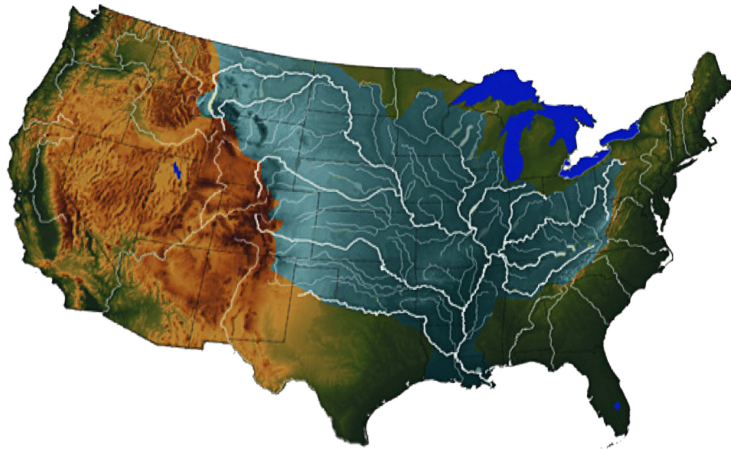


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 72617

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues working to restore the deficient channel in Southwest Pass with the three industry hopper dredges (NEWPORT, BAYPORT and GLENN EDWARDS) and the industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK. The MVN is now dredging the Crossings with all three dustpan dredges (WALLACE McGEORGE, HURLEY and JADWIN) and at the New Orleans Harbor with the cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS.

NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS IN SOUTHWEST PASS:

The Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of New Orleans (Bar Pilots) maximum draft recommendation remains at 46 feet (freshwater) for all vessels transiting Southwest Pass. This revised recommendation was implemented at 1030 hours on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

HOPPER DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

BAYPORT: The industry hopper dredge (Manson Construction) is dredging from Mile 11.8 Below Head of Passes (BHP) to Mile 12.5 BHP (western side). The hopper dredge began dredging on Thursday, May 25, 2017, under Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #2-2017. The dredge is now under contract until the end of August. The Corps may also exercise additional option hours in the contract.

NEWPORT: The industry hopper dredge NEWPORT (Manson Construction) is dredging from Mile 5.5 BHP to Mile 6.5 BHP (western side) under Southwest Pass Hopper Rental Contract #3-2017. The hopper dredge began dredging on May 16, 2017. The dredge is under contract until August 21, 2017. The Corps may also exercise additional option hours to this contract.

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HOPPER DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP): (continued)

GLENN EDWARDS: The GLENN EDWARDS is presently being refueled and undergoing annual fire system repairs and inspection in Port Fourchon. The hopper dredge is expected to return to SWP on Friday, July 28, 2017. The industry hopper dredge (Manson Construction) started working under Hopper Dredge Contract #1-2017 (taken over for the NEWPORT) on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The MVN has extended the GLENN EDWARDS' contact to keep the hopper dredge working until approximately August 15, 2017.

CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

CAPTAIN FRANK: The industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK (Weeks Marine) is presently dredging on assignment from Mile 12.5 BHP to Mile 16 BHP on the western channel toe (Presently at Mile 14 BHP). The cutterhead's contract has been extended until August 16, 2017. Upon completion of this contract the CAPTAIN FRANK is expected to move upriver to resume the work on the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (Head of Passes). All material removed under this contract will be beneficially used.

DUSTPAN DREDGE(S) ON THE CROSSINGS:

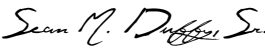
HURLEY: The government dustpan dredge continues dredging the central 250 feet at Red Eye Crossing (MILE 2224 AHP). The dustpan began dredging on the Crossings (Sardine Point) on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

WALLACE McGEORGE: The industry dustpan dredge WALLACE McGEORGE is dredging the central 250 feet at Granada Crossing (Mile 205 AHP). The WALLACE McGEORGE began dredging on the Crossings at Belmont Crossing on June 19, 2017.

JADWIN: The government dustpan dredge JADWIN is dredging at Smoke Bend Crossing (Mile 175 AHP). The dustpan JADWIN began dredging on the Crossings at Alhambra Crossing on June 17, 2017.

CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) AT THE NEW ORLEANS HARBOR:

MIKE HOOKS: The cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS continued dredging at the Port of New Orleans. The dredge began work under Harbor Cutterhead Dredge Rental # 1-2017 on July 10, 2017 and is expected to complete this contract by mid-August (2017).

Sincerely,

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