

The 10 Laws of Successful Dredging

Successful dredging is moving a high density mixture through the discharge pipe at the target velocity without interruption. The attainment of that goal is governed by the following rules:

I. The dredge must float at all times.

II. The deposit must be pumpable.

III. Pumping excess water does not pay.

IV. Dredge pump efficiency is not the same as dredge system efficiency.

V. Constant velocity at a constant pump speed results in constant solids production.

VI. There must be an ample supply of pumpable solids continuously available at the suction inlet.

VII. The suction inlet must be fitted with an effective digging device to create ample pumpable solids.

VIII. The operator must be able to maneuver the dredge as required to keep the suction inlet immersed in the pumpable solids.

IX. There must be a means to measure and regulate the intake of solids into the dredge system with the suction inlet immersed in pumpable solids.

X. There must be a means to measure and regulate the dredge system velocity.

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