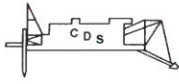


October 1, 2017

*Center for Dredging Studies*

Dear Participant:

We are pleased to accept your application to attend the **47th DREDGING ENGINEERING SHORT COURSE**. Please make your hotel reservation at your earliest convenience. Some conveniently located hotels are the Hampton Inn and Super 8 located on Texas Avenue and the Cavalry Court, Hawthorn Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Hyatt Place, Hilton, Residence Inn by Marriott, and Homewood Suites on University Drive East. There is a Dredging Short Course block at the Calvary Hotel, Hampton Inn, Hawthorn Suites, Homewood Suites, and Holiday Inn Express with different expiration dates and you must call the hotel directly to get these rates. We have attached a list of these conveniently located hotels in College Station.

We will have vans transporting participants to and from the lecture and laboratory locations. Look for the van with the sign **Dredging Short Course** on the windshield starting about 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018. Please use hotels that are reasonably close to the University Drive and Texas Ave intersection so that our vans can pick you up efficiently. Visitor parking is available in parking lot 51 that is a short walk to the lecture room, for a cost of \$12 each day. However, we encourage you to use the van service that we provide. We plan to start promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the lecture room that is located in Room 1034 of the Emerging Technologies Building (ETB) on the southeast corner of University Drive and Bissell Street. You will receive a lecturer slide notebook, *Dredging and Dredged Material Placement*, by R. E. Randall, and the *Fundamentals of Hydraulic Dredging*, 2nd edition, by T. M. Turner. The lecture slide notebook and the two books will be distributed the first day of the course.

The average January temperature is 52 degrees. However, cold fronts with strong north winds are common during January which may drop the temperature below freezing. It is unusual for the temperature to stay below freezing during the daytime.

The airport for College Station-Bryan (Easterwood Airport, or CLL) is about 15 minutes from the campus and local hotels. United Airlines has flights between Bush Intercontinental in Houston, TX and College Station, and American Eagle has flights between Dallas-Fort Worth and College Station. It is possible to fly into Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and rent a car to travel to College Station (~2 hour drive or about 90 miles).

Please do not hesitate to email or call me (215-756-5030), Dr. Randall (979-845-4568), or Robyn Wright (979-845-4586) if you have any questions. We are looking forward to meeting you at the Short Course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ram K. Mohan'.

Ram K. Mohan, Ph.D., P.E.
Adjunct Professor & Course Director

Enclosures: List of College Station Hotels, Map of Texas A&M University Campus, Map of Bryan/College Station