

CENWS-OD-TS-NR-DMMO

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

25 June 2014

SUBJECT: DMMP RECENCY EXTENSION FOR THE NAVAL AIR STATION (NAS) WHIDBEY ISLAND P-1405 FUEL PIER (NWS-2011-1028).

1. Sampling for characterization of dredged material at the NAS Whidbey Island P-1405 Fuel Pier (formerly P-191) occurred in August 2010. A Dredged Material Management Program suitability determination based on that sampling event was issued May 20, 2011 (DMMP 2010). The fuel pier project was ranked moderate. The recency period for moderate-ranked projects is five years. Therefore, the recency period for the fuel pier expires in August 2015.
2. A change in the design of the fuel pier in 2012 resulted in a modification of the dredge prism, including a volume increase from 25,000 to 35,000 cubic yards (DMMP 2012). No additional sampling or testing took place at that time and there was no change to the expiration date of the recency period.
3. The Navy notified the Dredged Material Management Office on May 29, 2014 that project construction had been delayed. The revised schedule anticipates dredging to occur in the July 2015 to February 2016 time frame. However, to provide contingency for potential bid delays the Navy requested extension of the recency period to the end of February 2017.
4. The DMMP agencies requested additional information from the Navy regarding any activities or sampling associated with CERCLA remediation that may have occurred at the site since the suitability determination was signed. The NAS Whidbey Island remedial project manager confirmed that no new remediation had taken place since the DMMP sediment characterization took place in 2010, and none is planned. There have also been no known spill events in the project area since the original suitability determination was issued. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that the condition of sediments at the site have changed from what was documented in the suitability determination.
5. The DMMP agencies are in agreement that extension of the recency period through February 2017 is acceptable as long as there are no changed conditions prior to construction. The Navy will inform the DMMP should any spills occur or should remediation activities be scheduled prior to dredging at the fuel pier.
6. References:

DMMP 2010. Determination Regarding the Suitability of Proposed Dredged Material from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Fuel Pier, Island County for Unconfined Open-Water Disposal at a DMMP Non-Dispersive Disposal Site. Prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers for the DMMP agencies, May 20, 2011.

DMMP 2012. Dredge Prism Modification and Volume Revision for Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Fuel Pier (NWS-2011-1028), Island County, Washington, for Unconfined Open-Water Disposal at a DMMP Non-Dispersive Disposal Site. Prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers for the DMMP agencies, May 10, 2012.

7. Agency Signatures.

Concur:

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