

FACT SHEET
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Houston Ship Channel, Texas.

AUTHORIZATION: House Document 101 (30), PL 104-303.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

	<u>O&M</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$13,539,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	0
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$13,539,000
Allocation thru FY 2002	\$2,825,256
Allocation for FY 2003	\$7,735,000
Budget Request for FY 2004	\$13,539,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2004	N/A
Amount that could be Used in FY 2004	\$16,289,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located in the vicinities of Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, Jacinto City, Galena Park, and La Porte in Galveston and Harris Counties, Texas. The Houston Ship Channel is a 54.0 mile long deep draft waterway which extends from Bolivar Roads near Galveston, Texas, north through Galveston Bay, the San Jacinto River, and Buffalo Bayou to a Main Turning Basin at Houston, Texas. The project also includes a 6.5 mile long shallow draft reach. The Light Draft Channel extends upstream of the Main Turning Basin.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: O&M costs related to maintenance material for new work (H-GNC) on Upper Bayou, Lower Bayou, Upper Bay and MidBay. Levee repairs to House-Stimson placement area. Continue Disposal Area Management activities to provide increased placement capacity.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2004: Maintenance dredging of Greens Bayou to Sims Bayou, Entrance Channel and Sims Bayou to the Turning Basin. O&M costs related to maintenance material for new work (H-GNC) on Goat Island contract. Continue levee repairs on Clinton placement area.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Maintenance of the project to authorized dimensions is a Federal responsibility. Safe and efficient commercial navigation is of national interest. Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Significant factors that impact the maintenance effort are depletion of placement areas and archeological concerns. Statistics compiled for Calendar Year 1996 show a movement of 148,183,000 tons of commerce.

LOCAL SPONSOR: Port of Houston.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Cornyn** and **Hutchison**, (TX) Congressman **Lampson** (TX-9), **Bell** (TX-25), **Green** (TX-29)

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