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FACT SHEET

**Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority,
Proposed Dock Facility Expansion
Department of the Army (DA) Processing No. 2015-01216**
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA)
Regulatory

Location

- Port of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York

Project Description

- The Port Authority proposes to expand their existing main dock approximately 500 linear feet to accommodate greater capacity from the anticipated USACE deepening of the Federal Channel

Congressional Interests

- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kristen Gillibrand D-NY
- Representative Elise Stefanik R-NY-21

Project Sponsor

- Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA)

Project Manager

- Bridget Brown (716-879-6329)

Current Status

The Corps, along with other involved federal and state agencies met with OBPA on 3 DEC 2015, to discuss the proposed project. A subsequent meetings were held on 5 AUG & 20 DEC 2016 with OBPA and the Corps to discuss updates to the proposed federal and non-federal projects. No permit application has been received to date.

Issues

- The proposed dock expansion will require the placement of fill into waters of the US and will require authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The proposed work will likely require a standard individual permit, which is generally estimated to have an approximately 120 day review period following the receipt of a complete application.
- OBPA has received funds for the expansion project and would like to construct simultaneously with the proposed Federal channel deepening (USACE Section 107 Continuing Authorities Program project).
- Corps identified a portion of the dredging adjacent to the dock that could not be covered by the federal project, which will be funded by OBPA as an add-on to the federal contract. Federal project estimated to commence in early 2018.
- Dredging work also found to require blasting which poses an issue to original schedule to construct dock expansion first. Resulting in an issue with the ability to complete work prior to expiration of funds. OBPA has hired engineering firm and will explore construction alternatives for work schedule.
- Due to the scale of the proposed project, there may be comment from other resource agencies such as the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Path Forward

- OBPA has not yet provided a schedule of when a permit application will be submitted to the Corps.
- Corps PM suggested pre-application meeting as soon as more project details are known to aid in reduction of potential delays during permit process.

Background

OBPA has received State funds to undertake an expansion of their existing port facility. The expansion will include a 500 lineal foot extension of the existing dock in order to accommodate larger vessels. The expansion project is not directly associated with the proposed USACE 107 project. However, due to potential economic savings, OBPA is planning to have both projects occur simultaneously.

