Navigation Data Integration Framework &

Channel Framework

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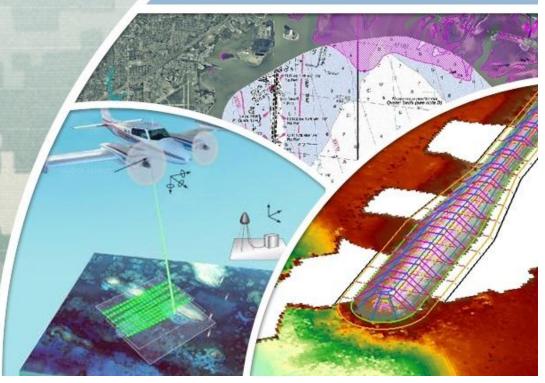
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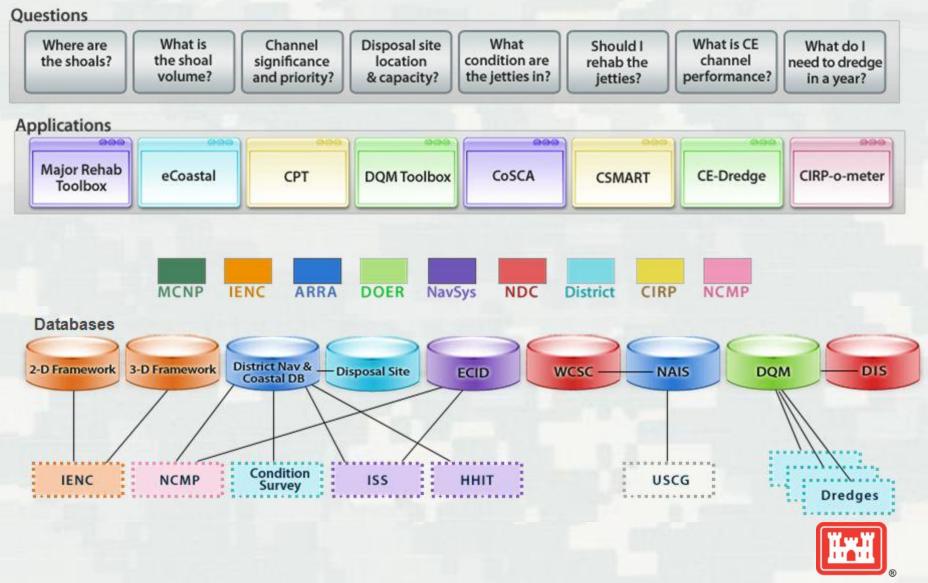


Data Integration Framework (DIF)

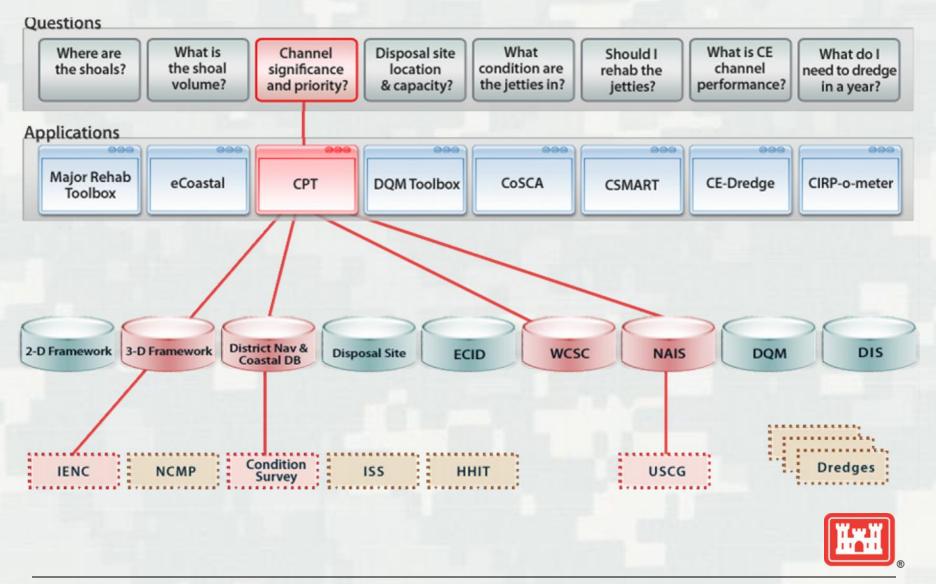
- A combination of processes, standards, people, and tools used to transform disconnected enterprise data into useful, easily accessible information for strategic analysis and reporting
- A blueprint identifying how all of its pieces interact and establishing a set of standards and best business practices
- Turns data scattered among different databases and locations into data that is consistent across databases, that can be easily discovered, accessed, and used



