



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 2288  
MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

**CESAM-PD-EC**

**August 10, 2018**

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE), MOBILE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE TO PREPARE A  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR  
LOW-IMPACT ALTERATIONS TO USACE FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED CIVIL  
WORKS PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY NON-FEDERAL SPONSORS OR  
INDEPENDENT REQUESTORS**

***IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT OF  
1899 (CODIFIED AT 33 U.S.C. §408 ["SECTION 408"])***

Interested persons are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) entitled "*Low-Impact Alterations to USACE Federally Authorized Civil Works Projects Conducted by Non-Federal Sponsors or Independent Requestors*" in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The PEA was prepared to address the impacts for potential future low-impact actions that are similar in nature, by non-Federal sponsors or independent entities (i.e. private, public, tribal, or other Federal entities) to make alterations to, or temporarily or permanently occupy or use, any USACE federally-authorized Civil Works project that qualifies for Section 408 consideration. This PEA would simplify the Section 408 process, in lieu of evaluating each project individually for environmental impacts. The PEA applies to proposed modifications to Civil Works projects within the jurisdiction of the USACE, Mobile District.

The selected criteria for future Section 408 low-impact alterations that are considered under this PEA include the following: minor infrastructure such as roadways, utility lines (including gas, water, and power), minor bridge expansions, culvert or well installation, docks, light poles, power grid impacts, minor navigation channel modifications (including right-of-way maintenance, landscaping and minor structures such as piers, boathouses, jetties, and breakwaters), above or below-ground utilities, monitoring wells and ground penetration, minor levee modifications (pump/lift stations, lighting, power poles); recreational features such as, but not limited to, kayak launches, access points, walk or bike paths, benches, pedestrian bridges/boardwalks (including buildings and kiosks); environmental monitoring stations; ecosystem restoration such as, but not limited to, oyster reefs, living shoreline, dune plantings, beneficial use placement and marsh creation; but could also include other proposed low-impact alterations subject to Section 408. To fall under this PEA,

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the proposed low impact alteration must satisfy the following environmental criteria: *de minimis* impacts to wetlands or no effects, no adverse impacts to functions or values of Federal mitigation areas, compliance with Executive Order 11988 (induced development in the floodplain), no impacts or may affect but is not likely to adversely affect threatened or endangered species to ensure Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance, and no impacts to cultural resources. If the proposed low-impact Section 408 request does not meet the above criteria, then a stand-alone or supplemental EA or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required.

Based off the findings of the PEA, no significant effect(s) on the human, natural environment nor the Federal project(s) are anticipated and USACE, Mobile District intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

This notice is being circulated to generate public and agency input to inform the evaluation and decision-making process. The USACE is soliciting public comments on the PEA during the 30-day review period. The document is available for review upon request. Any comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of the date of this public notice. A request for a hearing must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties who may have an interest in the proposed activities. Correspondences should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: CESAM PD-EC, in time to be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. Ms. Caree Kovacevich, (251) 690-3026 or caree.a.kovacevich@usace.army.mil, may be contacted for additional information.



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