

Breakout Group Activity

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Purpose of Activity

- The workgroups should review the open items from 2012 (see handout) to:
 - Prioritize the issues – near term, mid-term, long term
 - Discuss resources/contacts needed
 - Assign leads
 - Discuss strategies for completion
 - Discuss options for next steps
 - Decide timing of first group conference call
- Discuss options for additional items


Comments from the Co-Chairs

“Food for Thought”


The Co-Chairs were asked to provide their thoughts based on the 2012 workgroup experience on activities.



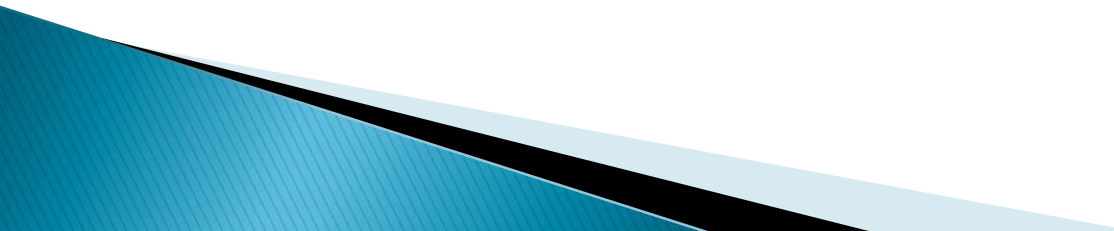
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- ▶ **Need to improve inter-group communication**
 - ▶ **Determine what existing recommendations need more guidance**
 - ▶ **Wrap up the list we have – establish near term, long term options**
 - ▶ **Define who/where recommendations will end up with and seek their involvement to define implementation process**
 - ▶ **It would be helpful to establish priorities for the work of each committee and then establish some deadlines. We haven't gotten much direction regarding path forward.**
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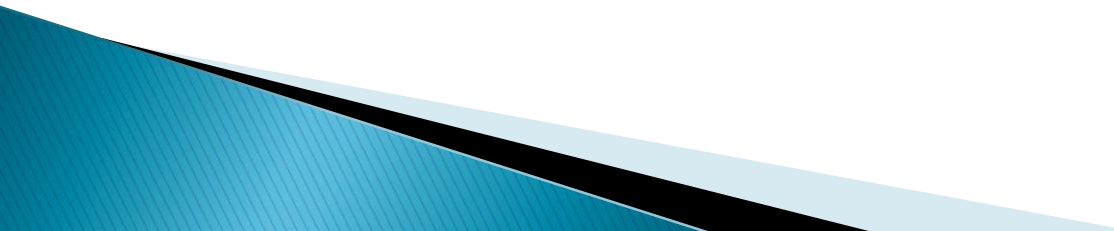
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- ▶ The Corps participation has been very strong. There has not been a lot of port participation, however. Moving forward, we need more port participation.
 - ▶ Time together as a committee has been very limited. At the past meetings, we have had an hour or so with an assignment and that time period is very short. When we've held committee conference calls, we haven't had good participation.
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- ▶ **When talking about communication between the ports and Corps, we have the right people involved. When talking about communication to people outside of the Corps by both the ports and Corps community, we need more public affairs people from both the Corps and ports.**
 - ▶ **Some committees have made better progress, but several of our initiatives involve web sites, press releases, etc. which need some buy off. Moving forward will need some external affairs involvement as well.**
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- ▶ **Suggestions by the QPI committee really capture the issues and problems that we are all facing moving forward.**
 - ▶ **There is a sense that the leadership may be hesitant to accepting some of the suggestions, and even promoting the work that we've done thus far. It is understandable that a higher level of buy off needs to occur prior to moving forward with some suggestions, but the committees need better direction on what is expected of us.**
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- ▶ Possible Topics:
 - Define effective policies/processes for sponsor led projects
 - Discuss berthing areas as GNF as new topic
 - More regular engagements and a discussion on Regional and National issues affecting Deep Draft. Still seems to be a major disconnect between the Corps and industry on trends and the future. Too much time and money spent on justifying one foot increments in depth while larger issues seem to go unaddressed.
 - More focus on easing environmental compliance for the ports by building as much as possible into the NEPA compliance

Schedule for Today's Work

- ▶ **10:50 2013 Agenda- Next Steps Activity**
 - Break into Work Groups
 - Work Groups review their open issues from 2012 (handout). Using worksheet, develop initial priorities, actions and resources.
 - ▶ **12 noon Lunch**
 - ▶ **1:15 Work Group Report- Outs – 2013 Work Plan**
 - Report Out by Work Group Co-Chairs
 - Wrap Up of Activity
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Questions?

