

Randle Reef Project Update

April 2016

Randle Reef is an area of highly contaminated sediment located in the southwest corner of Hamilton Harbour on Lake Ontario.

The Randle Reef Contaminated Sediment Remediation Project is underway to clean-up the area and once complete will significantly reduce harmful contaminant levels and improve water quality in Hamilton Harbour.

It is estimated the project will generate approximately \$151 million in economic benefits for the local community, including job creation, business development, and tourism.

The project will cost \$138.9 million and take seven years to complete. Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, have each committed \$46.3 million, with the final third of funding coming from the City of Hamilton, City of Burlington, Halton Region, Hamilton Port Authority, and US Steel Canada.

Stage one of the Randle Reef Contaminated Sediment Remediation Project is the construction of an Engineered Containment Facility (ECF) in Hamilton Harbour - this specially designed double walled, lined, steel walled 'box' will be constructed over the most heavily contaminated sediments. Subsequent stages of the project will involve dredging of lesser contaminated sediments, which will be placed in the ECF, and capping of the ECF to complete the job of isolating the contaminated sediments from the environment.

Construction of the ECF will begin as early as April 27, 2016. Construction activities will be similar to those used in the construction of docks and wharves at other projects in Hamilton Harbour, and environmental conditions will be monitored throughout the project.

General Inquiries

If you have questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada's Public Inquiries Centre toll-free at 1-800-668-6767. You can also obtain further information about the project by visiting www.randlereef.ca.

Notifications

Every effort will be made to ensure construction of the project does not result in impairment of air or water quality due to disturbance of contaminated sediments. However, should you observe anything that concerns you, a 24-hour notification system is in place to alert local, provincial, and federal authorities.

In the event of an environmental emergency, please call the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Spills Action Centre 24-hour toll-free number at 1-800-268-6060.



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