

CHARTER

July 30th 2001, Revision 4.2

Dredging Safety Management Program

1. AUTHORITY:

This charter is written under the authority provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Dredging Contractors of America (DCA).

2. PRINCIPAL PARTIES:

For the USACE, the Director of Civil Works; and for the DCA, the President of the DCA.

3. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Dredging Safety Management Program (DSMP) is to provide for a trial program in an alternate approach to safety for dredging.

4. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the program are to:

- a. Ensure safety, prevent human injury or loss of life, and protect the environment; and
- b. Identify problems and craft solutions in an atmosphere of partnership, mutual trust and cooperation.

5. APPLICABILITY:

This charter is applicable to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Dredging Contractors of America in their participation in, and co-management of, the DSMP.

6. TERMINATION:

The DSMP shall continue until terminated by mutual agreement of the Director of Civil Works and the President of the DCA.

7. REFERENCES:

- a. DSMP Rules, current revision
- b. DSMP Guidance Notes, current revision

The DSMP is defined by the Rules of the DSMP, as further explained by the Guidance Notes.

8. JOINT COMMITTEE: Establishment and Organization

The purpose of the Joint Committee is to:

- a. Administer the DSMP;
- b. Approve third party auditors to the DSMP;
- c. Approve audit reports;
- d. Issue both corporate and dredge site Certificates of Participation in the DSMP;
- e. Provide consistent interpretations of program requirements; and
- f. Resolve disputes between USACE districts and DSMP participants concerning local vs. national safety issues.
- g. Improve communication and sharing of information concerning DSMP rules and guidelines.

The Joint USACE-DCA Committee will be composed of 12 members total; 6 members chosen by the DCA, 6 members chosen by the USACE.

The length of service on the committee will be 2 years, staggered so that no more than 6 members will change in any given year.

Members may serve an unlimited number of terms.

The Committee will be Co-Chaired by a member from the USACE and a member from the DCA. Terms as Co-Chair will be one year.

A quorum will consist of 8 members, 4 of whom must be from the DCA and 4 of whom must be USACE members.

Committee members may designate an alternate, with full voting rights.

Conference calls, video conferences and "chat room" meetings may be arranged by consent of the committee.

The group votes by 2/3rds majority on all issues.

9. **PROTOCOL:**

The USACE and DCA will implement the provisions of this charter through their support for, and participation in, the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee will administer and alter the program as necessary to accomplish its objectives.

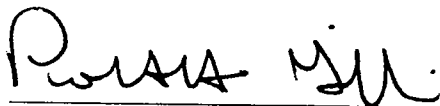
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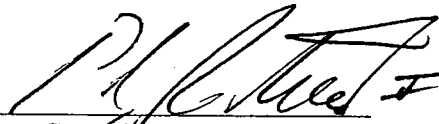
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