



Channel to Harlingen, TX

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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

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AUTHORIZATION: House Doc. 402, 77th Cong., 1st Session

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation



PROJECT PHASE: O&M

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn (TX), Representatives Farenthold (TX-27), and Hinojosa (TX-15)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port of Harlingen Authority

BACKGROUND: The project is located in the vicinity of Rio Hondo and Harlingen in Cameron and Willacy Counties, Texas. The project consists of a channel 25.8 miles long, 12 feet deep and 125 feet wide. The channel extends from its junction with the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway through the Arroyo Colorado to the turning basin at Harlingen. It also includes a barge-mooring basin near the channel's junction with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The inability to maintain the project to the authorized depth will cause safety hazards and severe economic loss to the agricultural and petrochemical industries in the region.

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STATUS: Activities completed in FY11 were dredging storm related material and partially returning placement area to pre-storm conditions.

ISSUES: Numerous storms and increased flooding have used up capacity in our confined upland placement areas. Specifically, PA 7, 2 and 15 will require incremental levee raising as a result of the unanticipated material. In addition, PA 7 and 8 have encroachment issues and only part of PA 8 is accessible. These damages increase the need for incrementally levee raising. Over 90% of all fertilizer products and 70% of all gasoline products for south Texas arrive by barge through the Port of Harlingen. Maintenance of the project is a Federal responsibility. Without usable PA's, this project will not be maintained due to lack of disposal capacity.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

		<u>O&M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate		N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate		N/A
Total Project Cost		N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	\$5,018,000	<u>1/</u>
ARRA Funding	0	
Allocation for FY 2011	1,274,000	<u>2/</u>
Allocation for FY 2012	0	
President Budget FY 2013	0	
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	4,125,000	
Balance to Complete		N/A

1/ Includes \$2,984,000 in Supplemental Funding

2/ All Supplemental Funding

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY 2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY 2013 budget. If funding became available it could allow for the dredging of the Main Channel to the Turning Basin to advance maintenance (\$4,125,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project/study completion date is N/A.

For more information regarding the Channel to Harlingen, TX project, contact Mr. Pete Perez, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, Chief, Programs and Project Management Division at (409) 766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.



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