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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUPPORT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation of Automated Dredging Quality Assurance Monitoring - Update

1. Implementation of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers automated dredging quality assurance monitoring program known as Silent Inspector (SI) was directed in an April 2006 memo, subject as above. This memo is an update and revision of my April 2006 memo. The mission of the SI program remains to provide standardized Corps-wide technical support of dredging through automated tools and services and to evolve these capabilities to meet our growing needs, including management of threatened and endangered species, overdepth dredging and dredged material placement tracking.
2. Considerable progress has been made on the SI program since my April 2006 memo. SI has been implemented on hopper and scow dredging operations. Testing and development of the pipeline dredge application continues. A SI Board of Directors has been established and met to identify and address actions. The SI Board has reviewed the SI funding approach and proposes a revision to a daily rate based on the number of days the dredge is on the job. The number of dredging days will be established based on information provided in the Dredging Information System (DIS) and adjusted at the completion of dredging for the actual number of days. It is imperative that timely, accurate dredging information be entered into DIS. Fiscal Year 2008 and subsequent years dredging contract information is to be loaded into DIS by 31 October 2007 and by 31 August in subsequent years. The SI daily rate is to be applied to the use of Corps minimum fleet hopper dredges. Exceptions to this program as stated in the memo shall be directed to the SI Board of Directors for approval on a case by case request.
3. Effective 1 October 2007 and continuing until further notice from this office, all Corps hopper and scow dredging contracts are required to incorporate SI into their monitoring plan and to fund the SI estimated amount using the approach identified above. The daily rate will be issued by the SI Board of Directors by 1 November 2007 and no later than 1 October in subsequent years. These funds are to be sent to Mobile District at the initial award of the contract. For dredging contracts that use incremental funding or base bids with options the SI funds are to be provided when the contractual funds are obligated. For implementation or other assistance, contact Mr. Eddie Culpepper, the SI Program Manager, at telephone number (251) 690-3467.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don T. Riley".

DON T. RILEY  
Major General, USA  
Director of Civil Works