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Mr. Roger Guenther
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Dear Mr. Guenther,

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA 2014) allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA Section 1002 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests a notification of feasibility study milestone schedules for all active studies that received Investigation appropriations since October 1, 2009 until June 10, 2014. Studies initiated after June 10, 2014, also require notification of five key milestones within 90 days of signing the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement.

This certified letter provides the current study schedule for the following 5 key milestones associated with the Houston Ship Channel Expansion and Channel Improvement Study:

1. Release of the Draft Feasibility Report: 18 May 2017
2. District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report: 10 May 2019
3. MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report: 10 Jun 2019
4. Civil Works Review Board: 12 July 2019
5. Signed Chief's Report: 28 October 2019

Schedules are based on the assumption of full-funding (Federal and non-Federal) over the course of the study. Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects.aspx> website. All schedules and missed deadlines will be submitted in an annual report to Congress. If you have any questions please contact Deputy Chief of Project Management, Mr. Byron Williams at 409-766-3140 or Project Manager Shakhar Misir at 409-766-3094 or e-mail shakhar.d.misir@usace.army.mil.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to Messrs. Mark Vincent and Richard Ruchhoeft, Port of Houston Authority, 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029-4326.

Sincerely,

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Commanding