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This document presents the results of a comprehensive 3-year coordinated effort to develop a Navigation Management Plan for the Port of Hampton Roads, Virginia, hereinafter referred to as the "Plan." The authority for preparation of the Plan is provided by Section 201(a) of Public Law 99-662, the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA 86), enacted on November 17, 1986, as a part of the Norfolk Harbor and Channels, Virginia project. The Plan's development was directed by the Norfolk District, Army Corps of Engineers in conjunction with the Virginia Port Authority (VPA), the local sponsor. It involved the participation of over 400 stakeholders to provide for the most efficient management of the port's navigation features and to ensure that these features effectively accommodate future development and growth.

Presentation of the Plan is included in a main report supplemented by appropriate appendixes. The main report is divided into six sections. Section I provides the introductory information including the purpose and goals of the Plan, a description of the port complex, the identification of stakeholders, a description of the coordination process, and a general outline of the content of the Plan. Section II presents a discussion of the Corps of Engineers navigation projects that are located in the Hampton Roads harbor area. Section III describes pertinent current and previously studied projects and potential future studies/projects by the Corps of Engineers within the port and vicinity. Section IV presents general and specific navigation-related constraints, problems, needs, and opportunities identified within the port. Section V presents alternative solutions for addressing the primary concerns identified in Section IV. Finally, Section VI concludes with a description of a long-range plan to best accommodate the future management and development of the port's navigation features. The appendixes include eight sections providing pertinent, detailed information to support the main report.

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