



Silent Inspector Program Status Report

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Briefing Summary

- Overall Program Status
 - Program and Management Approach
 - Outreach/Communication
- V1.5
- V2.0

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Management and Program Approach



- Program Approach
 - Team Reorganized – Reflects Operations Legacy
 - Latest Proven/Reliable Technology (V2.0)
 - Outreach Focused
 - Meets User Needs
 - Ensure Industry Compatibility
 - Meet Interagency Data requirements for the Corps
 - Fiscally Responsible

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Outreach



- Corps
 - User Group Workshop
 - Board Member Calls
 - DOOM
 - Regulatory PDT
- Industry
 - Group Workshop, PDT
- EPA
 - Data, Regional Issues

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Corps User and Industry Working Group Goals



- Provide Program Update
- Gain Better understanding of each groups needs, issues, concerns
- How can we improve the program
 - Better data, less down time, consistency
- How can we work together to make both of our jobs easier (Inspections, system funct)
- Workshop Format – Maximize two-way dialog, document issues and follow-up.

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Industry Working Group Summary

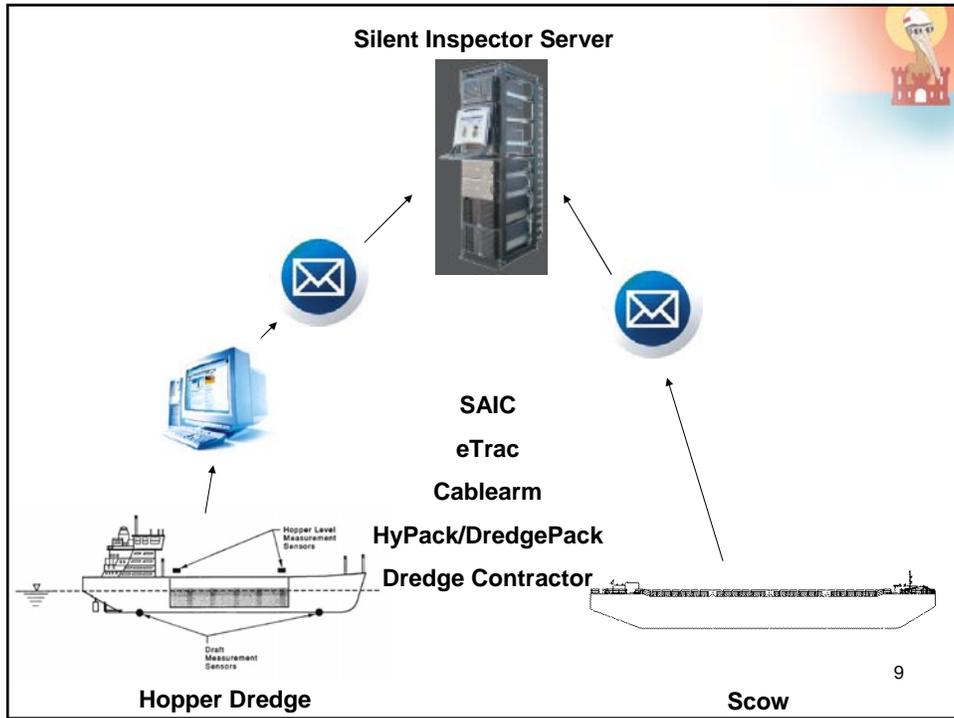


- Establishment of SI Industry PDT
- Plan of Action – Draft Plan 6/15
- Data – Who, What, Secure
- Inspection/Certification
- Communication

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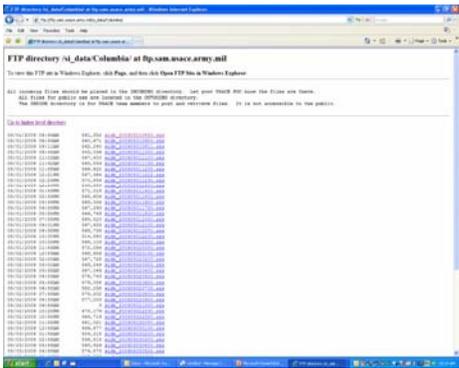


- # SI Program Evolution
- V1.0
 - R&D Developed database
 - V1.5
 - Address key deficiencies of 1.0
 - Still Utilizes R&D database, code, less flexibility
 - V2.0 – Next Generation System
 - New database flexible to meet Current and Future Corps needs
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Hopper Dredge Data Transfer V1.5

VScript
Automatic Detail backups

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Access the Data V1.5

The image displays two screenshots of the Silent Inspector V1.5 software. The top screenshot shows the main dashboard with a 'SI Viewer' button and a 'Disposal Photo' button. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of a disposal site, including a map, 'Load Information' sidebar, and data plots.

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Next Generation V2.0

- Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software (Customized)
- Integrated Web-Based Tools
- Relational Database, Flexible
- 2-Way Communication Hopper
- Near Real-Time Data Access
- Automated Data Integrity Checks, Spatial Analysis, Alerts
- Interagency Needs

The image contains two photographs of offshore oil rigs. The left image shows a red and white rig, and the right image shows a red rig with a crane.

Data Pathway



Acquire Data



Process Data



Access Data



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Acquire Data



Hoppers

- Reduce Hopper On-Board Computer Function/Maintenance
- 2-Way Communication Hopper
- Data Storage at Center
- OPs Display On-Board – Data Stream

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- Improved Telemetry
- Data Integrity Alerts from Center
- Web-Based Tools – Previous loads & Near-Real-Time Data



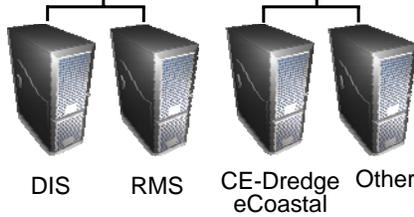
Process Data

- Automated Format Checks
- Automated Alerts

SI Database



- Automated Checks: (Spikes, Gaps, etc)
- Automated Spatial Analysis
- Automated Alerts
- Calculated Cycle #s
- Manual Cleanup (when needed)
- Load & Daily Summaries
- Data Management/Archival
- Link w/Other Databases and Applications



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Access Data



SI Database



View, Graph, Analyze, Export
Disposal Plots, Summaries, Reports

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Summary



- New Program and Management Approach
 - Motivated Team/
 - Proper Coordination/Communication
 - Value Added Program
- Limitations/Needs Identified
- Plan in Place (V2.0)
- Fiscally Sound