

Appendix C:

Memo Describing Beneficial Use Assumptions

MEMORADUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: Pool 6 DMMP, Anticipated Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

1. This memo for record is to document the anticipated beneficial use of dredged material from a Corps of Engineers owned and/or operated long-term dredged material placement site in Pool 6.

2. History:

Since the mid-to-late 1970's the Corps has been placing dredged material at various places along the river in Pool 6 as a way of managing our dredged material. With the establishment of the various National Environmental Policy Act laws & regulations, our management practices changed to the upland placement of our dredged material.

In order to manage our dredged material upland, we needed to either purchase property or enter into real estate agreements with local property owners. Fortunately, there were property owners willing to enter into no-charge agreements with us for the placement of our dredged material on their property; their only compensation was that they assumed ownership of the material and could manage it in their best interest (i.e. sell it). This practice worked successfully until the 2013 dredging season when both of our main dredged material placement site owners indicated that they were no longer going to accept our dredged material for various reasons. This left us with no viable placement sites for the material dredged in Pool 6 without additional transportation expenses.

3. With the property owners indicating they no-longer wanted our material, we needed to begin the process of identifying possible long-term placement sites. A key factor in identifying a new site is that we would like the site to be owned and/or managed by the Corps so we do not have this issue again.

4. If we acquire a Corps owned and/or operated site we anticipate a successful beneficial use program because of the following:

- Since 2003 we've generate over 723,000cy of material in Pool 6 and the majority of it has been used/removed for beneficial use purposes
- A Corps owned/operated site would be open on a 1st come-1st served basis and all of the material would be available for free.
- The following is a list of the anticipated beneficial users: Winona, Buffalo, and Trempealeau Counties; the cities of Winona, Fountain City, Goodview, and Minnesota City, the community of Bluff Siding; contractors including Ames, CD Corp, Durnen, Mathy, Pozanc, Schwab, Wapasha; and the general public.

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