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FEASIBILITY STUDY PEER REVIEW PLAN
Navigation Improvements and Storm Damage Reduction
Little Diomede, Alaska
PWI: 013785

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1. The Alaska District, Corps of Engineers (COE) is conducting a cost shared feasibility study at Inalik (Little Diomede, Alaska). Decision documents generated by this feasibility study will undergo independent technical review in accordance with EC1105-2-408, Peer Review of Decision Documents. The feasibility study will evaluate navigation improvements and storm damage reduction alternatives. The project may have a collaborative component with Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) for a runway constructed offshore. If feasible, the Corps of Engineers project for Navigation and Storm Damage Reduction will be integrated with the ADOT runway project. The intent is to use features of both projects to complement each other and reduce construction costs in a recommended plan. The project development team (PDT) for this study consists of the following disciplines/positions. Other disciplines will be included as needed.

Project Delivery Team (PDT)	
Project Manager	Alaska District
Program Manager	Study Sponsor
Project Formulator	Alaska District
Hydraulic Engineer	Alaska District
Economist	Alaska District
Biologist	Alaska District
Archaeologist	Alaska District
Cost Engineer	Alaska District
Geotechnical Engineer	Alaska District
Biologist	US Fish & Wildlife Service

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2. The scope and technical complexity for this study and feasibility report is not expected to be novel, controversial, or precedent setting. Therefore external peer review (EPR) by organizations and personnel not affiliated with the Corps of Engineers, such as academia, will not be performed for this study.

3. Review will consist of independent technical review (ITR) by personnel within the Corps of Engineers. Technical reviewers will be personnel at journeyman or senior levels with experience in Corps of Engineers civil works studies. These reviewers will not be involved in the day to day decisions and development of study work products. Where possible, ITR personnel will be selected from outside the Alaska District. Since the Alaska District is the Planning Center of Expertise (PCX) for small boat harbors, the ITR team leader will be from the Alaska District. The ITR Team will be made up of people with experience in the major disciplines and include representatives of the local sponsor. The ITR team leader will be responsible for selecting ITR personnel. The team's purpose is to provide a technical review of all elements of the feasibility study and to ensure planning, analysis, and design conform to applicable USACE standards, policy, and guidance. The following disciplines are anticipated for the ITR team:

Project Formulator
Hydraulic Engineer
Economist
Biologist
Archaeologist
Cost Engineer
Geotechnical Engineer

ITR from the Storm Damage Reduction PCX is not anticipated since the storm damage reduction component is expected to be a minor part of the overall COE project. The ITR team will review Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) documents and draft feasibility report/EIS before submittal to Pacific Ocean Division for approval and processing to USACE higher authority. The team will review the final FR/EIS before it is submitted to Pacific Ocean Division for approval and processing to USACE higher authority only if there are significant changes in the report as a result of public reviews.

4. ITR will be conducted on the COE portions of the project. The ADOT portions of a combined project will not undergo COE ITR procedures. ADOT will be responsible for the technical adequacy and design of airfield features.

5. The anticipated schedule for ITR review is:

Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) documents	Feb-Mar 2008
Draft Feasibility Report and EIS	Summer 2009

6. The public will have opportunities to review the study and will be notified of availability of draft documents and public meetings in accordance with NEPA procedures. Public meetings will be held on Little Diomede. The ITR team will generally not receive public comments as public comments are used to develop the documents the ITR team reviews.