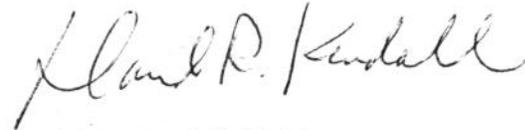


29 November 1999

SUBJECT: REVISION OF VOLUME OF MATERIAL TO BE DREDGED FROM USCOE BLAIR WATERWAY DEEPENING PROJECT FOR OPEN-WATER DISPOSAL AT THE COMMENCEMENT BAY NONDISPERSIVE DISPOSAL SITES.

1. The 15 August 1998 Suitability Determination Memorandum for the USCOE Blair Waterway Deepening Project documented a project volume of 1,140,000 cubic yards (-44 ft to 51 + 1 ft + 1 ft MLLW), which includes side slopes and one-foot of overdepth.
2. A 25 October 1999 memorandum from Larry Scudder, the Corps Project Manager, indicated that the predredge survey conducted in September/October 1999 resulted in a need to further refine the volumes to be dredged for this project (Enclosure 1).
3. The dredging volume increased from 1,140,000 to 1,250,000 cubic yards, which is a net increase of 110,000 cubic yards.
4. The volume revision change was coordinated with technical representatives from each of the DMMP agencies, and all concurred with the change.



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1 Enclosure.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, DMMO (Attn: David Kendall)

SUBJECT: BLAIR WATERWAY CHANNEL DEEPENING, REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF APPROVED PSSDA QUANTITIES

1. In 1998 the Corps contracted for sediment characterization in accordance with PSDDA protocols. A SAP was developed on the basis of existing hydrographic survey data provided by the Port of Tacoma, and estimated a total volume of material subject to testing of 1.14 million cubic yards. The determination of the PSDDA agencies, based upon the resultant sediment testing, was that the entire material was suitable for open water disposal at the Commencement Bay PSDDA disposal site, or for beneficial use.
2. Pre-dredge hydrographic surveys conducted by the Seattle District in September – October 1999 indicate that the actual quantity of material to be removed is approximately 1.25 million cubic yards which includes approximately 300,000 cubic yards of over-depth material. See attached.
3. Request that the PSDDA Agencies approve increase of maximum material to be removed and disposed of at the Commencement Bay PSDDA disposal site from 1.14 million cubic yards to 1.25 million cubic yards.

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