an interim Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) update for the Port of New York and New Jersey. A DMMP identifies the quantity of material to be dredged from Federal, State, and local navigation channels, both new and existing, and how the dredged material can be managed in an economically and environmentally acceptable manner. A DMMP for the Port of New York and New Jersey was prepared in 1999, with subsequent updates in 2005 and 2008.

The objective of the Interim DMMP Update is to develop a regionally supported plan to meet all the dredged material placement capacity requirement expected from dredging within the Port of New York and New Jersey through the end of year 2029.

The Interim DMMP Update will build on data published in the 2008 update including data on dredging projects that occurred since 2008, projections of future dredging projects, and updated capacities of existing placement site.



Image: Federal Navigation Channels within the Port of New York and New Jersey

Although Engineer Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 provides guidance for the completion of a 20-year DMMP, an interim approach is being taken for this effort due to a number of regional uncertainties including i) the limited placement capacity at the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS), ii) the upcoming design and construction of the Harbor Deepening and Channel Improvements (HDCI) civil works project, and iii) the implementation of Water Resources Development Act 2020 Section 125 (WRDA, 2020) (33 U.S.C. § 2326g) which outlines a revised approach to the calculation of the Federal Standard.

Following the completion of the Interim DMMP Update period, NYD proposes to prepare and issue a comprehensive 20-year Regional DMMP per the guidance provided in ER 1105-2-100.

A supporting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document will accompany the Interim DMMP Update.

PROJECT UPDATE:

The general phases of the Interim DMMP Update process are anticipated to include:

- An evaluation of existing and future placement needs.
- An update to the capacities of existing placement areas.
- Formulation of new alternative placement options with an emphasis on the beneficial use of dredged material.
- Evaluation of existing and new alternative placement options in compliance with the new federal standard.
- Comparison of alternatives placement sites.

The study is currently in the plan formulation process, in which data are inventoried and future conditions are forecast; alternative actions are developed, analyzed, and compared; and a plan is selected.

The study will also involve continued regional stakeholder collaboration to identify and consider additional alternatives and compare and evaluate those alternatives. Public information sessions will be held to identify public comments on the proposed plan.

BUDGET:

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