



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Philadelphia District

PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Mispillion River
Sussex County, DE**

October 2008

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Rep. Castle (DE-AL)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
Operation & Maintenance, General

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Navigation

LOCATION: The project is located north of Milford in Sussex County, DE.

DESCRIPTION: HD 56-102 in 1907 and modified as HD 74-83 in R & H Act HD 678, 62nd Congress, 2nd Session (1919) and modified by R & H Com Doc. 83, 74th Congress, 2nd Session (1937) and modified by SD 229, 81st Congress, 2nd Session (1954). The waterway rises in Kent and Sussex Counties, Delaware. It flows northeasterly 13 miles along the boundary line between the two counties and empties into the Delaware Bay about 16 miles above Cape Henlopen, Del. The waterway provides an entrance channel six feet deep and 60 feet wide from Delaware Bay to the landward side of the jetties.

STATUS: The project was last dredged in FY 2002. Controlling depth identified by a January 2008 channel exam survey is 4 feet. This waterway supports the only launch service that provides safe transport of personnel and supplies to tanker vessels anchored in Delaware Bay and the nearby Atlantic Ocean. Delays in service to the shipping industry are being reported. Several vessel groundings have occurred. U.S. Coast Guard has expressed concern that the poor channel conditions will delay the response of oil spill emergency clean-up and containment contractors during lower tide stages. Due to insufficient FY 08 funding dredging project deferred. Should FY 09 funding be received maintenance dredging would be accomplished.

BUDGET

DATA (\$000) Comments

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FY 06	18	
FY 07	30	
FY 08	399	
FY 09	29	

COMMENTS: Environmental Assessment of dredging entrance channel prepared. Negative declaration (FONSI) filed on 12 March 1974.

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