

DISTRICT: Galveston

DATE: January 3, 2003

PROJECT NAME: Chocolate Bayou Channel, Texas

LOCATION: The project is located between Galveston and Freeport in Brazoria County, Texas.

CURRENT FUNDING CATEGORY: Operations and Maintenance, General

DESCRIPTION: The project provides a shallow draft channel from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at Mile 376 through Chocolate Bay and Chocolate Bayou to a point 8.2 miles north of Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The project dimensions are 12 x 125 feet. Maintenance of the project to authorized dimensions is a Federal responsibility. Safe and efficient commercial navigation is of national interest.

FUNDING STATUS:

Expenditure for FY 02:	\$576,257.73
Obligation for FY 03:	\$ 0.00
Proposed President's Budget for FY 04:	\$ 0.00

COMPLETED OPERATIONS FOR FY 02: Maintenance dredging. Initiate Project Study Plan for Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP).

PROJECTED FOR FY 03: Maintenance dredging. Proceeded with Project Study Plan for DMMP Decision Document.

PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR FY 04: Decision Document finalization; Higher Headquarters' Approval; Project Cooperation Agreement and DMMP Implementation.

LOCAL CONTACTS: The Brazoria County Conservation and Reclamation District No. 3 is the local project sponsor.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: No FY04 funding. Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Statistics compiled for calendar year 1996 show a movement of 3,845,000 tons of commerce. Three of five upland placement sites may not be available for future channel maintenance, therefore, new areas will be required prior to the next dredging, which is scheduled for FY 04.

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