Integrated Coastal Navigation Programs



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Challenges

- Multiple, disconnected navigation databases
- Data format
- Data inconsistency
- User time and effort
- User participation
- Data availability
- Data timeliness





NDIF Architecture

- Source Databases (data)
- Data Hub (catalog)
- Web Service Layer (access)
- Tools (analysis)
- Portal (discovery)



NDIF Phases

- 1. Dredging
- 2. River Information Services (RIS)
- 3. Surveying and Mapping
- 4. Infrastructure & Asset Management
- 5. Engineering with Nature & RSM
- 6. Marine Transportation Systems



NDIF Integration into USACE's Enterprise Geospatial Program

- Promotes geospatial data sharing across the USACE Navigation Business Line
- Exposes and makes discoverable decentralized data through a centralized Portal
- In the process of linking disparate databases, provides a geospatial component to those that previously had none

Impact on USACE as a Whole

The ultimate goal of the NDIF is to develop an integrated data system across the Navigation Business Line, which will serve as a model of what ultimately might be accomplished across the entire USACE

Provide data where applicable to the Public













USACE Navigation Portal

Dredging

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River Information Services

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Surveying & Mapping

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Engineering With Nature & Regional Sediment Management

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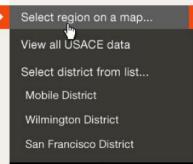
Marine Transportation System

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Infrastructure & Asset Management

Channel condition surveys, navigation notices, lock closures and schedules of federeally authorized navigation channels managed by USACE





Interactive Map Viewer Locate surveys, notices, and other GIS features on a map













Mobile District Navigation

Hydrographic Surveys

Channel condition surveys of federeally authorized navigation channels that are maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Navigation Notices

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Lock Information

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Dredging Schedules

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Navigation Bulletin Board



A 3000 lb. beaver has built a dam in the Black Warrior River around Mile 221. All boats and vessel traffic appears to be rendered to a hault. See Navigation Notice



Download the South Atlantic Division Routine Operations and Maintenance Review Plan, which defines the requirements, procedures, and specific details of how District Quality Control will be conducted for routine O&M products.



The Asian carp has finally infested the waters of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Please note that any eletrical current will cause an awesome display.



Interactive Map Viewer

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Resource Discovery

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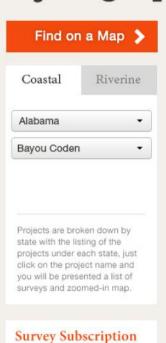
Hydrographic Surveys











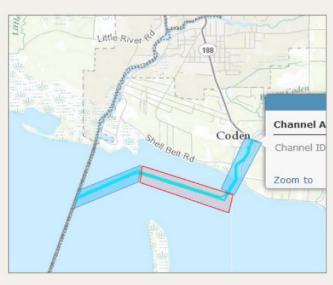
Sign up now free emails

when new surveys come

online for Bayou Coden.

Sign Me Up





USACE District: Mobile District (SAM)

Last Survey Date: 2/6/2012

Another Label Example: Whatever Else

Project Paper Map

Project Synopsis

Project Photo

What is the Channel Framework Inventory?

- Waterway road map
- Beginning point for moving USACE into an enterprise GIS program for managing the navigation business line
- Link between OMBIL projects and the spatial representation of those features
- Foundation for organization of navigation and dredging data across USACE.

What is the Channel Framework Inventory?

