

FACT SHEET
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

STUDY NAME AND STATE: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) -Brazos River to Port O'Connor, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Section 216, 1970 Flood Control Act

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>FEASIBILITY</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 4,850,000
Estimate Non-Federal Cost	0
Total Estimate Study Cost	\$ 4,850,000
Allocation Thru FY 2001	2,898,000
Allocation for FY 2002	510,000
Budget Request for FY 2003	225,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2003	1,217,000
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2003	887,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The study area includes approximately 71 miles of the GIWW navigation project in Brazoria, Matagorda, and Victoria Counties, from the Brazos River to Port O'Connor, Texas. The purpose of the study is address operational and environmental problems identified by users. The study includes addressing problems at Caney Creek, Jones Creek, San Bernard River, and the Bank Erosion along miles 408-420 and 446-451.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2002: Conduct engineering analyses of the problem areas at Caney Creek, San Bernard River, Jones Creek and the Bank Erosion along miles 408-420 and 446-451.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: FY03 Budget Request of \$225,000 would be used to continue analyses of the problem areas at Caney Creek, San Bernard, Jones Creek and the Bank Erosion. Additional funding of \$662,000 could be used to advance completion of the feasibility study by twelve months.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The GIWW, main channel, is 12-foot deep by 125-foot wide, and ties all of the deep-water ports of Texas to the Nation's inland waterway system. Since the existing channel was completed in the 1940's, vessel sizes have changed and portions of the waterway have become difficult to navigate thus increasing travel time and transportation costs.

LOCAL SPONSOR: State of Texas.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congressmen **Paul** (TX-14), **DeLay** (TX-22)

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