

INTERIM DREDGE DISPOSAL TASK FORCE

DATES: May 5, 2010

ISSUE DATE: May 17, 2010

TASK FORCE ATTENDEES: Below

NAME	ORGANIZATION
John Patterson*	Sen. Brown
Mike LaWell*	ArcelorMittal
Jim White	Cuyahoga River RAP
Rich Zavoda	ArcelorMittal
L. Skip Brown	Cong. Marcia L. Fudge
Diane Downing	Sen. Voinovich
Melisa Freilino	Port Authority
Brent Leslie	Port Authority
Skip Jacobsen	Port Authority
Peter Raskind	Port Authority
Ron Kozlowski*	USACE
Bill Skowronski*	Ohio EPA
John Watkins*	Ohio DNR
LTC Daniel Snead*	USACE
Frank O'Connor*	USACE
Marty Gelfand	Cong. Dennis Kucinich
Jerry Ptak*	USACE
Kellie Rotunno	NEORS
Mark Locker*	ODOT
Traci L. Clever*	USACE

*Attended by teleconference

ACTION BY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
INFO	1.	Peter Raskind began the meeting by asking if there were any comments or changes to the April 7, 2010 meeting minutes. No comments were put forth. Next Peter announced that the new President and CEO, William Friedman, will begin at the port June 1.
CITY/PORT	2.	The Pershing Road project was discussed. The question posed was when can material placement begin? John Hull stated the property transaction is moving forward; a meeting is scheduled for remaining issues with ArcelorMittal. Three parcels are affected; John Hull stated the City wants to close on all three at the same time. The materials management plan has been submitted to the State for comments; OEPA is drafting the response. The City will be contacted to determine the status of the real estate acquisition.
CITY	3.	Dike 10B – the USACE reported that their contractor has

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		<p>mobilized and is dewatering area. The area has been cleared all vegetation. Waiting for the City to finalize the land purchase from ArcelorMittal so material can be moved.</p>
INFO	4.	<p>Dike 9 – berm raising has started; haul road is being installed for the 10B contractor.</p>
INFO	5.	<p>The Working Group was formed at a meeting on April 23. OEPA, ODNR, ODOT, USACE, Cuyahoga River RAP, and the Port are participants; meeting minutes are out for review by subcommittee members. The subcommittee's next order of business is a thorough investigation of the top five recommended alternatives.</p>
INFO		<p>During the meeting two presentations were given. The first was by Nathan Creech of LaFarge. The LaFarge presentation discussed the option of disposing of dredge material in an idled limestone quarry on Kellys Island. The proposal entailed moving loaded barges from the mouth of the Cuyahoga River to Kellys Island, unloading dredged material into the quarry and returning the empty barges to Cleveland for a flat fee per yd³. Nathan stated that if ground water becomes an issue for residents on well water, LaFarge will connect those residents to City water. OEPA is reviewing suitability of filling the quarry with dredged material for the ultimate use as a park. This is one of the top five sites.</p>
INFO		<p>Steve Radel and Jeff Otto of HarborRock (HR) gave the second presentation. The presentation covered a process that would transform dredged sediments into lightweight aggregate. HR would set up the process equipment, run the operation, and market the end product. HR has proposed a test project and a pilot project which utilize actual dredge material from the Cuyahoga River.</p> <p>In each case, the contractor is looking for a long term commitment to make the process cost-effective.</p>
PORT	6.	<p>A question arose about the review of the 401 water quality certification application for proposed East 55th CDF. OEPA needs to act by August and is looking for feedback from the Port; should OEPA proceed with their environmental review, or will the application be withdrawn? The Port is currently re-evaluating the relocation and will respond after the new CEO becomes informed on the issue.</p>

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INFO	7.	The quarry on Kellys Island is owned by the Palladinos; LaFarge leases it. John Watkins researched the current reclamation requirements. The current plan does not require LaFarge to fill in the quarry. The ground water at the quarry is considered waters of the state and filling would need to be authorized by OEPA.
ALL	8.	<p>Mark Locker from ODOT talked about the second round of the Tiger grants. The government will offer a seminar June 17 and a webinar on June 18 on how to write a better grant request. \$600M will be available for the whole country, of which 25% has been requested to be available for ports. Pre-applications are due by 7/16 and finals are due 8/23. Awards will be no later than 9/16. Criteria for award will be based on safety, job creation, livability, sustainability, economic competitiveness, innovation, and partnership. The focus of the grants has been infrastructure. The grant dollars are not eligible to be used as the federal match for other grant requests.</p> <p>Is any aspect of the dredging issue suitable to support an application? Does a joint application with Toledo make sense?</p>
USACE	9.	Jim White talked about sediment interception upstream from the federal channel. Jim has a meeting Friday with Streamside Systems to discuss. Previous discussion has stated that their technique can intercept 300,000yd ³ per year in the natural sections of the river. Sediment would be pumped and dried to be used for other purposes.
INFO	10.	<p>Kellie Rotunno stated that NEORSD will have funding set aside for storm water demonstration projects. A pilot project that NEORSD could benefit from (related to sedimentation) could be funded.</p> <p>Their first interceptor project will generate 1.2M yd³ of virgin shale beginning in 2011 that needs to be disposed of. The search for sites for the dredged material may also help NEORSD identify a location for their burden.</p>
INFO	11.	The next meeting previously scheduled for June 2 has been changed to Wednesday June 9 at 3PM.

The above covers key points from the last meeting. Please forward your additions or corrections to Skip Jacobsen within five days from the issue date.

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Distribution: Attendees

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Guests that signed in:

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