- Basis for USACE data to update NOAA ENC
- Baseline feature for spatially updating the IWR waterway network
- Tracks channel history through authorized, maintained, and any changes in channel dimensions



Goals

 To identify and build a consistent inventory of projects and sub-projects across the USACE navigation business line, i.e. OMBIL, HQ, districts, and IWR / Waterborne commerce

Establishes a district level of organization for channel data

Enables a means to provide roll up reporting to channel performance, maintenance, and budgeting



Goals

 To provide each district with an organized and authoritative source for all current projects and subprojects

Reduces search time for data; validates most recent data

Establishes better communication across districts, divisions, and HQ

Provides consistent reporting to all customers

Enables USACE to connect the CPN and congressional language with station markers along a project



Goals

 To build GIS features for all projects and sub-projects across USACE

Allows better analysis of survey data

Provides a baseline data set for establishing a USACE Enterprise GIS for the navigation business line

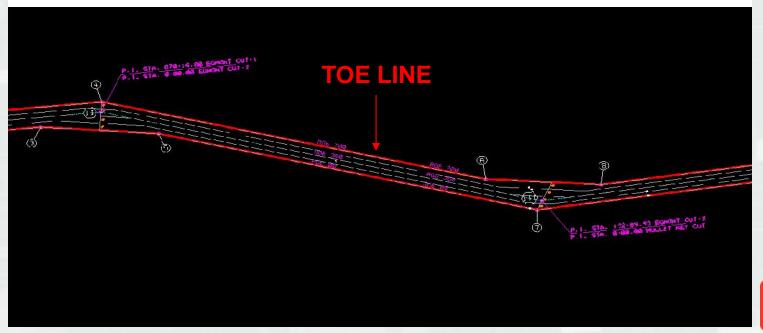
 Creates the ability to link future Automated Information System (AIS) capability to live channel framework datasets

Provides channel locations for all regulatory and planning divisions, allowing better reporting and environmental monitoring



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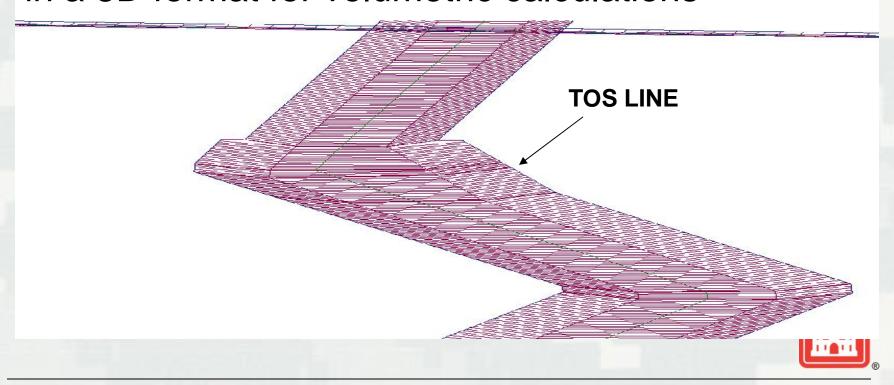
An accurate and standardized TOE will definitively locate the outer boundary line of Corps maintained channels.





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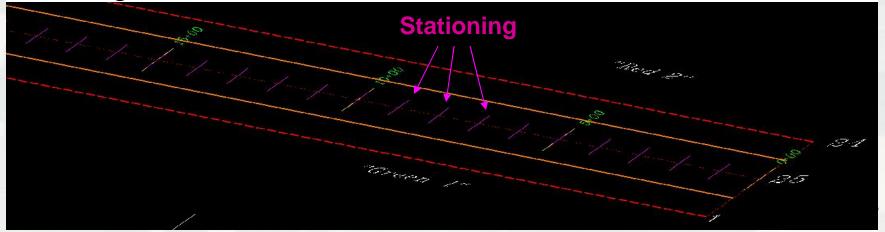
Creating a TOS will allow the creation of channels in a 3D format for volumetric calculations



Importance of standardization:

Consistent stationing will allow all USACE personnel and NOAA to know their exact location nationwide, based on a single, unique station number.

