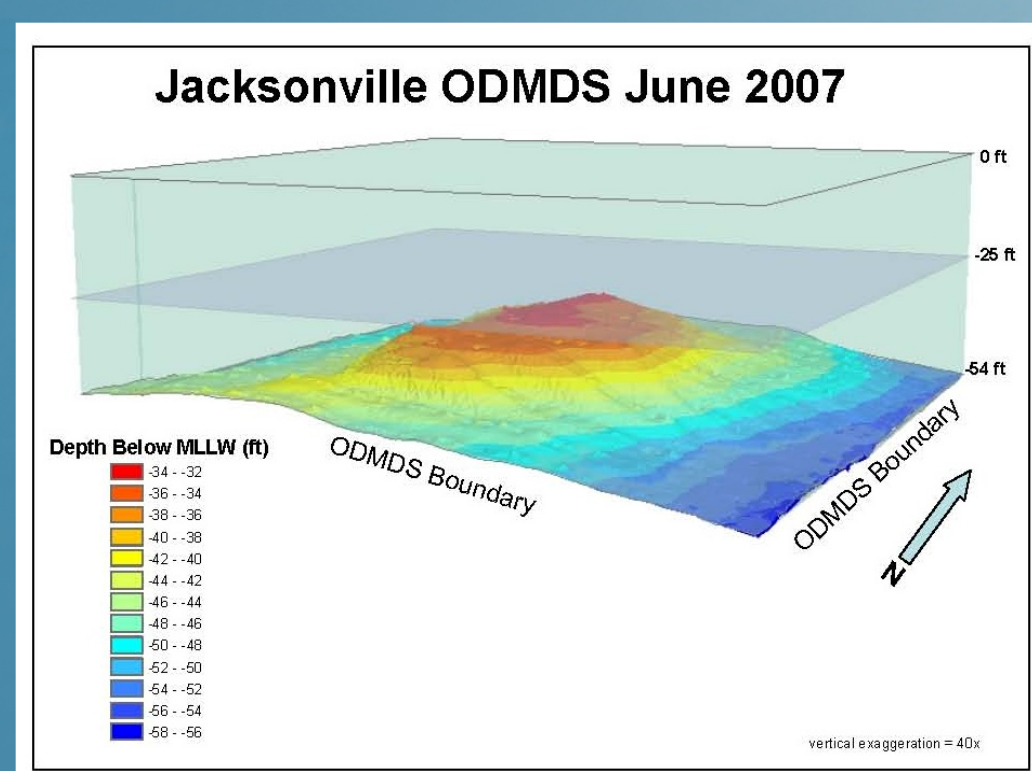


STUDY OVERVIEW

THE JACKSONVILLE ODMDS

The existing Jacksonville Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) is located approximately 5 nautical miles (NM) southeast of the mouth of the St. Johns River. It is approximately 1 NM by 1 NM in size with depths in the release zone ranging from 30 to 55 feet (see map in the lower right).



The Site Material Management Plan for the Jacksonville ODMDS maintains that the material remain below -25 feet MLLW for safe navigation.

