



# Corpus Christi Ship Channel, TX

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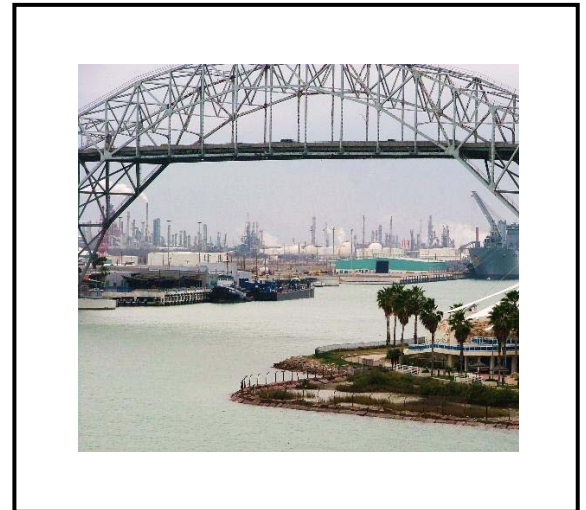
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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

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

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Navigation

**PROJECT PHASE:** O&M



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

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Port of Corpus Christi Authority

**BACKGROUND:** The Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC) is a 45-ft deep channel that extends from the Gulf of Mexico 34 miles into the Port of Corpus Christi. The Port of Corpus Christi is ranked 5th in the nation for tonnage shipped. The CCSC is utilized by high commercial and recreational traffic - oil tankers, barges, and private fishing and recreational vessels that share navigation in the area. Maintenance of the channel to project and advance maintenance depths are critical for oil and product tankers transiting to/from all the refineries in Corpus Christi, and to the increased need for full channel limits to accommodate new tension-leg platform (TLP) and semi-submersible oil rigs utilizing the channel. The major commodities that come through the port include crude oil, gasoline, fuel oil, bauxite, feed stock, and wheat. The Port of Corpus Christi will see a substantial increase in tonnage by the export of coal as New ELK Coal Company, a U.S. subsidiary of Cline Mine Corporation out of Toronto, Canada will begin using the port as its port of export to Europe, Brazil and Asia.

**STATUS:** FY11 activities included limited dredging of Inner Basin to Beacon 82, and completion of Disposal Area Management Practices (DAMP) at Placement Area (PA) 1 and PA 2.

**ISSUES:** Additional funding is needed to repair levees at Cell A placement area in the Inner Harbor. Previous storm events and wave action have eroded the PA levees adjacent to Nueces Bay. Environmental concerns may occur if maintenance material erodes into the bay.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):**

	<u>O&amp;M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	\$5,696,000 <u>1/</u>
ARRA Funding	4,993,000
Allocation for FY 2011	6,737,000
Allocation for FY 2012	5,795,000
President Budget FY 2013	8,129,000
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	8,129,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

1/ Includes \$1,264,000 in FCCE Funding

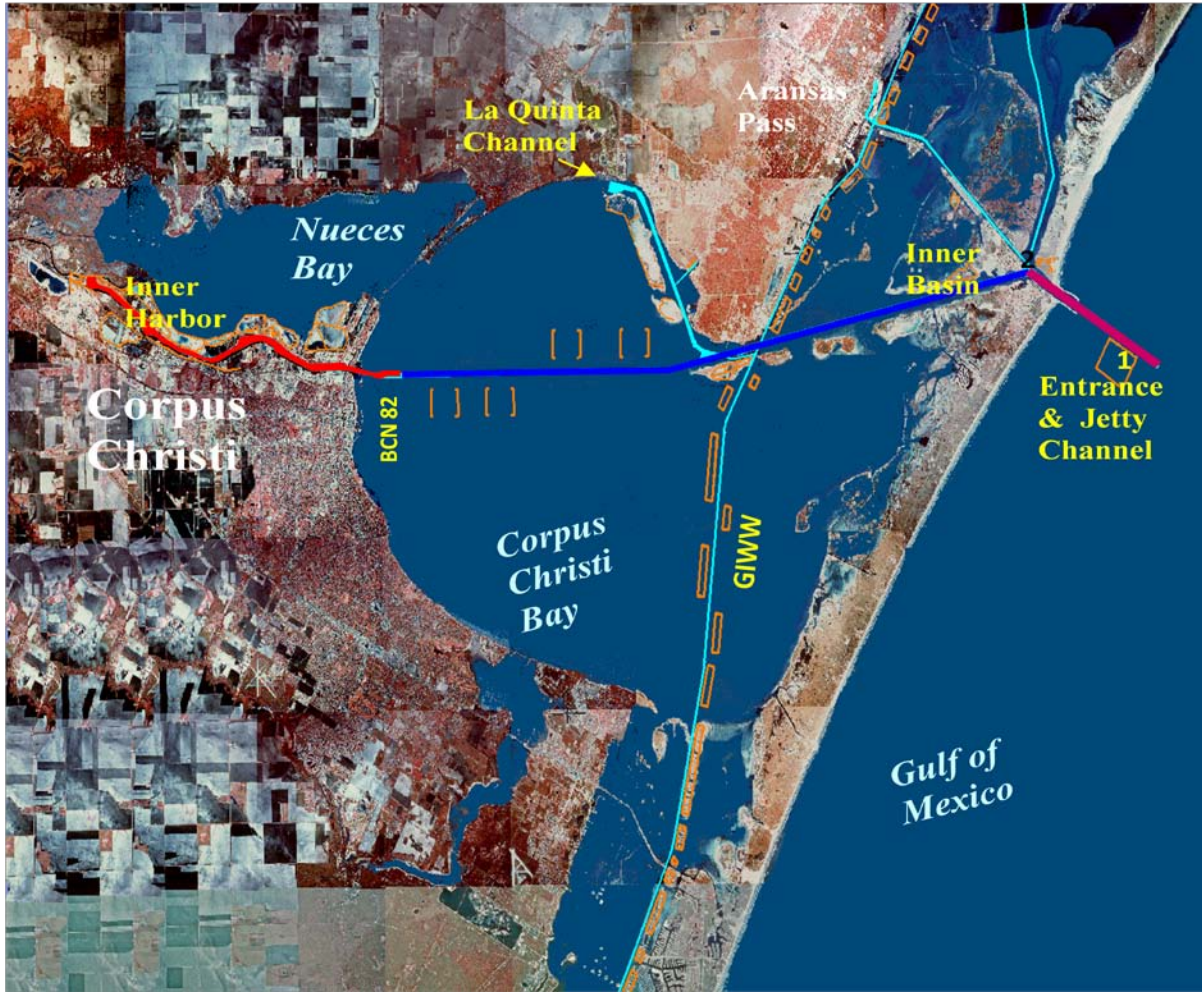
**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2012 Scheduled Work:** FY 2012 activities include dredging from Beacon 82 to Main Turning Basin and critical shoal areas not addressed in the FY11 limited Inner Basin to Beacon 82 dredging contract.

**FY 2013 Budget:** FY 2013 activities include dredging the Entrance and Jetty Channel to advance maintenance depth (\$4,900,000) and repair levees at Cell A placement area (\$3,229,000).

**COMPLETION:** N/A

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