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Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report

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

Current Updates:

- Refinement of the hydrodynamic model is ongoing. All data collection gauges are in place and running. Data collection is expected to be completed in March.
- Graphics for the ship simulation are being developed. We are working to schedule a meeting with the pilots to discuss potential channel configurations and designs.
- Preliminary cost estimates for a range of possible deepening scenarios are being developed and expected to be finalized sometime in March.
- Modeling of bulk carriers for coal is currently ongoing and is scheduled to be completed in March.
- Discussions were held with the Pinto Island Steel Terminal regarding future port usage.
- The district hosted a teleconference with cooperating state and federal agencies to discuss potential beneficial use opportunities including materials, methodology of placement, and possible locations.
- A follow-up teleconference was held Jan. 26 with the Environmental Protection Agency (Region 4) to discuss sediment suitability requirements for potential beneficial use options for the study.
- The Aquatic Resource Assessment is proceeding on schedule and the Project Delivery Team hosted an agency webinar on Feb. 2, to present preliminary results.

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Public Involvement: As the study progresses, there are several ways to stay connected with the project. Throughout the process we will host a series of public meetings and workshops. The first public workshop is slated for March 16 with the time and location still to be determined. As soon as additional details on the March public workshop become available the USACE will publish them on social media and the project website.

Listserve: In addition to the biweekly updates, we will also release a quarterly bulletin beginning in February 2017. To receive a copy of the quarterly bulletin, please sign up for the project *Listserve* at: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/>.

Public Comment: We 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 an email to: MobileHarborGRR@usace.army.mil

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

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/>.