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Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report

MOBILE, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (USACE), releases a biweekly update every other Wednesday on the current status of the Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report (GRR). Each update provides an overview of recent activities under the study, highlights upcoming milestones, and provides links to important changes on the project website.

Current Updates:

- Efforts to select a venue for the next public meeting in September continue. The specific date and time are dependent upon venue availability.
- Field data collection for benthic and fish sampling has been completed. Analyses of the benthic and fish sampling from last fall are nearly complete. Maps are being generated depicting the baseline for the wetlands, seagrasses, and oysters. Salinity tolerances for the resources are also being determined.
- The economic analysis continues to be refined. Currently we are working to capture traffic changes that will result from the development of the new Walmart distribution center. This added information will help determine the feasibility of including widening components with the deepening options
- Results of the recently conducted ship simulation study indicate a modification will be needed to the turning basin at Choctaw Pass to ensure the design vessel can safely turn. Additional coordination with the pilots and the Port is planned to help refine the modified design and generate the preliminary cost estimate.
- Refinement of the hydrodynamic model is nearly complete and the team is conducting sensitivity runs to evaluate the model's performance.
- Met with representatives of ExxonMobil on 30 May and confirmed location of unknown pipeline crossings, none of which appear to require relocation as part of any potential modifications to the channel.

Public Involvement: As the study progresses, interested parties have several avenues in which they can receive updates on the project. Throughout the process, Mobile District will host a series of public meetings/engagements. Mobile District will announce the dates and locations of future public engagements in news releases, on the project website, by listserve, social media, biweekly updates and quarterly bulletins.

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Public Comment: The Mobile District will continue to accept public comments on the study that will be added to the official record for the project. To comment on the project, send your comment to MobileHarborGRR@usace.army.mil. To comment by U.S. mail, write to:

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Note: All comments will be addressed at the appropriate time during the study.

To download the spring 2017 Mobile Harbor GRR Quarterly Newsletter visit:
<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Quarterly-Newsletter/>

To download the latest Public Involvement Strategy (PIMS) or other documents associated with the project visit the GRR Document library:
<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Mobile-Harbor-GRR-Downloads/>

For more information on the study visit the project website:
<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/>

Frequently Asked Questions:
<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Frequently-Asked-Questions/>