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Mr. David Small
Secretary
State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings HighwayDover, Delaware 19901

Dear Mr. Small:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones and requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests of written notification of five key milestone dates. The Act also requires that I notify you when a milestone is not met and to provide an explanation.

On September 11, 2015, I provided to you a study schedule for the *Delaware River, Delaware Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Feasibility Study.* The Corps has been unable to meet the "Release of the Draft Feasibility Report Milestone" contained in that letter due to additional time required to complete the complex modeling used to analyze the economic benefits of the tentatively selected plan. The table below provides an updated scheduled.

Milestone Date	Milestone
September 23, 2016	Release of the Draft Feasibility Report
March 21 2017	District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report
April 28, 2017	MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report
June 23, 2017	Civil Works Review Board
September 7, 2017	Signed Chief's Report

Schedules are based on the assumption of full-funding (Federal and non-Federal) over the course of the study. Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the (Insert name/link to public website) website. All schedules and missed deadlines will also be submitted in an annual report to Congress. If you have any questions please contact Erik Rourke, Chief Project Development Branch at (215) 656-6616 or through email at erik.j.rourke@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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District Commander