

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting, 16 August 2012

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was held on August 16th at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 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
Matt Masters	PANY/NJ	Program Manager
Steven Schumach	USACE, NY District	Regulatory Project Manager
Ellen Simon	USACE, NY District	Assistant District Counsel
Bryce Wisemiller	USACE, NY District	Project Manager (Harbor)

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

- a. Small volume Chemical Water Column Monitoring program: routine event sampling is underway. Two high flow events are planned when weather conditions allow. Comments are due after Labor Day for the CPG prepared draft high volume QAPP. The first large volume field event is planned for late summer to early fall.
- b. EPA is coordinating a multi-agency inspection (via boat) of the Lower Passaic River, Newark Bay and lower Hackensack River for September 12, 212.
- c. EPA had requested the Corps to coordinate possible dates in early September to arrange a meeting between the Corps and EPA and associated consultants to discuss outstanding CSM comments and Tierra responses.

3. Corps provided the following information during the meeting:

- a. Northeast Dredging is continuing construction of the S-NB-2/S-AK-1 contract, planned for completion in December 2012. HARS till and clay material dredging continues using two excavator dredges supplemented by clamshell dredges. Drilling and blasting in the area near Port Elizabeth terminals, which was started last year, have resumed intermittently (when navigation allows). Drilling and blasting in the S-AK-1 area has been completed with only dredging of the fractured rock in this area remaining (and nearing completion). The silt curtain study performed on this contract has been finalized in a report and will be distributed shortly. EPA and PA requested copies.

- b. Northeast Dredging is also deepening the S-AK-2 contract area (under a separate contract) with completion planned for May 2013. The drilling and blasting construction work in this contract has been re-sequenced to begin on the northern side of the channel working east to west, then the southern side, working west to east, to help ameliorate navigation issues associated with the turn at the western end of the contract. Drilling and blasting operations in this contract now underway are anticipated to continue through at least the remainder of the calendar year.
 - c. The Corps noted that the next (and last) major HDP construction contract is S-AK-3, which would deepen the last leg of the Arthur Kill Channel to NYCT as well as deepen the western 1000' of Port Elizabeth Channel, which was deferred from deepening work in 2008, and the minor bend easing in the Kill van Kull, near buoy 10. The S-AK-3 contract is planned for award in early FY 13.
 - d. The Corps will be issuing a separate contract for award in FY 13 to dredge accumulated shoals in previously completed HDP contract areas (some of which are within the NBSA) as well as remove the remaining material in utility corridor areas in the Anchorage Channel. This contract is tentatively entitled the Shoal Removal & Utility Corridor (SRUC) contract. The Corps also noted that a final deepening contract for the Arthur Kill 40'/41' project may be advertised and awarded in FY 14 to deepen the remaining segment of that project. However, nearly all this work falls below the Goethals Bridge, the existing NBSA boundary.
 - e. The Corps did not have any active maintenance dredging work in the NBSA to report. The next possible Corps maintenance activity in the NBSA is potentially in 2013 or possibly 2014.
 - f. The attached tables summarized the Corps existing permits and pending regulatory actions within the NBSA. Currently, the Corps only has one permit applications in the NBSA.
4. The Port Authority reported that a work order for approximately 55,000 CY of berth maintenance dredging has been issued for berths in the Port Newark and Port Elizabeth area.
 5. The next NBSA Interagency Coordination Team Meeting will be held on September 11th at Corps' offices at 10:00.
 6. The next NBSA public meeting will be on 18 September 2012 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

Regulatory Branch – Pending Applications for Work in Newark Bay Study Area**POC: Jodi M. McDonald, (917) 790-8720**

Applicant	Application Number	Type of Work	If Dredging CY & Depth	Project Location	Status
New York Container Terminal	2007-00195-WCA	Dredge with upland, HARS, and artificial reef placement and construct a wharf consisting of an open-pile supported deck, bulkhead, riprap, ship fenders and fill in wetlands and open waters with wetland mitigation.	Dredge to -50ft MLW with 92,400 CY to HARS, 199,200 CY upland, and 134,300 CY rock to artificial reef in Atlantic Ocean.	Arthur Kill, Staten Island, NY	Needs additional Information

Regulatory Branch - Issued Permits in Newark Bay Study Area

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Permittee	Permit Number	Permit Expiration Date	Type of Work	If Dredging, CY & Depth	Project Location
Honeywell International, Inc.	2011-00102	19-Mar-13	Site Remediation consisting of dredging 0.5 acres, capping 37 acres, repairs to bulkhead and riprap, and site monitoring	Dredge 2,000 CY from an area of 0.5 acres to a depth of 2 feet located adjacent to existing bulkhead.	Hackensack River, Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711	16-Oct-12	Dredging with Upland Placement	351,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 254,010 CY expired on 16 Oct 05), Berth depths range from -35 ft MLW to -50 ft MLW	Berths 2-98, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711-2	11-Aug-14	Dredging with Upland Placement	3,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 60,000 CY expired on 11 Aug 07), deepen Berths 76 and 78 to -50 ft MLW	Berths 76 and 78, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2010-00914	29-Jul-14	Wharf reconstruction and dredging with upland and HARS Placement	Dredge to -45 ft MLW with 31,000 CY upland and 25,000 CY to HARS	Berth 6 and part of Berths 4 and 8 of the Port Newark Marine Terminal, Port Newark Channel, Newark, Essex County, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2012-00564	23-May-14	Repair and reconstruction of Berth 3	N/A	Berth 3 of the Port Newark Marine Terminal, Port Newark Channel, Newark, Essex County, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	1995-04370	Work completed to construct Newark Bay CDF; permittee's monitoring plan under review by Corps and NJDEP.	Confined dredged material disposal facility	Dredge Area 1S to -70 ft MLW	Newark Bay
Texas Eastern Transmission LP and Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC	2009-01278	22-Jun-15	20 mile natural gas pipeline expansion	The portion of the pipeline located in the Newark Bay Study Area will be installed by directional drilling and no dredging is proposed.	Linden, NJ to Manhattan, NY