

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District is working with the State of Georgia to deepen Savannah Harbor. The project was approved in 2012 and construction began in 2015. A comprehensive environmental monitoring program is being conducted to 1 provide a baseline to document project impacts, 2 ensure the construction is performed as approved, 3 identify whether the completed project produces more environmental impacts than expected, and 4 ensure the mitigation features perform as intended. This project has nearly 20 components, some of which are nearly 200-miles apart, and will take several years to complete. This paper describes the various components of the monitoring program and the status of the ongoing work.

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