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Subject: FW: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers response

Hi All,

Was this just an FYI from USACE or is EPA also being asked to comment?

If EPA needs to make a statement, I would be happy to provide some background, this is a bit of a complicated/sensitive dredging situation.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon, Paul,

As we spoke about yesterday, below is information related to the Bass River dredging in Beverly. You may use the information in part or whole, on-the-record, and attributable to me as a spokesperson as necessary.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently informed the City of Beverly that we are unable to approve the disposal of Bass River dredge material at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site. A special condition of a 2018 permit requires the application to provide a request to proceed to dredge (Disposal Request Form) at least 10 days prior to initiating dredging. This is to allow the Corps of Engineers to determine the coordinates to target at the disposal site and to verify the disposal barges being used have valid certifications. The applicant submitted the request to proceed in November 2019.

As part of our regulatory process, the Corps of Engineers, New England District works closely with the Disposal Area Monitoring System (DAMOS) which is a program started in 1977 to manage and monitor offshore dredged material disposal sites from Long Island Sound to Maine. DAMOS is a multi-disciplinary environmental monitoring program managed by the Environmental Resources Section of the Corps' New England District Engineering and Planning Division. Program information is shared with the scientific community and public through media such as technical reports, papers, and brochures. Upon receiving the request to proceed, DAMOS program managers reviewed the testing data for this project, including the 2008 suitability determination, and found that the data presented in supporting documentation actually showed levels of contamination in the sediment that would require alternative management of the material. As a result, all of the material tested as unsuitable for placement at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site.

Once we learned of this determination, we quickly notified the applicant. We have and will continue to work closely with the applicant to determine the feasibility of different disposal options to ensure this project is completed in a safe and responsible manner."

You may find more information on the DAMOS program here:
https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Disposal-Area-Monitoring-System-DAMOS/

Stay warm!

Regards,
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