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Philadelphia District

**PROJECT FACTSHEET**

**Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton  
NJ & PA**

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:** Reps. Saxton (NJ-3), Smith (NJ-4), Brady (PA-1), Murphy (PA-8), Schwartz (PA-13)

**APPROPRIATION / PHASE:**  
Operation & Maintenance, General

**BUSINESS PROGRAM:**  
Navigation

**DESCRIPTION:** Adopted in 1930 (R&H Com Doc 3, 71st Cong., 1st Session) and modified in 1935 (R&H Com Doc 11, 73rd Cong., 1st Session and R&H Com Doc 66, 74th Cong., 1st Session), 1937 (R&H Com Doc 90, 74th Cong., 2nd Session), 1946 (HD 679, 79th Cong., 2nd Session), and 1954 (HD 358, 83rd Cong., 2nd Session), the acts provide for a channel and turning basins in the Delaware River, bank protection and bridge reconstruction. The project dimensions vary from 35 to 40 feet deep and 300 to 400 feet wide. The project has been completed except for deepening the channel from 25 to 35 feet between Newbold Island and the Trenton Marine Terminal, which has been placed in the deferred category. Local interests (City of Trenton) have not provided, as required, terminal facilities adequate for a 35 foot channel.

**STATUS:** The Hopper Dredge McFarland performed emergency dredging operations during August/September 2007 to remove two serious shoals within the 40-foot channel which posed a navigation hazard. A \$544,938 maintenance dredging contract within Fairless Turning Basin was accomplished during September 2008. FY 09 funding will accomplish periodic channel examinations and environmental support work for state water quality certification. Several serious shoals continue to grow within both the 40-foot and 25-foot channels. FY 09 funding capability exists to perform a full scale maintenance dredging project to restore safe and economical navigating depths in both project channels. Based on recent statements made by this office related to the Delaware Deepening Project, NJDEP will not be advancing the DMMP aimed at providing suitable disposal areas to support dredging of the lower channel reaches.

**BUDGET**

<b>DATA (\$000)</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
FY 06	3,690	
FY 07	2,539	
FY 08	1,494	
FY 09	715	

**COMMENTS:** A final Environmental Impact Statement addressing impact of Corps maintenance activities for this project was completed 7 November 1975. Dredged material will be deposited in disposal areas in accordance with Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act.

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