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Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Command Philosophy Notice

Teammates,

Today I am formally issuing a Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Command Philosophy Notice which outlines my vision for expanding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beneficial use of dredged material (BUDM) program. This philosophy notice aligns with two of my four key priorities for the organization, Partnerships and Innovate.

Dredged material is a valued resource that is not to be wasted, but instead used for benefits to the ecosystem, economy, and to deliver the USACE mission more effectively and efficiently across our portfolio of Navigation, Flood Risk Management and Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration projects.

Through a symbiotic relationship with navigation dredging, you are being called to generate productive and positive uses of dredged material. If there is a need for USACE to dredge an authorized channel, the operational strategy should inherently include beneficial use placement options. Equally, if there is a need for sediment, gravel, or rock material to implement a project, beneficial use from dredging operations within authorized channels should be considered as a source in the planning and execution strategy. We must do these things in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the Federal Standard for dredged material disposal or placement. A proper analysis of the total lifecycle cost of dredging and placement as well as the full benefits will result in an accurate determination of the Federal Standard.

USACE historically uses 30-40% of the sediments derived from the Navigation mission for beneficial purposes. I have established a goal for USACE to advance the practice of BUDM to 70% by the year 2030 ("70/30 Goal").

Achieving our vision will require purposeful documentation and an innovative pursuit both internally and externally with our partners and stakeholders. You will need to leverage available solutions, strategies, and tools to the maximum extent practicable while developing and applying new approaches and technologies to address the associated engineering challenges.

Districts and divisions are hereby called upon to participate in supporting this shared vision, provide input into the actions to be undertaken, and ensure ultimate success of the BUDM program.

Now is the time to get involved. For more information on how to get involved, contact Tiffany Burroughs, Chief Navigation, HQUSACE by phone at (202) 761-4474 or by email at tiffany.s.burroughs@usace.army.mil

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott A. Spellmon".

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