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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Dredging Meetings, 6-8 May 2008, Washington, DC

1. Three national meetings are scheduled for 6-8 May 2008 at The Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC, to discuss navigation and dredging related issues.

a. Tuesday, 6 May 2008, the Industry Corps Hopper Dredge Management Group (ICHDMG) will meet from 0800 – 1630 hours.

b. Wednesday, 7 May 2008, the National Dredging Meeting for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), dredging industry, ports, stakeholders, and maritime union representatives will meet from 0800 – 1630 hours.

c. Thursday, 8 May 2008, the National Dredging Meeting for USACE representatives only will meet from 0800 – 1530 hours.

2. Sleeping room accommodations are available at The Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001-1527. A block of rooms is being held by the hotel for 5, 6, and 7 May 2008 at the rate of \$201 per night, plus District of Columbia sales tax of 14.5 percent. The telephone numbers and web site for reservations are: Telephone 1-800-321-3010 or (202) 628-2100, fax (202) 879-7918, and web site <http://www.washingtoncourthotel.com>. Refer to the "DCA/Corps Meeting" when making reservations and tell them you want the "Army Block" to reserve the government rate of \$201 per night. You must present a government ID at check-in to secure the government rate. The non-government rate is \$259 per night, plus tax. The block of rooms will only be held until 7 April 2008. Directions to the hotel are available on the hotel web site. The Washington Court Hotel is located 2-3 blocks from Union Station, Washington, DC.

3. Appropriate representatives from regional business centers, district support teams, and communities of practice are encouraged to attend the National Dredging Meetings on 7 and 8 May 2008. The meeting agendas are being developed and will be provided at a later date. Please submit any suggested discussion topics before 11 April 2008.

4. Districts should ensure that the Dredging Information System database is updated no later than close of business on 23 April 2008, to reflect the latest FY 2008 and FY 2009 dredging schedules and contract award information. This information will be used to run reports for the ICHDMG meeting.

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5. Please send any comments, questions, suggested topics for discussion, and the names of those planning to attend the meetings to Mr. Jeffrey McKee, HQUSACE Operations Community of Practice, CECW-CO, at telephone (202) 761-4474 or email jeffrey.a.mckee@usace.army.mil.

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