PUBLIC NOTICE



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On August 17, 2015 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released, for public review, a Draft Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Long Island Sound that was requested by the Governors of Connecticut and New York, in their letter of February 8, 2005 to the Chief of Engineers. The need for a DMMP was also identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) June 3, 2005 Rule that designated two of the Sound's historic open-water dredged material placement sites, the Central Long Island Sound and Western Long Island Sound Sites for continued use.

The draft DMMP and Draft PEIS review period has been extended the review period to run through October 16, 2015.

Mail your comments so that they will be received in Concord, MA on or before October 5, 2015. Address written comments to:

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Four public hearings held in New York and in Connecticut the week of August 24^{th.} Two additional hearings have now been scheduled:

Wednesday - September 16, 2015 Hotel Indigo Long Island - East End 1830 West Main Street, Rt. 25 Riverhead, NY 11901 Registration begins at 5:30 p.m Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - **September 17, 2015** Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale 155 Temple Street New Haven, CT 06510 Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

All interested federal, state and local agencies, interested private and public organizations, and individuals are invited to attend. Persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to register prior to the start of the hearing. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared. The hearing procedures are available upon request. After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and any necessary modifications are made, a Final DMMP/PEIS will be published and distributed. The Final DMMP/PEIS will contain the Corps responses to comments received on the Draft PEIS.

The draft DMMP and PEIS are available on our web site at:

$\underline{http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProjectsTopics/LongIslandSoundDMMP.aspx}$

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