

Reaffirmation of the Environmental Information Management (EIM) System as the Regional Data Depository for Dredged Material Management

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- 1. Purpose:** This memorandum reaffirms the Seattle and Portland Districts' commitment to using the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) Environmental Information Management (EIM) database as the central repository for relevant regional data for dredged material management.
- 2. Background:** A 2012 clarification paper, "Transition from DAIS to EIM," detailed the plan to migrate from the legacy Dredged Analysis Information System (DAIS) to Ecology's more robust and actively maintained EIM system. This transition was undertaken to improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and adapt to modern data management standards.
- 3. Reaffirmation and Partnership:** The USACE Seattle and Portland Districts will continue this successful partnership. Project proponents for dredged material evaluation in both districts are required to submit their data to the EIM database, as appropriate. This policy leverages the strengths of our partner agency, Ecology, which is an integral member of both the Seattle Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) and the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET). Using EIM as the single repository for this data ensures consistency, accessibility, and long-term viability for regional environmental information.
- 4. Conclusion:** The continued use of EIM reinforces our interagency collaboration and shared commitment to effective and transparent environmental data management for dredging projects in the Pacific Northwest.

References

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