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# **Corps to begin Buckroe Beach nourishment project**

**Hampton, VA** – Later this month a massive dredge located two miles offshore is expected to begin pumping 281,000 cubic yards of sand onto Buckroe Beach in Hampton. This \$3.7 million nourishment project will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Norfolk District and the City of Hampton.

**Date and Time:** Members of the media will have the opportunity to visit the project site on Tuesday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. for interviews and an up-close look at the work.

**Place:** Buckroe Beach Gazebo, in Hampton.

**Background Information:** The sand, equivalent to approximately 28,000 dump truck loads, will stretch along 3,800 linear feet and extend the public beach to a dry beach width of between 135 and 210 feet. This will return the beach to about the same dimensions as a 1990 city nourishment project.

Also included in the project is nourishment of the Salt Ponds beach, which is entirely funded by the City. An additional 100,000 cubic yards of sand will be added there.

To ensure public safety, the sand being transported onto the beach will be channeled through filtering mechanisms that are designed to screen and remove items that could be a potential public hazard.

The project will be a 7-day-a-week/24-hour operation conducted by Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company. The company is using their large dredge *Illinois*, which has been previously used in nourishment projects in Ocean City, Md., Brevard County, Fl. and San Diego, Ca. It was also used to dredge the port of Iraq.

During the operation Buckroe Beach will primarily be closed to ensure public safety. The material will have a darker color when first pumped onto the beach but over time will be bleached by the sun. The project is expected to be completed by early May, in time for the beach season at Buckroe.

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