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## Army Corps of Engineers awards contract to Ohio company for dredging of two Lake Huron harbors

**DETROIT** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, awarded a \$280,400 contract to the Geo Gradel Company of Toledo, Ohio, to dredge Lexington Harbor and Port Sanilac Harbor on Lake Huron.

The firm will dredge 18,000 cubic yards of shoals from Lexington Harbor, and 17,000 cubic yards from Port Sanilac Harbor, and place the dredged materials on the shoreline for nourishment. The work is scheduled to be done this summer. The two shallow draft harbors were last dredged in August 2008.

“This is routine dredging, done every couple of years to keep the harbors deep enough to accommodate marine traffic,” said Lt. Col. James Davis, district engineer. “These harbors are important to the communities of Lexington and Port Sanilac, and must be maintained regularly.”

A major mission of the Corps of Engineers’ Detroit District is maintaining a navigation system that includes 94 harbors in and around Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and western Lake Erie. Along with the Detroit River, the Corps in Detroit handles the connecting channels of the St. Marys and St. Clair Rivers. Maintenance of this system includes dredging of commercial (deep draft) and recreational (shallow draft) harbors and connecting channels.

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