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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Update to the National Dredging Quality Management (DQM) Program for
pipeline dredges.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this memo is to expand the use of DQM to pipeline dredges.
2. REFERENCES: CECW-CO Memorandum, 22 APR 2014, Subject: National Dredging Quality Management Program.
3. BACKGROUND: The National DQM Program, has recently completed its 12th year of successful operation. Over this time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has seen significant improvements in production monitoring, environmental compliance monitoring, and dredge system certifications. Based on the successful implementation of DQM on hopper dredges and scows, Headquarters (HQ) USACE, by memorandum dated 22 April 2014, directed the National DQM Center to implement pipeline dredge monitoring beginning with the USACE government plants and phasing in industry pipeline dredges in the following years. After ongoing coordination between USACE Navigation officials and the dredging industry, the DQM program initiated monitoring of the first industry pipeline dredge in 2018. DQM creates a valuable engineering and contract performance database that is used by USACE to improve business practices, ensure environmental compliance and increase our understanding of dredging science and technology.
4. GUIDANCE: The use of DQM on all future unrestricted pipeline dredging contracts is to be implemented immediately. DQM monitoring is a requirement on unrestricted (Full and Open Competition) pipeline dredging contracts only. Any pipeline dredging contracts classified as restricted are exempt. All contractors, including small business contractors, must meet DQM pipeline dredge monitoring specifications and requirements when bidding on unrestricted contracts. These specifications are located on the DQM Center website at <https://dqm.usace.army.mil/Specifications/Pipeline.aspx>.
5. For technical questions or payment associated with DQM, please contact the DQM Center, at <https://dqm.usace.army.mil/About/Contact.aspx> or (877) 840-8024. For all other questions associated with the use of DQM, please contact Jase Ousley, Dredging Program Manager, HQUSACE at (202) 761-0209 or jase.d.ousley@usace.army.mil.

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