



**FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012**

**AUTHORIZATION:** House Doc. 289, 93rd Cong., 2nd Sess.

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Navigation

**PROJECT PHASE:** O&M



**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX), Representative Paul (TX-14)

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Port Freeport

**BACKGROUND:** This navigation project is located in the vicinity of Freeport, in Brazoria County, Texas. The project is a deep draft channel 8.5 miles in length extending from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico through a jettied entrance channel to the Upper Turning Basin.

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**STATUS:** FY11 activities included dredging Entrance Channel to project- and advance-maintenance depths.

**ISSUES:** Additional rehabilitation work and Disposal Area Management Practices (DAMP) activities on Placement Area (PA) 1 will be required to provide adequate PA capacity for future work. The non-Federal sponsor obtained a permit to widen the channel from 45 x 400 feet to 45 x 600 feet. The non-Federal Sponsor has requested that USACE assume maintenance once the channel widening is complete. Adequate funding will need to be received to maintain the new dimensions (Assumption of Maintenance). Without this funding, the new Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) vessels will not be able to safely navigate to the berthing facilities. The Port of Freeport handles 29.6 million tons of commerce annually, (16th in foreign tonnage and 27th overall) and this will increase with the new LNG terminals that came on-line in 2008.

**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	\$3,264,000 <u>1/</u>
Allocation for FY 2011	3,487,000
Allocation for FY 2012	4,702,000
President Budget FY 2013	8,848,000
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	17,891,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

1/ - Includes \$145,000 in Supplemental Funding

**SCHEDULE:**

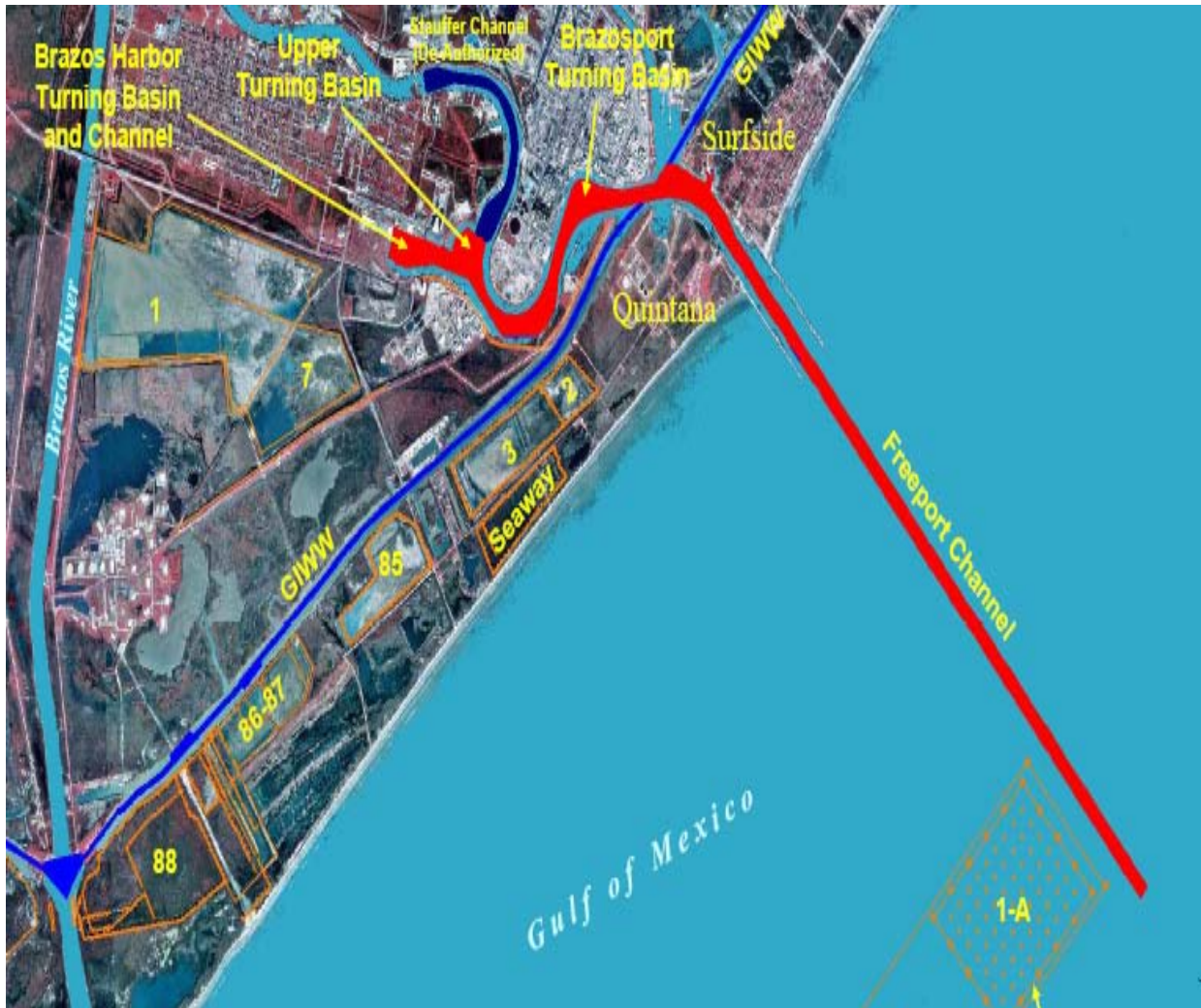
**FY 2012 Scheduled Work:** FY 12 activities include dredging Entrance Channel to project- and advance-maintenance depths and assessing current placement area capacities against 20-year dredge material placement requirements.

**FY 2013 Budget:** FY13 activities include dredging the Freeport Entrance Channel to advance-maintenance depth (\$5,450,000), completing a Preliminary Assessment on PA capacities (\$175,000) and dredging within the Inner Harbor to project depth (\$3,223,000). Additional funding could be utilized to perform dredging within the Inner Harbor to advanced-maintenance depth (\$2,306,000), Entrance Channel Assumption of Maintenance to project depth (\$3,729,000) and to advanced-maintenance depth (\$3,008,000).

**COMPLETION:** N/A

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