



What's in Dredged Material?



- Runoff from all over the Chesapeake Bay watershed carries **sediments** that end up in the shipping channels
- Dredged material is **clay, sand, and silt** sediment removed from the shipping channels
- Geologic and human activities (industrial activity, agriculture, and urban development etc.) influence the character of the sediment



Is Dredged Material Safe?

- Characteristics of dredged material have been studied and monitored for a long time
- In general, dredged material does not contain pollutants at levels that could cause human or environmental harm, and is not classified as hazardous
- The US Army Corps of Engineers samples sediment from the shipping channels for chemical analysis every three years