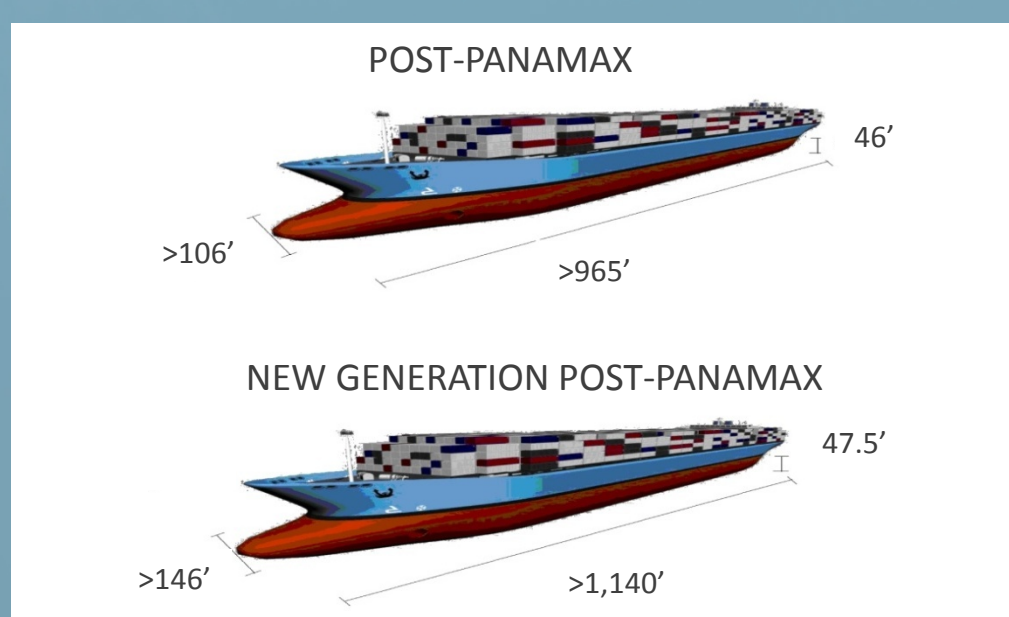
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) operate under a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines their integrated responsibilities related to ODMDS site designation. To ensure an economical, and operationally feasible siting, a Zone of Siting Feasibility (ZSF) is completed. The alternative sites undergo a rigorous environmental examination documented in an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL OR EXPANDED ODMDS

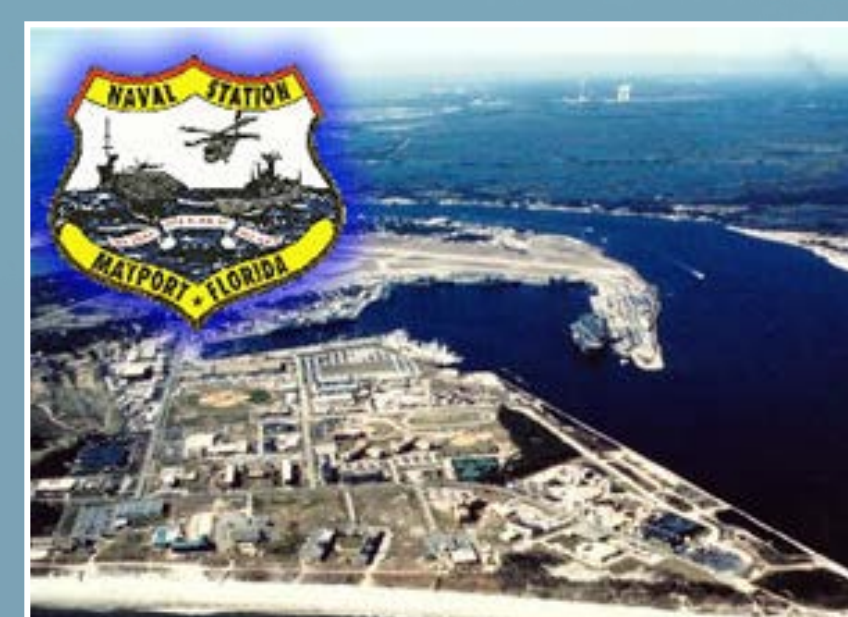
The Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP) for the Jacksonville ODMDS requires measures to be taken when established criteria reaches a threshold warning that disposal capacity is limited. The need for expanding current ODMDS capacity is based on:

- Observed mounding in the existing ODMDS
- Future capacity modeling
- Historical dredging volumes
- Estimated future projects.

Changed conditions along the Federal channel have resulted in a need for expanded ODMDS capacity. Management practices related to confined uplands and recycling of dredged materials for beneficial uses; shoaling; new work required to meet the needs of a growing economy, to ensure our national defense, or simply to address new technology - all provide examples of the many variables that may impact capacity needs.



