



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Ms. Martha Hankins
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Reference: Sediment Management Standards (SMS) Rule Revisions – Freshwater Sediment Standards

Dear Ms. Hankins:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District provides this letter in support of promulgating the Freshwater Sediment Standards (FSS) consistent with the current SMS framework for evaluating sediments. The Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) needs these Freshwater Sediment Standards to assist in evaluating sediments proposed for dredging in freshwater environments in Washington State. Moreover, the Regional Sediment Evaluation Team (RSET) also needs these Freshwater Sediment Standards for evaluating sediments within the three State (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) implementation area.

The proposed FSS has undergone peer and Stakeholder review and the November 2011 revised report “Development of Benthic SQVs for Freshwater Sediments in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho” has satisfactorily addressed the reviewers’ comments and concerns. We therefore feel these proposed standards are ready for regulatory implementation and use in both the SMS and Dredging programs (e.g., DMMP, RSET) to evaluate sediments.

We strongly support the promulgation and implementation of the Freshwater Sediment Quality Standards. Please let me know if you have any questions about this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Kendall".

David R. Kendall, Ph.D.
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