Preliminary Assessments & Dredged Material Management Plans

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Screening Tools for Initiating Preliminary Assessments & DMMPs

Preliminary Assessment

- Date of last Preliminary Assessment?
- Is Navigation Project Funded for maintenance?
- Is Navigation Project in "Inactive" status?
- Are there know disposal issues?

Dredged Material Management Plan

- What is the outcome of Preliminary Assessment?
- Is a New DMMP Required?
- Can current DMMP be modified?
- Is Navigation Project Funded for maintenance?



Houston Ship Channel – DMMP

- Ongoing since FY2011
- Report Approval Scheduled for FY2016 (Jan 2016)
- Placement Areas beginning to reach terminal levee heights (end of useful life)
- Extremely limited Real Estate available for new upland Placement Areas
- Evaluating Upland vs. Offshore disposal options
- Limiting disposal of Non-Federal dredged material into Federal Placement Areas



Gulf Intracoastal Waterway High Island to Brazos River Crossing - DMMP

- Ongoing since FY2012
- Report Approval Scheduled for FY2017 (Nov 2016)
- Includes 85 mile reach of waterway
- Evaluating future use of 65 existing Placement Areas
- Open Water, Beneficial Use, Upland Confined
- Incorporating RMS Study findings
- Potentially incorporating RESTORE Act Funding



Cedar Bayou DMMP

- Ongoing since FY2010
- Report Approval Scheduled for FY2015 (Feb 2015)
- No current disposal capacity
- Report will authorize new upland confined PA & beneficial use site
- Draft report complete and currently under review (ATR)





Chocolate Bayou DMMP

- Ongoing since FY2008
- Report Approval Scheduled for FY2014 (May 2014)
- No current disposal capacity
- Report will authorize expansion of upland confined PA & new beneficial use site
- Incorporating MSC Comments





Challenges

- Diminishing Real Estate in large metropolitan areas
- Expansion of Non-Federal berthing facilities; retaining funding in Federal Project
- Flat O&M Funding; expensive DMMP / NEPA process
- Guidance to achieve 3 X 3 X 3



QUESTIONS

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