



**US Army Corps
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New Orleans District

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CONDITIONS UPDATE

7 November 2008

CURRENT STAGES

New Orleans = 3.1'
Baton Rouge = 8.1'

FORECAST: Steady

The next Mississippi River Maintenance Forum Meeting will be held Wednesday, 10 December 2008, 9:00 a.m. in the District Assembly Room A at the Corps of Engineers Headquarters Building.

1. CROSSINGS BETWEEN BATON ROUGE & NEW ORLEANS:

Current status: Deep draft crossings are in fair condition.

Location of dustpan/hopper dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
<i>Jadwin</i>	<i>Alhambra Crossing</i>	<i>Alhambra Crossing</i>	<i>Alhambra Crossing</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Wallace McGeorge</i>	<i>Medora Crossing</i>	<i>Baton Rouge Front Crossing</i>	<i>Baton Rouge Front Crossing</i>	<i>TBD</i>

2. NEW ORLEANS HARBOR:

Current status: New Orleans Harbor is in excellent condition.

Location of cutterhead dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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a. Harbor Cutter #1-08. Bid opening 7 May 08. Awarded to Weeks Marine. Completed on 4 Jul 08.

b. Harbor Cutter #2-08 to #3-08: Advertised 11 Feb 08. Bid openings by amendment.

3. SOUTHWEST PASS:

Current Status: Southwest Pass is in good condition.

Location of hopper dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
<i>RN Weeks</i>	<i>Mile 5.0 to 4.0 AHP</i>	<i>Mile 18.0 to 18.7 BHP</i>	<i>SWP</i>	<i>TBD</i>

a. Hopper Rental #12-08. Bid opening 28 Jul 08. Awarded to Weeks Marine.

b. Hopper Rental #13-08. Bid opening 28 Aug 08. No bids, cancelled.

c. Hopper Rental #14-08. Bid opening 10 Sep 08. No bids, cancelled.

d. Hopper Rental #15-08. Bid opening 24 Oct 08 for Calcasieu River dredging. Apparent low bidder Manson Construction.

e. Hopper Rental #16-08 to 20-08. Advertised 17 Sep 08. Bid opening by amendment.

f. Hopper Rental #21-08 to 25-08. Advertised 24 Sep 08. Bid opening by amendment.

g. Hopper Rental #1-09 to 15-09. Advertised 21 Oct 08. Bid opening by amendment.

Location of cutterhead dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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- a. CY cutter #1-07 to #3-07: Advertised 30 Jul 07. Bid opening by amendment.
- b. Rental cutter #1-08 to #3-08: Advertised 24 Apr 08. Bid opening by amendment.

4. SOUTH PASS:

Current status: Controlling depth –10 MLG at mile 6.2 and 8.0.

Location of dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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- a. Dredge Meridian completed dredging South Pass on 13 Jan 07.

5. PASS A' LOUTRE:

Location of dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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- a. Pass A' Loutre Sediment Mining. Bid opening 18 Mar 08. Awarded to Weeks Marine. Completed 28 July 08.

6. MISSISSIPPI RIVER GULF OUTLET:

Current status: Controlling depth –15 MLG at mile 12.8 to 13.6.

7. BAPTISTE COLLETTE:

Current status: Controlling depth –10 MLG at mile 8.0 and mile 10.0.

Location of dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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- a. Baptiste Collette Bar Channel #06-02. Advertised 4 Aug 06. Bid Opening 20 Mar 08. Awarded 21 Mar 08 to Mike Hooks, Inc. Completed 4 Jul 08.

8. TIGER PASS:

Current status: Controlling depth approximately –3 MLG.

Location of dredges:

Dredge	Last Week	Current	Next Week	EDC
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- a. Dredge 32 completed dredging Tiger Pass on 13 Aug 06.

9. NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT DREDGING SCHEDULE:

The schedule can be viewed by going to this web address, <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/> Select "Navigation", then go to "Dredging Schedules" and select "New Orleans District Dredging Schedule".