

**Is there a plan for replacement or life extension for the old small ships, including the WLR, WLI, WLIC, WTGB, WYTL classes?**

The President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget request includes funds for the completion of engineering change work, materials purchasing and production for the first 140-foot WTGB Ice Breaking Tug Service Life Extension Project (SLEP). The goal is to add 15 years to the service life of the 140s. We are not looking at a replacement project for the 140 fleet at this time.

In FY 2009, we were appropriated \$5 million to begin the Inland River Tender Recapitalization Project (formerly the Heartland Waterway Vessel Project), which is planned to cover the WLR, WLIC & WLI classes. Since that time, we have completed the necessary mission analysis reports and drafted the mission needs statements. The U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Marine Design Center in Philadelphia are collaborating on various Inland Fleet studies including some notional designs.

There are currently no plans to replace the 65-foot WYTL Harbor Tugs.