

FACT SHEET
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Senate Document 99, 90th Congress, 2nd Session.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

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Allocation thru FY 2002	\$3,553,262
Allocation for FY 2003	\$5,572,000
Budget Request for FY 2004	\$6,650,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located in the vicinities of Port Aransas, Ingleside and Corpus Christi in Nueces, San Patricio and Aransas Counties, Texas. It provides for a deep draft channel that extends from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico through a jettied entrance channel and across Corpus Christi Bay, 34.1 miles inland to the Viola Turning Basin. The Channel to LaQuinta is a deep draft spur channel 5.7 miles in length. Mooring facilities (45 X 200 X 5,300 feet) are located across the channel at Ingleside. The project also provides a shallow draft channel to Port Aransas and the Jewel Fulton Canal. The project reaches and dimensions are tabulated below:

Outer Bar Channel to Inner Basin	47-45 X 600-700 feet
Inner Basin to Industrial Canal	45 X 400-800 feet
Industrial Canal to Viola Turning Basin	45 X 300-1200 feet
Channel to LaQuinta and LaQuinta Turning Basin	45 X 300-1200 feet
Channel to Port Aransas	12 X 100-400 feet
Jewel Fulton Canal & Turning Basin	12 X 100-200 feet

PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR FY 2003: FY03 funds would be used for maintenance dredging of the from the Main Turning Basin to Viola Turning Basin, major repairs to PA#6, maintenance dredging of the Entrance Channel, and initiating the contract to repair the South Jetty.

PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR FY 2004: FY04 funds would be used for completion of repairs to the South Jetty, maintenance dredging of the LaQuinta Channel and Turning Basin, and maintenance dredging from the Inner Basin to the LaQuinta Junction.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Statistics compiled for calendar year 1997 show a movement of 173,600,000 tons of commerce.

LOCAL SPONSOR: The Port of Corpus Christi Authority

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Cornyn** and **Hutchison**, (TX) Congressman **Ortiz** (TX-27) and **Hinojosa** (TX-15)

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