Autonomous Dredging in USACE

Dredging Operations Environmental Research (DOER) Program

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Focus Area

Innovation in Sediment Management - Innovative Construction and Operations Technologies

Problem

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Study Description

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Products

A Special Report outlining the opportunity and obstacles for USACE to implement autonomous dredging. An automation plan for replacement sand bypass plant at NAP Indian River Inlet Sand Bypass Plant. An autonomous dredging concept of operation for USCG Station Cape Disappointment developed collaboratively with USCGA civil engineering senior cadets.

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Balancing operational and environmental initiatives and meeting complex challenges of dredging and dredged material placement in support of the navigation mission.

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Research Products

Product Type	Product Title

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