

**Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers**  
**Project Status Update**  
**Mariners Advisory Committee for the Delaware River and Bay**  
**08March2012**

**Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea & Main Channel Deepening**

The FY 11 annual maintenance dredging contract was completed on 22Jan2012 by Norfolk Dredging Company. Norfolk Dredging Company dredged 1.211mcy of material from Marcus Hook and New Castle Ranges. The material was pumped into the Federally-owned and operated placement area known as Killcohook and Pedricktown Confined Disposal Facility. The contract included removal of two (2) hazards to navigation within the contract work limits. The final cost was \$6.89 million.

The Reach B (Station 155+000 to Station 176+000) Main Channel Deepening was completed by Norfolk Dredging Company. Reaches A and AA (Station 19+700 to Station 96+000) are scheduled for advertise on 01May2012, award contract 20Jun2012,, and notice to proceed 02July2012. Approximately 2mcy of material will be removed to deepen the channel.

**Schuylkill River and Salem River**

This fiscal year funds were appropriated for both Schuylkill River and Salem River Project under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2012, P.L. 112-77. Both projects are scheduled for Advertise in mid-July2012, Contract Award Aug2012 and September Notice to Proceed.

**Wilmington Harbor**

A contract for maintenance dredging of both the 35-foot and 38-foot project channels is scheduled to be advertised on 16 April 2012. Bids for the dredging work will be accepted on 16 May 2012. It is anticipated Notice to Proceed will be issued on or about 20 June 2012 with contract completion estimated for 31 August 2012.

**Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton**

The Philadelphia District has received approval from our Higher Authority to utilize the remaining Dredge McFarland "Training Days" to perform emergency maintenance dredging of heavy shoaling presently in-place between the Tacony Palmyra and Burlington Bristol Bridges. As this shoaling was caused by the late summer (Irene) and early fall (Lee) storm events the much needed dredging has qualified for emergency supplemental Operation and Maintenance funds appropriated under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2012, P.L. 112-77. The proposed dredging will involve the removal of shoals located on the Tacony, Mud Island, Beverly, Edgewater and Devlin Ranges of the 40-foot channel. The dredging plan will be very similar to the emergency dredging recently completed this past October 2011. The Palmyra disposal area will be utilized for dredged material containment. Most of the material should be fine to medium grained sands. We estimate that approximately 300,000 cubic yards of shoaling will be removed from the proposed work areas during 39 actual dredging days. Dredging operations are expected to proceed on or about April 15th.

**Chesapeake and Delaware Canal**

Summit Bridge Painting and Miscellaneous Steel Repairs contract work to resume at end of March and Reedy Point Bridge work to begin in April.