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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) of all applicable, existing and new information generated subsequent to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) of 1997 prepared for the Delaware River Main Stem and Channel Deepening Project that will deepen the existing Delaware River Federal Navigation Channel from 40 to 45 feet from Philadelphia Harbor, PA, and Beckett Street Terminal, Camden, NJ, to the mouth of the Delaware Bay, and provide appropriate bend widening, partial deepening of the Marcus Hook anchorage, and relocation of and addition of aids to navigation. The EA evaluates the impacts of changes to the Congressionally authorized project, which are the result of detailed Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) studies, as well as changes to the existing conditions in the project area from those described in the 1992 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), 1997 SEIS, and 1998 Record of Decision (ROD) for the project, and consolidates in one document the results of post-SEIS monitoring and data collection efforts.

Based on the information presented in the Environmental Assessment and referenced studies, and based on evaluation and consideration of comments received in response to Public Notices (CENAP-PL-E-09-01 and CENAP-PL-E-09-02 dated 17 December 2008 and 31 December 2008, respectively), it is concluded that any changes to the project or changes to the physical conditions where the project will be constructed, would have no significant adverse effects on the human environment, over and above the potential environmental effects already addressed in the earlier EIS, SEIS, and ROD. Consequently, it is concluded that no new supplemental EIS is required prior to construction of the subject project.

The EA can be found at <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/cenap-pl/drmcdp/pr.html>. The 1997 SEIS and other environmental studies performed since completion of the SEIS are also available on the District's website.

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