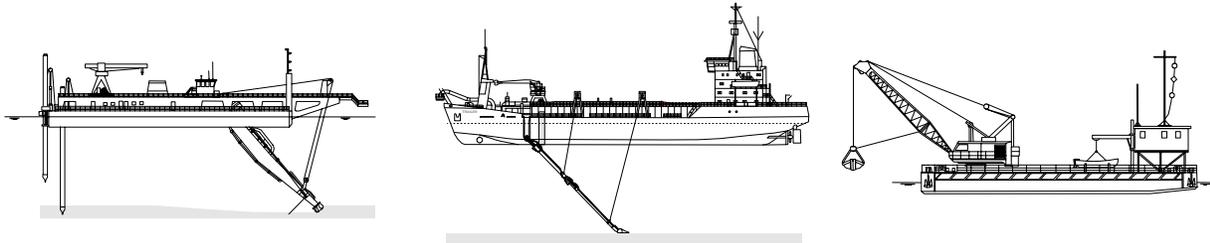


# INVITATION

## Advice and Consultation Committee on Resuspension by Dredging (ACCORD) Special WEDA Session

1:15 – 2:15 pm Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Captain Yeoman Room, Wyndam Hotel  
Orlando, FL



An internationally recognized need to quantify the exposure of resources to sediment that has been resuspended as a result of dredging activity exists. A reliable, widely accepted dredging loss/resuspension model does not exist, despite the fact that a “source term” is of critical importance to sediment fate and transport models. Reliable modeling would be extremely useful in dredging project coordination, regulatory and permitting procedures, and environmental assessments- as in the case of setting environmental windows. Attempts at source modeling have proven difficult due to a lack of data detailed enough to be used for model calibration purposes.

The Advice and Consultation Committee on Resuspension by Dredging (ACCORD) was formed by representatives HR Wallingford, Dredging Research Limited (both of the UK), the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), the Rijkswaterstaat (Netherlands), and the Dutch consortium of dredging contractors (VBKO) to address source modeling and data availability issues. ACCORD was formed to facilitate the sharing of data, to avoid a duplication of efforts in source model determination, and to provide a forum for collaboration in obtaining new data that is useful for source model calibration. To this end, HR Wallingford and Dredging Research Limited published sampling protocols for obtaining measurements useful to source model calibration in August 2003 after international input and review.

ACCORD seeks input and participation from government agencies, ports and harbors, dredging contractors, consulting engineers, and academia to better accomplish the goal of quantifying dredging-induced resuspension, as well as evaluating dredge-induced resuspension in the context of ship- and storm-generated resuspension. Any interested parties are invited to an open meeting on Thursday July 8 in the Captain Yeoman Room from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm. The scope and structure of ACCORD will be influenced by the interest and participation of the aforementioned parties.

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