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Cross Dike Construction Continues

Construction has continued throughout January on the Craney Island Eastward Expansion's South and Division Cross Dikes. At print time, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company had finished placing the second 2-foot lift of sand along both dike footprints and were in the process of placing the third lift.

Workers on the Liberty Island Dredge work in shifts, operating 24 hours a day. The project requires that they travel to the Atlantic Ocean Channel, dredge the sand, and transport it to The Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area. The sand is then moved to the spill barge and deposited along the dike footprint in thin lifts. Then the process begins all over again. Each lift takes approximately one week to place.

An animated video showing the project's whole construction process can be seen on www.craneyisland.info. We encourage readers to view it to get a sense of what the project's final outcome will look like. Weekly updates and construction photos are also available online by clicking on the link under "Project Update" on the homepage.



The spill barge prepares to send another load of sand onto the dike footprint.



A floating pipe moves the sand from the Liberty Island dredge to the spill barge as it places sand along the division dike's footprint.



GLDD subcontractor WF Magann is finished demolishing the outer 300 feet of the rock jetty. More than 10,000 tons of debris has been removed.



Even with heavy fog on the river, tugboats position the floating pipe for the next load of sand.



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Port Authority Launches Social Media Initiative

This January, The Virginia Port Authority launched a social media initiative, debuting its Facebook page and an accompanying Twitter feed (@PortofVirginia). This past July, the VPA also launched a blog, which has been updated regularly with Port news and updates.

These social media platforms are designed to help the VPA reach an audience that normally would not come into direct contact with The Port or its operations. The effort is designed to help VPA raise its overall profile in the industry and community at-large, as well as to become a resource and repository for information.

"It's widely-known that many of the world's largest companies are using both of these platforms to their advantage on multiple levels ... we are confident that the effort holds a lot of value for the agency and the industry," said Greg Edwards, VPA's external affairs director.

VPA's blog, Facebook and Twitter feed can be accessed through their homepage, www.portofvirginia.com.