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COMMANDER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM WRD 25-03

SUBJECT: Norfolk District Policy Restricting Public Access to the Craney Island Dredge Material Management Area

1. Reference: Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter III, Part 327 (36 CFR Part 327).

2. Purpose: To establish policy with regard to restricting public access to the Norfolk District Craney Island Dredge Material Management Area (CIDMMA) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 327, as detailed below. The CIDMMA is a water resources development project owned, operated, and managed by the Norfolk District. The property boundary of the CIDMMA is depicted on the enclosed map.

3. Description of the Norfolk District Water Resource Project:

a. Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area: The CIDMMA is comprised of a dredged material placement area approximately 2,500 acres in size, the adjacent waters extending approximately 1,000 feet from the shoreline, a rehandling basin with access channels extending to the Norfolk Harbor Channel, a berthing area with a sheet-pile bulkhead facility and access channel, armor stone breakwaters, concrete rubble shore protection, approximately 12 miles of paved and un-paved roads, administrative office building, mechanic shop, engineer equipment storage building, and other storage and maintenance facilities. Also included in the CIDMMA is the Craney Island Eastward Expansion Project (CIEE) which includes containment dikes to be constructed parallel and perpendicular to the shoreline along the east side of the CIDMMA.

b. CIDMMA Restricted Area: For the purposes of this policy, any references to the "CIDMMA Restricted Area" includes the CIDMMA property boundary as noted above and a 500-foot buffer to the east of the CIEE project footprint. The CIDMMA Restricted Area is depicted on Figure 1.0 below and the enclosed map and described herein (latitude and longitude provided in decimal degrees; datum WGS84): The restricted area includes all upland portions of CIDMMA and waters within an area beginning 1000-ft from the western shoreline at latitude 36.89575005° N, longitude -76.3913472° W; thence in a northerly direction to latitude 36.92743748° N, longitude -76.38897064° W; continuing in an easterly direction to latitude 36.92683342° N, longitude -76.35559649° W; thence in a northeasterly direction to latitude 36.92794125° N, longitude -76.34550086° W, continuing in a southerly direction to latitude 36.90014793° N, longitude -76.34073911° W; thence in an westerly direction to latitude 36.89895736° N,

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longitude -76.34706554° W; thence southerly to a point 1000-ft from the east shoreline at 36.89436707° N, longitude -76.34626329° W; and continuing westerly on land to the point of origin; and including approximately 127-acres of federal property southeasterly to the point of origin.



Figure 1.0 - Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area (CIDMMA) Restricted Area

4. CIDMMA Restricted Public Access Policy: Access to the CIDMMA by the general public, including access within 1000-feet of the shoreline and within 500-feet of the CIEE containment dikes, is strictly prohibited pursuant to Sections 36 CFR § 327.12(a). Only access authorized by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager is allowed and must be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of each Section. The rules and regulations set forth in 36 CFR § 327.9 through § 327.30 remain in full force and effect where applicable and shall be adhered to by any persons with authorized access to the

CIDMMA. In addition to the general public access prohibition, the following activities are also specifically prohibited:

a. § 327.2 Vehicles: Public vehicle access to the CIDMMA Restricted Area is strictly prohibited. Only vehicles authorized by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager are allowed to operate on CIDMMA and in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Section.

b. § 327.3 Vessels: Public vessel access is prohibited within CIDMMA Restricted Area since this property is an active construction site and due to unmarked underwater hazards. Only vessels with authorized access by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager are allowed to operate within 1000 feet of the CIDMMA shoreline and 500 feet of the CIEE containment dikes and in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Section.

c. § 327.4 Aircraft: The operation of aircraft, including drones, by the general public within the CIDMMA Restricted Area is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager. Authorized aircraft must operate in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Section. This provision shall not be applicable to aircraft engaged on official business of Federal, state or local governments or law enforcement agencies, aircraft used in emergency rescue in accordance with the directions of the District Commander or aircraft forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.

d. § 327.5 Swimming: Swimming is strictly prohibited within the CIDMMA Restricted Area since this property is an active construction site and due to unmarked underwater hazards.

e. § 327.6 Picnicking: Picnicking is strictly prohibited within the CIDMMA Restricted Area since this property is an active construction site.

f. § 327.7 Camping: Camping is strictly prohibited within the CIDMMA Restricted Area since this property is an active construction site.

g. § 327.8 Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping: In order to assure the public's safety and to protect historic and natural resources, hunting, fishing, and trapping is strictly prohibited within the CIDMMA Restricted Area, unless as required by official federal business and/or authorized by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager. Authorized hunting, fishing, and trapping shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Section.

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h. § 327.9 through § 327.30: The rules and regulations set forth in these Sections remain in full force and effect where applicable and shall be adhered to by any persons with authorized access to the CIDMMA by the District Commander, Water Resources Division Chain of Command, and/or CIDMMA Facilities Manager.

5. Signage: Signs will be installed along the property boundary of the CIDMMA as deemed appropriate, to notify and protect the public of any restrictions noted above. Signs shall be in accordance with the Corps of Engineers Sign Standards Manual and other local or state requirements.

6. Charting: The CIDMMA restricted area will be charted on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) navigational charts to notify the public of this restricted area policy and to allow for enforcement of unauthorized access by local, state, or federal officials.

7. Duration: This policy remains in effect unless revised or rescinded.

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