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## **How are dredged materials used beneficially?**

*Corps panel will discuss challenges Thursday in New Orleans*

NEW ORLEANS – To maintain waterways, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredges great volumes of clay, silt and sand and devotes sizeable portions to beneficial uses such as wetlands restoration.

The challenges of doing so will be discussed Thursday by a four-member Corps panel, at 1:45 p.m. during the 2004 Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA) convention, at the Wyndham at Canal Place Hotel, New Orleans.

GICA's members operate barges and towboats on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The three-day convention winds up Friday.

Beneficial use from a national perspective will be discussed by Dr. Bob Engler of the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, Miss.

Joining Engler will be representatives of the three Corps districts that maintain the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway:

- Col. Peter F. Taylor Jr., district engineer, Mobile District.
- Dr. Linda Mathies, chief, environmental function, New Orleans District.
- Dalton Krueger, project manager, Houston Ship Channel project, Galveston District.

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway extends 1,109 miles from Apalachicola, Fla., to Brownsville, Texas, and handled 108 million tons of cargo in 2002. Another 21 million tons were handled on the waterway's 64-mile alternate route that links Port Allen, La., and Morgan City, La.

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