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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. Please note that there was no update May 17, 2017.

Current Updates:

- Efforts to select a venue for the next public meeting continue. The meeting will be held in September, but 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 nearing completion.
- Initial economic analyses indicate there are potential deepening options that may be economically feasible, but additional analyses and review are necessary to refine the results. The feasibility of including widening components along with the deepening options is also being analyzed.
- Preliminary cost estimates for each deepening and/or widening option have been developed and are being refined as the study progresses. These costs include contingencies to account for potential mitigation, if necessary.
- A ship simulation study was conducted last week at the U. S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss. to evaluate the ability of the design vessels to safely navigate the channel for the various depth and width options being considered.
- Refinement of the hydrodynamic model continues in the area of the delta. This effort is needed to adequately characterize the existing flow and salinity conditions around sensitive habitats.

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- Information regarding most of the pipeline crossings under the current channel have been obtained. Modifications to the channel are not likely to affect those pipelines. Some additional coordination is needed to identify the remaining crossings.

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.

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

GRR Document Library: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Mobile-Harbor-GRR-Downloads/>

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