



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BALTIMORE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 1715
BALTIMORE, MD 21203-1715

December 1, 2010

Operations Division

Mr. Michael Smith
Chairman
Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20002-4290

Dear Mr. Smith,

This is in response to your inquiry dated October 11, 2010, regarding the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers removing large and submerged debris in the area north of the CSX bridge on the Anacostia River at least every March and August, as well as when rowers observe and mark large items that may be an immediate hazard.

We can only remove debris that is located within the federal channel. Our team is not authorized to conduct debris removal outside the federal channel. During the CSX bridge modification we are unable to remove large debris or hazards from the channel; therefore, we will monitor it from the Bladensburg access ramp. Once the CSX bridge is operable, we will again use our large debris vessels to remove debris from the channel. Our office is committed to having all debris removed within the federal channel to protect navigation and will continue to work with the community to address concerns that fall within our authority.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please contact me or Ms. Marie G. Burns, Chief, Operations Division, at 410-962-4646, if you have any questions or comments. The Project Manager, Mr. Steven M. Golder, can be reached at 410-962-6024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Anderson".

David E. Anderson
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer