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3. In order to minimize the likelihood of incidental take associated with uncertainty and risk regarding long-term Project effects, the Corps shall implement a monitoring program with the following elements:
 - e. The Corps shall continue to work with NMFS and FWS on the revision of the DMEF manual to develop a set of contaminant testing protocols appropriate for marine and fresh water environments. Upon final completion of the revised DMEF manual, the monitoring program will be updated based on the new manual based on the contaminants portion of the monitoring program (see Table 7-3 of the 2001 BA, item MA-5). These changes may require additional changes to the monitoring program. Any changes are deemed necessary, will be submitted to NMFS for review and approval prior to their implementation. The Corps shall continue to support the work of the Regional Sediment Evaluation Team that is updating the DMEF manual.

Action plan: This item is being done as part of the RSET program/action and is underway and several meetings with the interested agencies including NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have occurred. When and if revisions are made the monitoring program will be review in concert with NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to incorporate any necessary changes.

Schedule: Draft Sediment Evaluation Framework was distributed for public review in September 2005. Public comments were due in November 2005.

Information on all RSET activities, schedules, and documents are available at the following web address maintained by the USACE, Seattle District.

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=dmmo&pagename=RSET>