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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:

- **Public Involvement:** The effort to identify a potential venue for the September public meeting continues. We will inform the public of the date, time, and location of the meeting, once finalized, via news releases, social media, biweekly updates, the quarterly newsletter, and the Listserve.
- **Plan Formulation:** Based on preliminary costs and benefits developed thus far, the team has identified modified channel dimensions that can be considered for impact analysis. Currently the team is coordinating within our vertical chain to select the dimensions that will be used for our initial impact analysis and form the basis for our plan selection.
- **Environmental:** Analysis of the benthic and fish samples collected last fall are nearly complete. Work on maps depicting the baseline for the wetlands, seagrasses, and oyster beds is nearing completion. Determination of salinity tolerances for these resources continue to be evaluated.
- **Economic:** The economic analysis continues to be refined as we receive additional information about current and future port usage. We continue to work 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 a widening component with the deepening options.
- **Engineering:** Preliminary cost estimates have been developed for potential modifications of the turning basin at Choctaw Pass. Some additional sensitivity runs of the hydrodynamic model are being conducted to evaluate the model's performance.
- **Real Estate:** Real Estate and Engineering are working to incorporate recent utility pipeline data onto project plan sheets to map existing conditions.

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

**Listserves:** If you wish to receive regular updates on the study, please sign up for the project Listserve at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-ProjectManagement/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/>

**Public Comment:** The Mobile District will continue to accept public comments on the study that will be added to the official record.

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**Comment by Public Meeting:**  
Dates, Times and Locations to be determined for future meetings

**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/>

**For answers to Frequently Asked Questions visit:**  
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