



Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

- Legislative Update
- Upland Testing and Evaluation Project
- New Opportunities



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- Legislative Update
 - April 2002 (107th 2nd) Commission WRDA Advocacy: Testimony and Letters
 - Expansion of Section 204 authority
 - New waterfront restoration authority
 - 108th Congress, (1st Session)
 - No WRDA Bill
 - Commission letters to selected Members of Congress
 - Coordination with other regional interests



Upland Testing and Evaluation Project Background

- Commission Beneficial Use Task Force Recommendation
- GLDT Beneficial Use Implementation Strategy

“Develop risk-based guidance that establishes contamination thresholds or parameters for different beneficial use applications based on the physical and chemical properties of the dredged material and its desired end use.”



Upland Testing and Evaluation Project Goals and Objectives

- Establish Project Management Team
- Develop Detailed Workplan
- Conduct Literature Review and Develop Annotated Bibliography
- Develop Briefing Paper and Scope of Work for Full Testing and Evaluation Manual



Upland Testing and Evaluation Project Management Team

- Members
 - 8 states
 - USEPA
 - Corps (3 Districts, Division & WES)
 - MARAD
 - GLC (Staff & Secretariat)
- GLDT = Advisory Group to PMT



Upland Testing and Evaluation Project Workplan

- Detailed Workplan Completed in March
 - Tasks Broken Down for:
 - Great Lakes States
 - Corps (Division, Districts, WES)
 - Great Lakes Commission
 - Collaborative Effort
 - Full Workplan online (www.glc.org/upland)



Upland Testing and Evaluation Bibliography

- Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography
 - Preliminary draft compiled by GLC; initial PMT input/review March 7-28
 - GLC developed topical framework for organizing references
 - Draft bibliography online for second round of PMT input/review April 16-May7



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- Current Activities
 - Incorporate second round of references/comments
 - Get input/feedback from IL, IN, PA
 - Fine tune flow charts
 1. Pathway testing
 2. Physical testing
 3. Framework for evaluations
 4. Decisionmaking Phases



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- Next Steps

- Finalize Annotated Bibliography (int'l references?)
- Refine Flow Charts
- Develop Outline for Briefing Paper

- Key Dates

- Next PMT onference Call: May 20
- In-Person Meeting: September, Chicago



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Beneficial Use: New Opportunities

- NY-based consulting firm
 - Work with Port Authority of NY/NJ
 - Similar research, advocacy and recommendations
- Build on Beneficial Use Task Force Work
- Proposal: Collaborate on national effort to address priority obstacles and recommendations
 - Scoping
 - Workshops
 - Final Report
- Outcomes: public awareness; national policy