

**MCR Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Taskforce  
Questions Re: Taskforce Operations**

**The Regulatory Workgroup (i.e., Corps, EPA, OR DEQ, OR DLCDC, and WA DOE – Water Quality & Coastal Zone) continues to be interested in your feedback regarding taskforce operations. A few individuals provided feedback on the first taskforce meeting, but we would greatly appreciate additional feedback from other participants. If you have input to share, then please complete the following questionnaire with responses directed to the Corps of Engineers. Alternatively, you can bring your completed questionnaire to the next taskforce meeting. Thank you for your time.**

(1) Most feedback at the first taskforce meeting seemed to indicate a preference for more informal meetings. We would like to confirm that this is the preference of the overall taskforce. Should the overall format for taskforce meetings be:

- (a) less formal (e.g. roundtable), **YES**
- (b) more formal, \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) continue as at the first meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain:

**Roundtable format, with participation by all.**

**The regulatory workgroup should provide adequate information to the taskforce prior to the meeting via e-mail or snail mail, so as to allow the taskforce adequate time to review the data, discuss issues, and prepare comments, and concerns, etc.**

**There should be no surprises at the meeting. The agenda should be outlined prior to the meeting with an opportunity for response as to other issues and concerns members would like to see added.**

(2) The Regulatory Workgroup will provide the agenda, overheads presented at the meeting and brief summary of the issues addressed. Some members expressed a concern about having formal meeting notes while others seemed to want more informal meetings all around. Please indicate your level of concern about having detailed meeting notes and share any additional ideas you might have on this subject.

**All meetings should be videotaped, BOTH the Taskforce and the Regulatory workgroup.**

**Previous meeting notes have been inaccurate and incomplete.**

**Concerns such as Mitigation, size of the deepwater site, size of the buffer, economic analysis, monitoring of Site E have been noted and then circumvented or ignored. Important issues have not been adequately addressed.**

(3) The taskforce will meet at least annually. Additional meetings are expected, especially during the first year or two of this process. Please indicate how often you expect you could attend taskforce meetings given your individual situation:

- (a) No more than 2 per year, \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) 2-4 meetings per year, \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Other, **As needed** \_\_\_\_\_

(4) We did not set a date for the next meeting of the taskforce. The Regulatory Workgroup is now proposing another taskforce meeting in early June so we can discuss primarily the 2000 dredging season (not discussed at the first meeting). If taskforce members would prefer to avoid travelling to Portland for this meeting, then we could distribute and discuss information regarding the 2000 dredging season via e-mail. Any comments or preferences regarding the proposal for a meeting in early June?

**June meeting is good – please send material for comment prior to the meeting.**

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**Make sure bathymetric surveys are complete and the information available before the meeting.**

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(5) At this time, the Regulatory Workgroup expects that most taskforce meetings will be held in Portland. However, the location of taskforce meetings could alternate if that best serves the taskforce membership. A few taskforce members seemed to be interested in having meetings outside of Portland. Please indicate your preference for taskforce meeting location:

- (a) Portland, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Other: (please specify below)

**Open**

(6) The Regulatory Workgroup wants the taskforce members to be satisfied with how meetings are run and how agenda topics are selected. Would you like to see a taskforce representative selected to assist the Regulatory Workgroup with meeting procedures & agendas? \_\_\_\_\_

Any volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

**There is no reason that there cannot be input by all members via a draft agenda open for comment.**

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(7) Some taskforce members expressed concerns about the balance of presentations to group discussions at the first taskforce meeting. Please indicate your preference for:

- (a) more presentations? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Of what nature? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) more time for open discussions? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) other ideas?? \_\_\_\_\_

**Regulatory agencies should present their management and monitoring proposals and draft MOU/MOA PRIOR to the meeting either in e-mail or hard copy format.**

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(8) Would people prefer that we plan to order in lunches, i.e., either as a working lunch or just to shorten the time needed to get to, order, & eat lunch? (Please note that participants would still have to pay for their own lunches. Financial resources are not available to provide paid lunches.)

- (a) Yes, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) No, \_\_\_**X**\_\_\_

(9) Any other questions or comments you would like to share regarding the taskforce?

- Would like to see individual responses to this and all future surveys, agendas, etc.
- Local governments MUST be part of the Regulatory workgroup.