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Army Corps solicits public comment on Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment: New Jersey Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for the Delaware River Feasibility Study

PHILADELPHIA (October 17, 2017) – The United States Army Corps of Engineers has released for public comment the Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment (EA): New Jersey Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for the Delaware River Feasibility Study, October 2017. The report presents the alternatives analyses, tentatively selected plan, and an evaluation of potential impacts to the affected environment.

The objective of this study is to beneficially use high quality sand material dredged to maintain the Federal navigation channel in the lower bay in order to reduce flooding, erosion, and storm damage risks in coastal areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Dredged sand will be potentially pumped and placed onto three Bayfront residential communities: Fortescue and Gandys Beach in Downe Township, Cumberland County and Villas in Lower Township, Cape May County. In addition, rehabilitation is proposed for the Fortescue groin and construction of a similar groin is proposed at the north end of Gandys Beach.

Electronic copies of the Draft Report can be downloaded from the Corps' website at <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Public-Notices-Reports/>.

Comments may be submitted via regular mail to the Environmental Resources Branch, Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil Please submit all comments by Nov. 20, 2017.