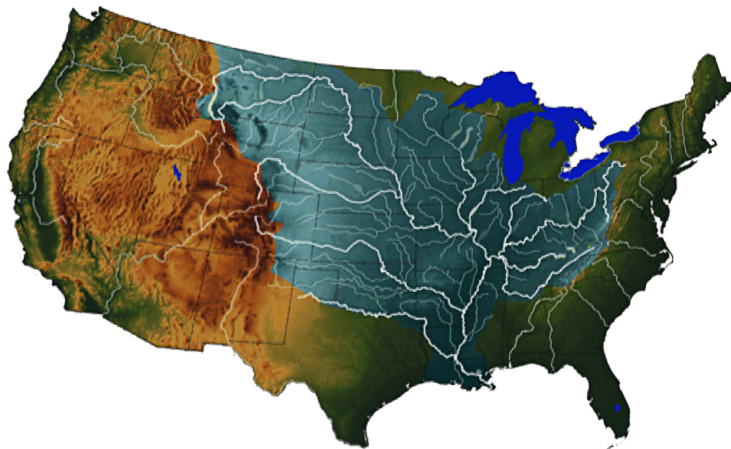


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 91117

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) has now completed dredging on the navigation channel in the area of Southwest Pass for Fiscal Year 2017. The MVN is dredging the Crossings with all three dustpan dredges (WALLACE McGEORGE, HURLEY and JADWIN). The industry cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS has resumed dredging the New Orleans Harbor under contract with the MVN.

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

CAPTAIN FRANK: The industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK (Weeks Marine) completed the last assignment on the navigation channel at the Head of Passes on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The CAPTAIN FRANK commenced dredging at the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (Head of Passes) on Saturday, September 9, 2017. All material removed under these contracts is being beneficially used.

DUSTPAN DREDGE(S) ON THE CROSSINGS:

HURLEY: The government dustpan dredge continues dredging full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Red Eye Crossing (Mile 224 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 full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Bayou Goula Crossing (Mile 198 AHP). The dustpan dredge completed the work at Alhambra Crossing (Mile 192 AHP) on Friday, September 8, 2017 and the White Castle Anchorage was reopened for vessel usage that afternoon. The WALLACE McGEORGE began dredging on the Crossings at Belmont Crossing on June 19, 2017.

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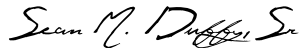
DUSTPAN DREDGE(S) ON THE CROSSINGS: (continued)

JADWIN: The government dustpan dredge JADWIN continues dredging full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Smoke Bend Crossing (Mile 175 AHP). The dustpan JADWIN began dredging on the Crossings at Alhambra Crossing on June 17, 2017.

CUTTERHEAD DREDGE AT NEW ORLEANS HARBOR:

MIKE HOOKS: The industry cutterhead dredge has completed work under contract for the Port of New Orleans and will resume work for the MVN at the Harvey Locks forebay tomorrow (Tuesday, September 12, 2017). The cutterhead has assignments for MVN at the Harvey, Algiers and Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Locks (forebays) and in the New Orleans Harbor before completing this contract.

Sincerely,



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