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November 3, 2021

Planning and Environmental Branch

Secretary Elizabeth S. Biser
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
1611 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1611

Dear Secretary Biser:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, which amends Section 905 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, promotes transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA 2014, Section 1002 requires the District Engineer to notify the non-federal sponsor of any missed deadlines during the study process and provide an updated study schedule.

Due to unforeseen complexities associated with the technical modeling and analyses required for the Tar Pamlico River Basin Flood Risk Management Study, the study schedule has been revised. Specifically, division approval of the tentatively selected plan, originally scheduled for 13 October 2021, is now anticipated to occur between December 17, 2021 and 14 January 2022. Subsequently, the release of the draft report, originally scheduled for 12 December 2021, is now expected to occur between 15 February 2022 and 15 March 2022. This delay is not anticipated to affect the timing of the transmittal of the final feasibility report or the signed Chief's report. The current anticipated deadlines for the Tar Pamlico River Basin Flood Risk Management Study milestones are as follows:

Division Approval of Tentatively Selected Plan	Dec 17, 2021 – Jan 14, 2021
Release of the Draft Feasibility Report	Feb 15, 2022 – Mar 15, 2022
Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report	Jan 3, 2023
Signed Chief's Report	April 7, 2023


These dates will be confirmed or updated following the tentatively selected plan milestone meeting. This schedule assumes full funding over the course of the study. Schedules and documents will be posted and available to the public at:

<https://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Programs-Project-Management/Tar-Pamlico-Feasibility-Study/>

All schedules and missed deadlines will also be submitted in an annual report to

Congress. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Merriam at Eric.R.Merriam@usace.army.mil or 412-395-7185.

Sincerely,



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