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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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Public Notice No. FP14-PA02-09

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
MOBILE DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR THE
BAYOU CASOTTE HARBOR CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (USACE) is hosting a public workshop on July 8, 2014 at The Grand Magnolia Ballroom and Suites in Pascagoula, Mississippi from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The purpose of the workshop is to receive public input regarding the released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Bayou Casotte Harbor Channel Improvement Project, Jackson County, Mississippi. The intent of the DEIS is to address potential impacts associated with the proposed navigation channel improvements. The DEIS will be used as a basis for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Alternative plans have been considered, including the "No Action" alternative. The proposed plan consists of widening the Lower Pascagoula Channel and the Bayou Casotte Channel 100 feet to the west, with bend easing at Horn Island Pass.

Disposal operations consist of placing dredged material within the Pascagoula Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), disposal area 10, and/or the littoral zone placement site. Approximately 3.4 million cubic yards (cys) of dredged material would be removed from the navigation channel as part of the improvements project. Approximately 125,000 cys of dredged material would be placed within the littoral zone placement site and/or disposal area 10 located east and south of Horn Island while approximately 3.3 million cys of dredged material would be placed within the Pascagoula ODMDS south of

Horn Island. Future maintenance dredged material would be placed within several areas including pre-existing open-water disposal areas adjacent to the channel, the littoral zone, disposal area 10, and/or the Pascagoula ODMDS.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public comments can be submitted through a variety of methods. Written comments may be submitted to the USACE by mail, facsimile, or electronic methods by *July 14, 2014*. In addition, comments (written or oral) may be presented at the public workshop. Correspondence concerning this public notice should refer to Public Notice No. FP14-PA02-09 and should be directed to the Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EC. For additional information please contact Ms. Jennifer Jacobson at (251) 690-2724 or by email at jennifer.l.jacobson@usace.army.mil.



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