

FACT SHEET

MID-BRETON SEDIMENT DIVERSION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

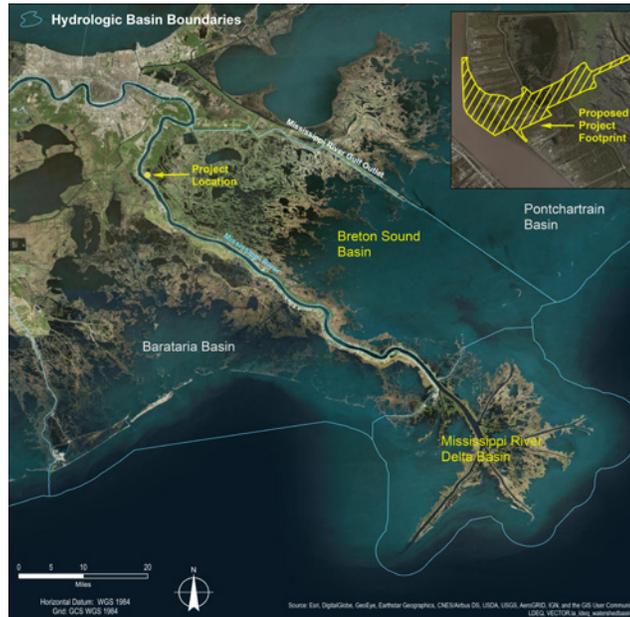
What is the proposed project?

Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain the Mid Breton Sediment Diversion (Breton SD). The proposed Breton SD would be located on the east bank of the Mississippi River in south Louisiana.

The structural features of the Breton SD would be located near Wills Point at approximately Mississippi River Mile 68. The anticipated outfall area for sediment, freshwater, and nutrients conveyed from the Mississippi River would be located within the Breton Sound Basin.

When the Mississippi River flows are 450,000 cfs or greater at Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, the proposed Project would discharge up to 75,000 cfs of sediment, freshwater, and nutrients within the Breton Sound Basin. When Mississippi River flows are below 450,000 cfs at Belle Chasse, the proposed Project would maintain a base flow of up to 5,000 cfs.

If constructed, the Breton SD would directly impact approx. 309 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and approx. 52 acres of waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) within the construction footprint. CPRA estimates changes within the Breton Sound Basin via channelization and land building in 5,277 acres of existing jurisdictional wetlands and 2,225 acres of WOTUS near Delacroix, LA.

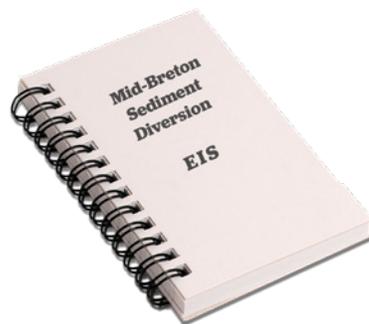


What is the purpose of the proposed project?

The Purpose of the proposed Breton SD is to reconnect and re-establish the deltaic sediment deposition process between the Mississippi River and the Breton Sound Basin through a large scale sediment diversion that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan and delivers sediment, freshwater, and nutrients in order to create, preserve, restore, and sustain wetlands to counteract the effects of natural and man-made disturbances, such as the DWH oil spill.

What is the NEPA Process?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to evaluate major federal actions and inform decision makers and the public of the likely environmental consequences of proposed actions and alternatives. USACE's permit decision regarding the Breton SD is a major federal action under federal law.



A federal agency must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if a major federal action may significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An EIS is a detailed study that analyzes the potential effects, both positive and negative, that a proposed project or action may have on the environment and local community. The EIS

will look at the possible impacts on wetlands, navigation, fisheries, flooding, and other resources.

CPRA has submitted applications to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for Department of the Army permits and permissions to construct, maintain, and operate the proposed Breton SD Project. In addition to informing USACE decisions, the EIS may be used to inform decisions under any additional regulatory or permit processes.

What alternatives will be considered?

CPRA's proposed Breton SD Project will be compared to a no-action alternative and other alternatives that the USACE is developing for consideration in the EIS. The scoping process is a chance for the public to suggest alternatives for USACE to consider.

How to Participate

Session 1

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 | 9:00am to 10:30am CDT
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Session 2

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 | 2:00pm to 3:30pm CDT
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Thursday, July 16, 2020 | 6:00pm to 7:30pm CDT
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www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Mid-Breton-Sediment-Diversion-EIS/

Scoping materials and live meeting event information can be found on the project website.

The NEPA Process Timeline

