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Cc: Downing, Jane[Downing.Jane@epa.gov]
From: Moraff, Kenneth
Sent: Wed 6/5/2013 5:57:38 PM
Subject: FW: SRO Approval Needed for Travel to Long Island Sound Public Meetings

Mike – requesting SRO approval for the mission-critical out-of-region travel and travel comp time described below. As you probably know, the LIS dredging work is one of our "must-do's". Thanks. Ken

From: Hamjian, Lynne
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 8:48 AM
To: Moraff, Kenneth; Downing, Jane
Cc: Cote, Mel; Brochi, Jean
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Ken and Jane,

Mel Cote, Jean Brochi and Alicia Grimaldi will be holding two public scoping meetings in support of the effort to develop a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to evaluate the potential designation of one or more dredged material disposal sites in eastern Long Island Sound at the following dates and locations:

June 25th , 2:30pm-4:30pm (registration at 2:00pm) at Suffolk Community College, SCCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center, 20 East Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901

June 26th, 2:30pm-4:30pm (registration at 2:00pm) at UConn Avery Point Campus, Room ACD 308, 1084 Shennocossett Road, Groton, CT 06340.

The NEPA process requires EPA to hold public scoping meetings to allow the public to comment on potential dredged material disposal site locations. These meetings are mission critical and the SEIS is one of OEP's and the Regional Administrator's highest priorities. These two meetings are part of the NEPA requirements and more will be needed over the next couple of years. Since these are public meetings, it is not appropriate to do using a webinar. EPA has is holding webinars for other related meetings whenever possible to reduce costs. We have taken a number of other steps to minimize costs to EPA. Both locations are free with no cost to EPA. EPA is holding the meetings back to back to combine the meetings into one overnight stay in CT (cheaper than Long Island). The meetings are being held during normal business hours to avoid comp time. The only comp time needed will be four hours of travel comp time for Jean, three hours of travel comp time for Mel and three hours of travel comp time for Alicia. Only Mel and Jean will stay overnight in New London, CT with a total trip cost estimate of $300 per person including lodging, per diem, ferry to Long Island, New York, and miscellaneous expenses. Since this trip includes a ferry to Long Island (outside R1) and involves travel comp time, SRO

approval is needed. Thanks.

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