Environmental Compliance Readiness

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Beneficial Use of Dredged Material to Create Emergent Tidal Marsh in Upper Mobile Bay

LOCATION

Alabama

SPONSOR(S)

Department of the Army

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation):

Planning and Implementation

REVIEWED BY:

John Ettinger

DATE:

December 22, 2014

If Planning and/or Technical Assistance

1. Does the submission identify environmental laws potentially applicable at the implementation stage:

(●) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

Comments

A range of environmental laws could apply to the proposed activity, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Magnuson-Stevens Act, Clean Water Act and more. The Council could consider funding the planning portion of this submission separately from the implementation portion. If the planning portion of the submission is funded, the Council recommends the sponsor coordinate as early as possible with federal and state regulatory agencies to confirm all applicable regulatory requirements have been identified and help ensure such requirements are addressed as efficiently as possible. NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.

If Implementation

1. Status of compliance with environmental laws applicable to a Council decision to include the submission on the Funded Priority List:

Compliance with NEPA and other potentially applicable environmental laws has not been completed for this submission. The Council could fund Phase I of this proposed project (i.e., the planning portion), which would include completion of these environmental compliance activities. As noted above, NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.