

USACE October 2021 Report

1. Infrastructure bill – we have submitted many packages. If it goes through it could be a significant amount of work. Looking at IDIQ contracts. It is a huge opportunity and a big lift for us if it goes through.
2. Significant leadership changes: Bryan Peterson retiring at the end of the month with 38 years of service in the District, Kristin Moe has been hired to back fill and has a very diverse experience. Her current position of Navigation Support Chief will need to be filled yet. Steve Tapp with 35+ years of service will be retiring at the end of the year. His shop of Channels and Harbors is responsible for surveying, groundings and dredging for the district. New Deputy Chief of Operations Chris Atkins, he is in the field today but Tamara will ask him to attend an UMWA meeting in the future. He was worked in the District before but was currently working in the Nashville District.
3. The Dredge Goetz completed work for St. Louis District on October 14 and is currently dredging on the Missouri River for the Kansas City District. Government Mechanical has completed dredging in Pool 3 and continues to work on the project for the Tribal Public Partnership. Contract Mechanical Dredge Plant 1 continues dredging in Pool 7 and it is expected to be their last job of the season, Plants 2 and 3 are demobilized for the season. The McGregor Lake HREP contractor (Plant 4) is currently dredging granular borrow material from Hovie Island cuts, Lower Pool 10. The Harpers Slough HREP contractor (Plant 5) has demobilized for the season. The most current dredge schedule can be found here: <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Channel-Maintenance/Dredging-Schedule/>
4. Lower Pool 2 Channel Mgmt Project: Phase I is complete and appears to be working as designed as it is scouring the channel. Phase II: Dredging portion; The primary constraint to do the expanded dredging in all of Lower Pool 2 is placement site capacity. We are currently evaluating our 2020 conditions compared to the conditions identified in Phase II of the plan, we hope to identify a percentage of available channel soon. ***No Change***
5. Pool 2 Pigs Eye Lake Project: Contract was awarded to LS Marine on 25 June 2021 for \$14.7M. The project will restore and enhance backwater habitat by creating island and wetland features on Pigs Eye Lake using more than 400,000 cubic yards material dredged from the Mississippi River for maintenance of the navigation channel. Work is expected to begin after fish spawning restrictions have concluded on June 15th, 2022 with completion expected by the end of 2025. ***No Change***
6. Lock 2 dam tainter gate chain replacement starting during the 2021 navigation season, no impacts to navigation stakeholders. ***No Change***
7. Locks 5A, 8, and 10 miter gate anchorages: Contract awarded to Kaiyuh Services, LLC. Construction of Locks 5A and 8 will take place during non-navigation season 2021-2022. Construction of Lock 10 will take place during non-navigation season 2022-2023. ***No Change***

8. Lock and dam tow rail design and replacement, Locks 4, 5, 5A, 6, 8, and 9: Contracts awarded to Kraemer North America. Construction at LDs 5, 5A, 6, LD 8 and LD 9 is complete. LDs 4 and 7 are scheduled for non-navigation season 2021-2022. ***No Change***
9. Lock Winter Closure dates are: 28 November 2021 – 17 March 2022 for Lock 4, 5A, 6, 7, 8 and 10.
10. Pool 2 DMMP: The report has been approved and we have started implementation. The Grey Cloud Island landowner has formally rejected the maximum fee title offer made. Efforts are now focused on pursuing less than fee alternatives.
11. Pool 4 DMMP: St. Paul District provided a DRAFT Sec 217 and DRAFT Ops Plan to the City of Wabasha/Port Authority on 27 JUL then met on 28 JUL to discuss; City staff expressed appreciation to the COE for their commitment to this potential solution for the DMMP. MVP staff also briefed the Wabasha Port Authority on the status of the DMMP in SEP bringing the new Port Authority members up-to-speed. We anticipate the City's comments on the DRAFT Sec 217 & Ops plan in early NOV. The DRAFT Pool 4 DMMP report is currently going through District Quality Control review then it's on to another District review before Division review. We are still on track for the next DRAFT of the report being released to the general public in early 2022 (FEB).
12. Pool 6 DMMP: St. Paul District and the City of Winona are meeting in late OCT to continue work on a potential Section 217 (Public-Private Partnership) agreement; the key is a potential barge off-loading area in the Winona Commercial Harbor in order to reach properties interested in the bene use of our material. Beach Construction (North Branch, MN) anticipates conducting the unloading of up to 50,000cy of material from our Homer site this Nov- Dec. St. Paul District continues to work with Canadian Pacific Railroad and MnDOT to make safety improvements at our Homer upland placement site; construction improvements could begin as soon as summer 2022.
13. Pools 9 & 10 DMMPs: An in-person Public Scoping meeting was held on 22 June in Prairie du Chien WI. About 50 members of the public attended. Most of the placement suggestions were for private property enhancement and/or beach nourishment. The team is currently developing a matrix of placement sites alternatives. ***No Change***
14. Island Unload: Legacy Corp, East Moline, Ill, completed a 50,000 cy unload of Dakota Island in Pool 7 on 15 SEP. The material was barged to COE-owned upland placement site in Trempealeau, WI downstream of LD 6. They have demobilized for the season.