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DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE Revised Guidance for Tier I Requests

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ACTION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District (USACE), in coordination with the interagency Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO), has completed a revision to the *DMMO Guidance for Requests for Tier I Decisions* document, dated April 2024. The revised document can be found on the USACE website at: <https://www.sfn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dredging-Work-Permits/Guidance/>

BACKGROUND: The Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) is an interagency group comprised of representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California State Lands Commission, and state and federal wildlife agencies. The DMMO holds public meetings every other week to meet with dredging project proponents and cooperatively review sediment quality sampling plans, analyze results of sediment quality testing, and make suitability determinations for material proposed for disposal or beneficial reuse in and around the San Francisco Bay area.

The DMMO reviews sediment quality testing in accordance with the protocols set out in the Inland Testing Manual and Ocean Testing Manual. The testing manuals provide guidance regarding how sediment should be tested in a tiered approach. The tiered testing evaluation is designed to generate the necessary amount of physical, chemical, and biological information, but not more information than is necessary, to make a factual determination. The tiered approach allows for an efficient completion of necessary evaluations of the potential for environmental effects.

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