



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SEATTLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 3755
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April 1, 2004

Operations Division/Technical Support Branch
Dredged Material Management Office

Dear Interested Party:

The Cooperative Sediment Management Program (CSMP) will hold its sixteenth annual review of sediment management issues on May 5, 2004. This Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting (SMARM) will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Avenue SW, Tumwater, Washington, (see Enclosure 1 for map and directions). A draft agenda (Enclosure 2) outlines the topics that the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Washington Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources) and the Washington Department of Ecology's Sediment Management Standards (SMS) program are presenting for consideration at the meeting.

The DMMP Biennial Report for dredging years 2002/2003 has been completed and posted to Seattle District's website (see **Biennial Report for dredging years 2002/2003** at URL http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=dmmo&pagename=biennial_reports). The report reviews sediment sampling, testing and disposal for dredging projects in the Puget Sound region, Grays Harbor/Willapa Bay and the Washington side of the lower Columbia River. It also summarizes all monitoring activities conducted from 2001 to 2003.

A number of papers outlining issues and management actions identified by the DMMP agencies and SMS program for discussion at the SMARM are posted on Seattle District's website (see **Annual Review Meeting** at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=dmmo&pagename=Annual_Review). The papers that will be presented at the SMARM include a number of status reports regarding ongoing DMMP and joint DMMP/SMS actions and one DMMP issue paper. A number of additional clarification papers and status reports will not be presented at the SMARM, but time has been set aside to allow public comments on these papers. See Enclosure 3 for a complete list of the issue paper, clarification papers, and status reports posted on the Seattle District website.

You are invited to submit additional issues for consideration and discussion at the meeting. If you submit an issue, it should include a clear statement of the issue, why it should be considered at this time, and the alternatives or options for its resolution. Please submit any issues to the Seattle District Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) by April 30, 2004 so that we may adjust the agenda accordingly.

A summary of the 2003 SMARM proceedings and agencies response to issues raised at the SMARM and in post-SMARM comment letters can be found on Seattle District's website for those persons interested (<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/publicmenu/DOCUMENTS/2003-SMARM.pdf>).

Please extend this invitation to any person(s) you feel would be interested in attending. Thank you for your interest and involvement in the DMMP and SMS review processes. If you have questions, please contact the Corps of Engineers' Dredged Material Management Office at (206) 764-3768 or the Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6914 for assistance.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Parks
Chief, Operations Division
Seattle District Corps of Engineers

Jim Pendowski
Program Manager
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Washington State Department of Ecology

Enclosures

Directions to SMARM 2004

Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, Washington

From I-5 SOUTH

Take the **TUMWATER BLVD** exit towards **OLYMPIA AIRPORT**, exit #101 - go 0.3 mi

Turn **L** on **TUMWATER BLVD SW** - go 0.3 mi

Turn **R** on **HARPER ST SW** - go < 0.1 mi

Turn **R** on **74TH AVE SW** - go < 0.1 mi

Arrive at **1620 74TH AVE SW, TUMWATER**

From I-5 NORTH

Take the **TUMWATER BLVD** exit towards **OLYMPIA AIRPORT**, exit #101 - go 0.4 mi

Turn **R** on **TUMWATER BLVD SW** - go 0.2 mi

Turn **R** on **HARPER ST SW** - go < 0.1 mi

Turn **R** on **74TH AVE SW** - go < 0.1 mi

Arrive at **1620 74TH AVE SW, TUMWATER**



Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting

May 5, 2004

Comfort Inn Conference Center, Tumwater

Hosted by Washington State Department of Ecology

Registration and Coffee.....	8:30-9:00
Welcome to SMARM 2003 (Wayne Wagner, Corps/Chief OD-TS ¹).....	9:00-9:05
Opening Remarks (Linda Hoffman, Director, WA Depart. of Ecology)	9:05-9:15
Agency Summary Reports.....	9:15-10:45
➤ Corps (Summary of DMMP Testing Activities, Luran Warner, Corps)	
➤ DNR (Summary of DNR Disposal and Monitoring Activities, Peter Leon, DNR)	
➤ Ecology (Summary of SMS Cleanup/Source Control Activities, Freshwater Guidelines Development, Kathryn DeJesus, Ecology)	
➤ EPA (Summary of Regional CERCLA Activities, Lori Cohen, EPA)	
BREAK.....	10:45-11:00
DMMP/SMS Presentations.....	11:00-12:00
➤ Summary Overview of Clarification and Status Papers (Stephanie Stirling, Corps)	
➤ <i>Neanthes</i> 20-Day Chronic Bioassay Protocol Issues (David Kendall, Corps)	
➤ Evaluation of Marine/Estuarine Sediment Toxicity Tests in Puget Sound Region: Future test clarifications (Tom Gries, Ecology)	
➤ Questions and Answers (on any of the above presentations)	
LUNCH (on your own).....	12:00-1:00
DMMP/SMS Presentations (continued).....	1:00-1:45
➤ Bioaccumulative Chemicals of Concern evaluations at two PSDDA Disposal Sites (Justine Barton, EPA)	
➤ Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program Update (Ecology TBD)	
➤ Questions and Answers	
Regional Dredging Team Update.....	1:45-2:15
Stephanie Stirling (Corps)	
BREAK.....	2:00-2:15
Topical Presentations.....	2:15-3:15
➤ U.S. Navy PSNS cleanup update (Ted Benson, Ecology)	
➤ <i>Armandia brevis</i> bioaccumulation evaluation (Susan McGroddy, Winward)	
➤ When will contaminated sediment cleanups be completed? (John Dohrman, PSWQAT)	
Public Issue Papers.....	3:15-4:15
Summary and Closing.....	4:15-4:30
Deadline for written Comments on SMARM 2004: June 7, 2004	

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Enclosure 3. List of 2004 SMARM Papers

Topic	Type	Author(s)	Topic presented at SMARM
Ammonia and Sulfide Guidance relative to <i>Neanthes</i> Growth Bioassay	Clarification Paper	David Kendall, Justine Barton	No
<i>Neanthes</i> 20-Day Chronic Bioassay Protocol Issues	Status Paper	David Kendall, Tom Gries	Yes
DMMP Disposal Site Coordinates Update and Clarification	Clarification Paper	Peter Leon, David Kendall	No
RDT/RSET Update ¹	Status presentation only	Stephanie Stirling	Yes
DMMP Tier I Exclusion Policy	Clarification Paper	Lauran Warner, Stephanie Stirling	No
DMMP screening level revisions for Phthalates	Clarification Paper	Tom Gries	No
Evaluation of Marine/Estuarine Sediment Toxicity Tests in the Puget Sound Region: Concerns and Possible Future Test Clarifications	Status Paper	Tom Gries	Yes
<i>Armandia brevis</i> bioaccumulation results from East Waterway	Status presentation only	Susan McGroddy (Winward)	Yes
Bioaccumulative Chemicals of Concern evaluations at two PSDDA Disposal Sites	Status presentation only	Justine Barton	Yes

¹ Regional Dredging Team/Regional Sediment Evaluation Team