

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was scheduled for November 12, 2013 at the EPA, Region 2 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
Jay Nickerson	NJDEP	Project Manager/Scientist
Atef Ahmed	Port Authority of NY & NJ	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 EPA's activities in Newark Bay during the meeting:

- a. **Field Work:** The reconnaissance survey report is due from Tierra in the next two weeks.
- b. **Documents:**
 - a. A revised Conceptual Site Model report from Tierra was received by EPA on July 19th and is still undergoing EPA review. Final comments on the CSM are anticipated to be provided to Tierra before Thanksgiving.
 - b. The Data Evaluation and Analysis Report (DEAR) by Tierra has not been finalized nor approved by the USEPA. EPA is anticipating providing final comments on the DEAR report to Tierra later this week.
 - c. , EPA is expecting a timeline from Tierra for performing the Risk Assessment before Thanksgiving.
- 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. 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 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 fall.
 - c. The Corps also 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.
 - 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 dredged 26,000 CY has been dredged from berths 86 to 88. Further maintenance dredging is also planned under the current permit at other berths in the Port Newark/Elizabeth terminal facility. The placement site for the remaining material is planned to be the UTEX site on Staten Island, NY.
5. The next NBSA Interagency Coordination Team Meeting will be held at the Corps' offices on December 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