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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

Issue Date: October 29, 2014
Expiration Date: December 29, 2014

Notice: Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 10 are hosting the 2014 Regional Sediment Evaluation Team¹ Meeting at the Port of Portland’s offices located at Portland International Airport. The meeting will be held on November 19, 2014, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Chinook Conference Room on the 8th floor of the Port of Portland’s offices (7000 Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218). Please refer to Exhibit A for directions to the Port of Portland’s offices and parking instructions.

Purpose and Background: The purpose of the meeting is to update the public on the implementation of the May 2009 *Sediment Evaluation Framework for the Pacific Northwest* and solicit public comment regarding SEF implementation. The SEF is used to characterize and evaluate freshwater and marine sediments dredged in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Meeting Topics and Materials: Please refer to Exhibit B for the meeting agenda. The meeting will cover three topics:

1. Incorporation of revised freshwater sediment screening levels into the SEF. Three draft white papers will cover:
 - a. The revised benthic toxicity screening levels.
 - b. The proposed use of water quality criteria to protect other aquatic organisms such as protected fish species.
 - c. A proposed background approach for metals.
2. Proposed polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon sediment screening values protective of fish.
3. Ongoing work to update the SEF.

An opportunity for public comment will be provided at the end of the meeting. Members of the public, including the public ports, industry consultants, and other users of the SEF are encouraged to provide feedback on the SEF. The public is invited to prepare papers or provide a brief presentation pertaining to sediment evaluation issues in the region. Presentations and papers from the public must be received no later than Friday, November 14, 2014 to be considered for

¹ The RSET includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division, Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla districts; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 10; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Washington Department of Ecology; Washington Department of Natural Resources; and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

presentation at the meeting. Meeting materials will be posted to the RSET webpage, located at: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment/DMM.aspx>.

Meeting Contact Information and Public Comment: All comments regarding the meeting presentations and regional/district SEF implementation must be received by the closing date of this notice. Questions regarding this meeting and public comments regarding regional implementation of the SEF and the proposed SEF updates should be sent to:

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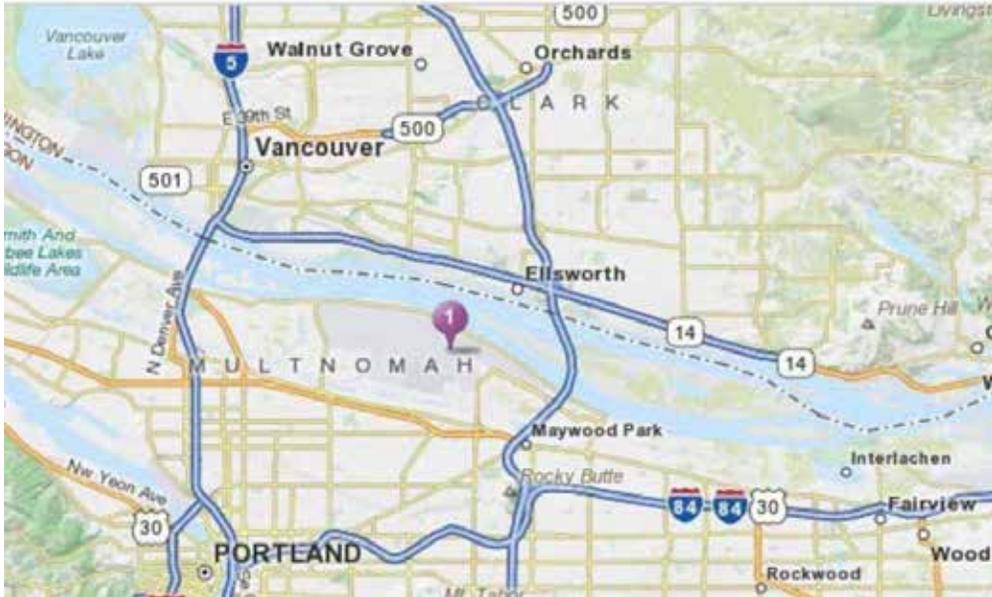
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Exhibit A

Portland International Airport, 7000 Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218



The Port of Portland's offices are located adjacent to long-term airport parking; traffic signs clearly mark the route.

Attendees must park in long-term airport parking and check-in at the 8th floor reception to get their parking validated and access the Chinook Conference Room.

Additional directions to the Port's offices and parking instructions can be found at: http://www.portofportland.com/POP_Bldg.aspx

Exhibit B

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL SEDIMENT EVALUATION TEAM

ANNUAL MEETING

November 19, 2014

Meeting Agenda

9:30 to 9:45	Welcoming remarks: Corps of Engineers, Portland District (TBD); USEPA, Region 10: Teena Reichgott, Manager: Sediment Management and Environmental Review Program
9:45 to 10:15	Implementation of revised freshwater sediment screening levels, Part 1: Sediment Benthic Screening Levels
10:15 to 10:45	Implementation of revised freshwater sediment screening levels, Part 2: Metals Background
10:45 to 11:00	Break
11:00 to 11:30	Implementation of revised freshwater sediment screening levels: Part 3: Water Quality-based Screening Levels
11:30 to 11:45	Open discussion of revised freshwater sediment screening levels
11:45 to 12:45	Lunch
12:45 to 1:30	NOAA fish screening levels for PAHs
1:30 to 1:45	RSET updates: upcoming changes to the Sediment Evaluation Framework
1:45 to 2:15	Public presentations and comments: views and issues from SEF users
2:15 to 2:30	Closing remarks