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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 92013

Members,

The Corps' Mississippi Valley New Orleans District (MVN) has their hopper dredge WHEELER working in Southwest Pass (SWP). There are three dustpan dredges working on the Crossings Above New Orleans: the WALLACE McGEORGE is dredging at Medora Crossing (Mile 212 Above Head of Passes [AHP]); the HURLEY is working at Granada Crossing (Mile 204 AHP); the JADWIN is currently working on assignment at Smoke Bend Crossing (Mile 175 AHP). The channel in SWP remains in good condition, while the MVN is working to restore the fully authorized channel width of 500 feet on the Crossings.

Hopper Dredges in Southwest Pass:

WHEELER: Dredging from Mile 15 to Mile 16 Below Head of Passes (BHP) expected to complete assignment on October 1, 2013.

Cutterhead Dredge near Pilottown:

MISSOURI H: Began dredging at the Pilottown Anchorage Area on March 1, 2013.

The cutterhead will remove almost 3 million cubic yards of material from the Pilottown Anchorage Area and beneficially place it (sediment recycling) in the sensitive wetlands around the West Bay Diversion receiving area creating approximately 400 acres of new wetlands. The contractor anticipates the completion of the project by September 27, 2013 and has now removed 2.7 million cubic yards of material. This is a mitigation project of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act as related to the West Bay Diversion project.

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Dustpan Dredges on the Crossings Above New Orleans:

WALLACE McGEORGE: Dredging at Medora Crossing near Mile 212 AHP began dredging on June 30, 2013.

HURLEY: Dredging at Granada Crossing at Mile 204 AHP began dredging on August 31, 2013.

JADWIN: Dredging at Smoke Bend Crossing located at Mile 175 AHP began dredging on June 29, 2013.

Best Regards,

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