

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting, 10 April 2012

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was held on April 10th at the Corps offices and via teleconference. The following people attended:

Eugenia Naranjo	USEPA, Region 2	Remedial Project Manager
Sharon Heller	PANY/NJ	Program Manager
Steven Schumach	USACE, NY District	Regulatory Project Manager
Ellen Simon	USACE, NY District	Assistant District Counsel
Tom Shea	USACE, NY District	Project Manager (Harbor)
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. Three rounds of the chemical water column sampling in the LPR and Newark Bay are completed with 6 more planned but many samples were non-detects. Large volume QAPP is anticipated. EPA expects to continue sampling for modeling this spring (Chemical Water Column Data) with biota sampling (for risk assessment) the next year.
- b. Work on the NBSA risk assessment is ongoing. A problem formulation draft is anticipated in June.
- c. EPA requested possible Corps harbor inspection support for a NBSA inspection by NJDEP on-board a Corps M/V in the summer of 2012.

3. Corps provided the following information during the meeting:

- a. Northeast Dredging is continuing construction of the S-NB-2/S-AK-1 contract. 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, is expected to resume as the S-AK-2 drilling and blasting operations are done this spring. Drilling and blasting in the S-AK-1 area has been completed with only dredging of the fractured rock in this area remaining. The silt curtain report (part of the S&O NRDC lawsuit settlement) is undergoing internal Corps review to be coordinated and finalized this spring/summer.

- b. The Corps awarded the S-AK-2 contract on September 30 2011 to Northeast Dredging. The drilling and blasting construction work 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. Dredging of non-HARS material began on this contract on 14 Dec 2011. Drilling and blasting operations in this contract in acceptance area A have begun. The non-HARS dredging is anticipated to be completed this month.
 - c. The Corps noted that the next (and last) major HDP construction contract is S-AK-3, which would not only deepen the last leg of the Arthur Kill Channel to NYCT but also possibly remove accumulated shoal material in previously completed contract areas, including material that may be within the NBSA. The S-AK-3 contract is scheduled for award in early FY 13.
 - d. It was noted that the S-AM-3a contract has a contract line item for capping the NBCDF as part of that contract's work (at PANY/NJ's request and funding). Due to a diversion of the dredge, this capping was now anticipated to be performed in April.
 - 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.
 - f. The attached tables summarized the Corps existing permits and pending regulatory actions within the NBSA. Currently, the Corps only has two permit applications in the NBSA (NYCT terminal expansion at berth 4, and the Texas eastern gas pipeline). Dredging associated with the Honeywell permit was anticipated to begin in July.
4. The Port Authority reported that the NBCDF capping was anticipated to begin shortly.
 5. The next NBSA Interagency Coordination Team Meeting will be held at the EPA offices at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, 8 May 2012.
 6. The next NBSA public meeting will be on 19 June 2012, one week following the agency meetings to allow for better documentation and discussion at the public meetings.
 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

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