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Calumet Harbor & River, IL and IN Chicago Area Confined Disposal Facility (Chicago Area CDF)



Project Description

- Navigation Project Served: Chicago Harbor, Chicago River, Calumet River and Harbor
- The facility is co-owned by the Illinois International Port District and the Chicago Park District.
- The facility is operated and maintained by the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- The Chicago Area CDF is an in-lake facility attached to land in Chicago, IL. The CDF is located at the mouth of the Calumet River, adjacent to the Illinois International Port's Iroquois Landing Facility.
- The Chicago Area CDF has an area of 42 acres, a total constructed capacity of 1,300,000 cubic yards and receives about 50,000 cubic yards annually. The Chicago CDF reached the volume anticipated within the original project authorization in 2014. Facility life-extension measures have been employed to allow channel maintenance to continue through 2022.
- The Chicago Area CDF Vertical Expansion will provide an additional 1,030,000 CY of capacity (or about 20 years once the expansion is completed). The CDF currently has approximately less than 5 years of capacity remaining.
- Non-Federal interests may use this disposal facility if they are located in the areas identified within the original project authorization. This includes the Calumet River, Chicago Harbor, and portions of the Chicago River. Non-Federal users must demonstrate that the material being provided is environmentally consistent or superior to the material already confined, and will pay a tipping fee.

Project Authority

- The facility was constructed in 1984 under the authority of Section 123 of the River and Harbor Act of 1970, Public Law 91-611, as amended.

Beneficial Use Information

- The material in this site has a mixed grain size.
- The approved Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) allows for unconfined upland placement for the outer harbor material. Dredged material from the harbor is currently being stockpiled at the facility for future beneficial use.
- For more information about beneficial use opportunities, please contact the Corps of Engineers using the contact information at the bottom of this fact sheet.

Congressional Interest

- Representative Robin Kelly D-IL-2
- Senator Richard Durbin D-IL
- Senator Tammy Duckworth D-IL

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