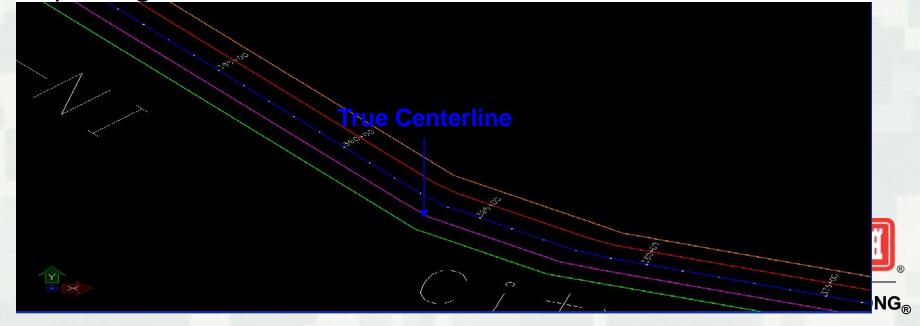
Ex. ML_SAM_1696+00 represents the Lower Mobile Channel, located in the Mobile District, at 169,600 feet heading downstream.



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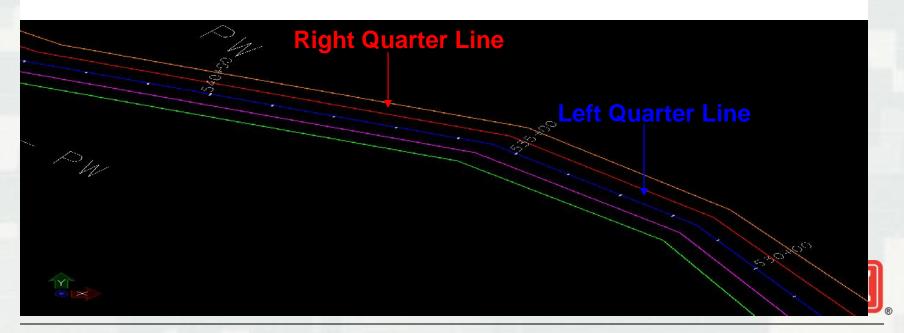
Creating a true centerline will provide mariners a location to the deepest water within a channel, making navigation easier.

Consistency in creating quarters for channel condition reporting.



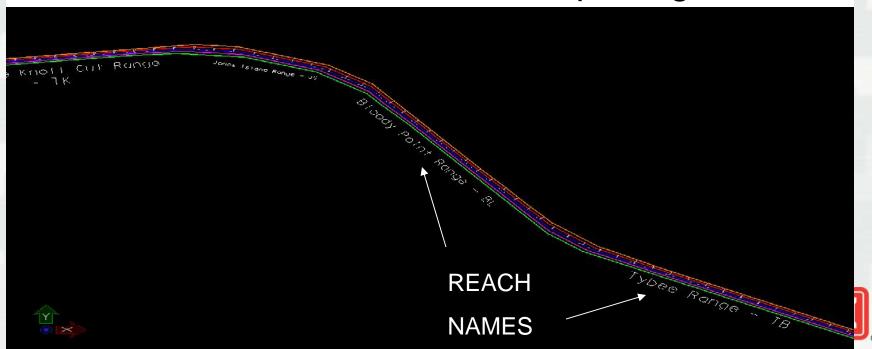
Importance of standardization:

Standard quartering provides a visual representation of reported depths and will provide a basis for accurately building an automated channel condition report based on collected surveys.



Importance of standardization:

Creating an inventory of reach names connects quartering with a specific location, to be reflected in automated channel condition reporting.



Where did Channel Framework begin?

 NOAA needed an accurate representation of all channel for the USACE to update their ENC

Where is Channel Framework headed?

- Providing NOAA live GIS layers for automatic updates for all projects and sub-projects
- Using GIS to automate many of the daily functions for current tasks of a survey tech, i.e. channel condition reporting, chart plotting, volumetric calculations for dredge packages, DQM reporting, etc.



What current projects depend on Channel framework?

- Channel performance tool
- Waterway network updates
- Channel condition indices
- Automated channel condition reporting
- DQM monitoring



Keys to Success

- Final dataset produced will take place over existing data in each district, including standardized stationing and quartering
- Cooperation from navigation experts in collecting channel dimensions and survey drawings
- Any changes in channel dimensions or spatial location is now being handle in conjunction with the eHydro Program



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