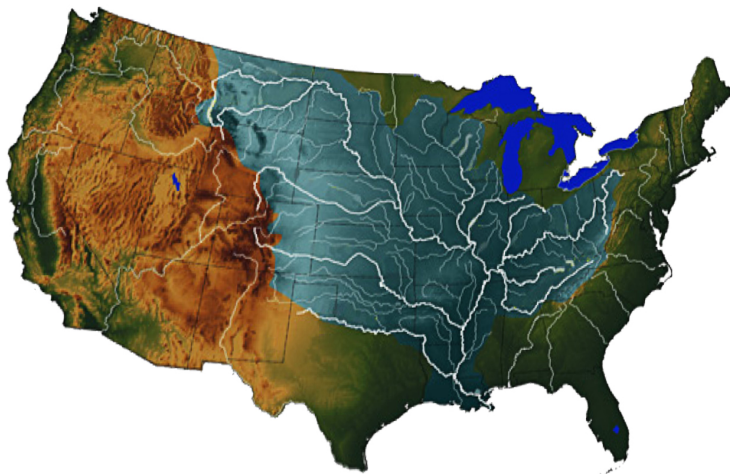


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## **Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 13117**

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans' (MVN) hopper dredge WHEELER continues dredging under Readiness Exercise #1-2017 in Southwest Pass. The WHEELER began dredging under this Readiness Exercise on January 19, 2017. The Readiness Exercise is scheduled to be completed on February 12, 2017.

### **Hopper Dredge(s) in Southwest Pass (SWP):**

#### **WHEELER:**

MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER commenced dredging operations along the jetty end of SWP on January 19, 2017. The WHEELER is being utilized to address shoaling on the jetty end and during periods of extreme fog or rough weather is moving upriver to dredge in areas of shoaling at the Head of Passes.

### **Hopper Dredge Disposal Area:**

The cutterhead dredge E.W. ELLEFFSEN continues dredging at the HDDA and has now removed over 5.8 million cubic yards and is presently funded to remove a total of 7.8 million cubic yards. The MVN could potentially fund additional options that would increase the amount of material to be removed. All material removed under this contract will be beneficially used.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean M. Duffy, Sr." in a cursive script.

Sean M. Duffy, Sr.  
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