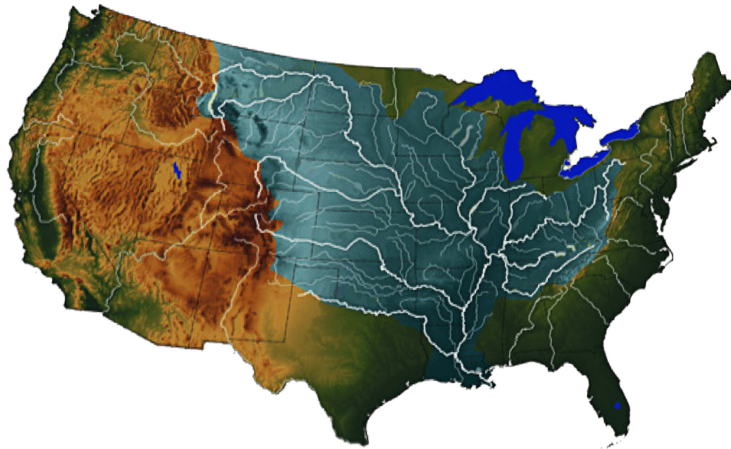


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 91417

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues dredging the Crossings with all three dustpan dredges (WALLACE McGEORGE, HURLEY and JADWIN). The industry cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS is dredging in the New Orleans Harbor and the CAPTAIN FRANK is dredging at the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (Head of Passes).

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 WALLACE McGEORGE began dredging on the Crossings at Belmont Crossing on June 19, 2017.

JADWIN: The government dustpan dredge JADWIN is now dredging full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Philadelphia Crossing (Mile 183 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 is expected to complete dredging under assignment for the MVN at the Harvey Locks forebay this evening and is expected to move to Napoleon Avenue Terminal Wharf C tonight. The cutterhead has several remaining assignments for MVN in the New Orleans Harbor before completing this contract.

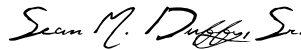
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CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) AT THE HOPPER DREDGE DISPOSAL AREA (HDDA):

CAPTAIN FRANK: The industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK (Weeks Marine) commenced dredging at the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (Head of Passes) on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Weeks Marine has removed a total of 6.7 million cubic yards (mcy) of material from the HDDA over the last year and is now working to remove an additional 6 mcy. The remaining 6 mcy includes 1.7 mcy that will be transported to Spanish Pass (Venice). The Spanish Pass operations will require coordination with the navigation industry and the Bar, Crescent and Federal Pilots to ensure the transport upriver (pipeline or hoppers) has limited impact on navigation. Weeks Marine intends to meet with the involved stakeholders prior to commencing the work for Spanish Pass. All 12.7 mcy removed under these contracts will be beneficially used to create marsh in the environmentally sensitive bird's-foot delta.

Sincerely,



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