New Technology Resulting in Larger and Deeper Draft Vessels



Mayport Naval Station Supporting National Defense

SITE DESIGNATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION

In keeping with applicable environmental laws such as National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and Title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, proposed ODMDS alternatives are carefully screened based on data related to:

- Threatened and Endangered Species (i.e., North Atlantic Right Whale, sea turtles, etc.)
- Hardbottoms and other geographically limited benthic habitat
- Essential Fish Habitat
- Commercial Fisheries (i.e., shrimping)
- Socioeconomic conditions
- Recreation



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comments/Questions

US Army Corps of Engineers
Environmental Branch
Jacksonville District

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Participate Today

Please assist us in identifying community-specific issues relative to the Jacksonville ODMDS Siting Analysis by providing us with your comments. Every comment will be evaluated and will help us continue to make informed decisions as we prepare the final determination regarding the site.

Please submit your comments by to ensure their use in the final report:

1. Using a comment sheet provided here today;
2. Writing and mailing them to:

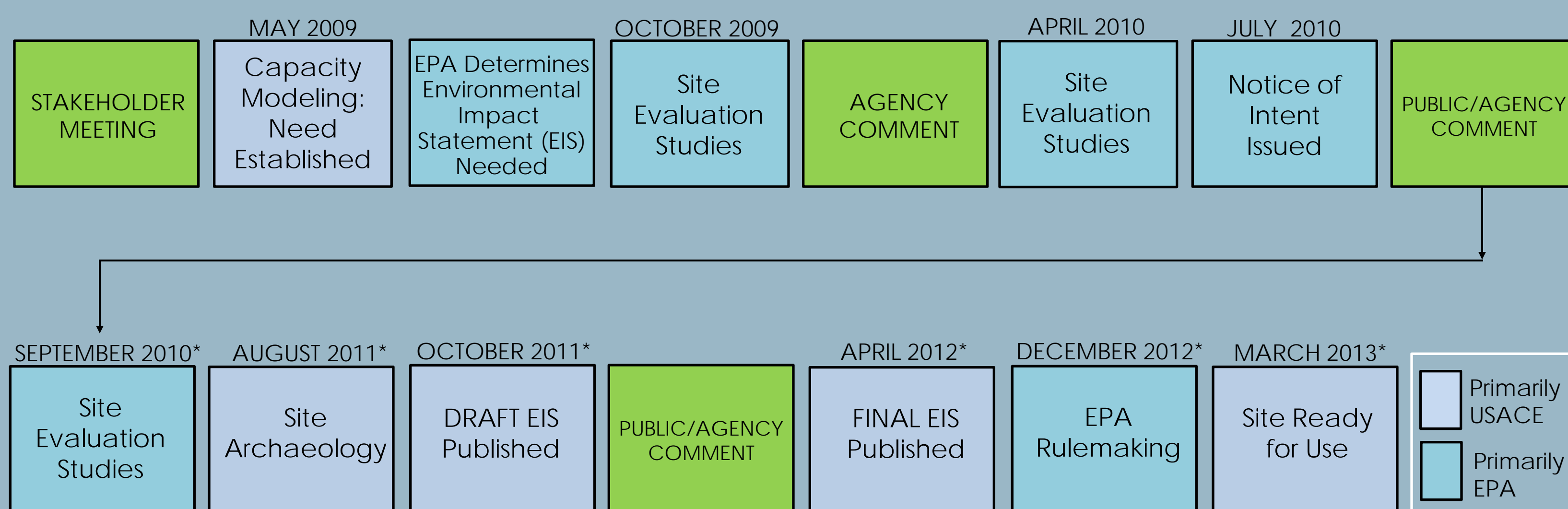
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019
Attention: Ms. April Patterson (CESAJ-PD-EC)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attention: Mr. Chris McArthur
Coordinator, Wetlands and Marine Regulatory Section

Participate in the Future

The results of the ODMDS analyses will be published in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be available for public review and comment. You can continue to participate in the planning of this project by reviewing and commenting on the draft document.

Schedule (*anticipated dates)



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON OUR MAILING LIST SO WE CAN NOTIFY YOU WHEN THE DRAFT REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

JACKSONVILLE OCEAN DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITE (ODMDS) DESIGNATION ANALYSIS

