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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2007-1110-JBM
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Dredge and Fill for Port Expansion
Port of Gulfport
Harrison County, Mississippi

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (33 USC 1413) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT/AGENT: Mississippi State Port Authority BMI Environmental Services, LLC
P.O. Box 40 521 34th Street
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502 Gulfport, Mississippi 39507

LOCATIONS: Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. Marine Port: Section 9, Township 8 S, Range 11 W. Inland Port: Section 33, Township 8 S, Range 11 W.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill unvegetated, shallow waterbottoms in Mississippi Sound and wetlands adjacent to an unnamed ditch flowing to Turkey Creek, in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The proposed action involves the improvements and expansion of port facilities to meet the anticipated needs identified in the Mississippi State Port Authority's (MSPA) 10-Year Vision Plan. The improvements and expansion activities will be accomplished in 5-Year and a 10-

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Year development intervals implemented as the need requires. The proposed action to be accomplished in the 5-Year interval include the completion of the 84-acre expansion project, reconfiguration of cargo operations for containerized cargo to minimize traffic conflicts and congestion, and to improve Port security and safety. The actions proposed in the 10-Year Plan include expansion of the West Pier to accommodate container terminal operations. The expansion will be conducted in phases under the existing permit (MS96-02828-U) held by the MSPA that authorizes the filling of approximately 84 acres of open water. In addition to 84 acres authorized to be filled, the MSPA will fill an additional 112 acres of open water and dredge a new navigation channel to service the west side of the expanded West Pier.

As part of the 10-Year, the MSPA proposes to develop an Inland Port facility that will allow for the establishment of an intermodal rail yard, 60 acres of wheeled storage area to service the intermodal rail yard, and an additional area of 78 acres of distribution warehouse/cross-dock operations. The Inland Port facility will also serve as a hurricane evacuation site for depositing and storing stacked containers from the Port in advance of a pending major storm event.

REFERENCE JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2007-1110-JBM
DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2007
FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2007-1110-JBM and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact John B. McFadyen, telephone number (251) 690-3222; E-mail john.b.mcfadyen@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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MOBILE DISTRICT
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION MSPA 10-YEAR VISION PLAN

1.0 Dredging for Navigation Channels, Expanded Berths, and Expanded Basins

The proposed action will require dredging for a new ship channel with turning basin, the relocation of an existing commercial small boat channel, the expansion of the existing RO/RO Berth at the south end of the West Pier, and the expansion of an existing commercial small craft harbor at the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.

1.1 Ship Channel

The proposed navigation channel will be approximately 13,800 feet long by 550-700 feet wide with a turning basin. The initial dredging depth will be -36 feet at mean lower low water (mllw) with an allowance of 2 feet of overdredge and 2 feet of advanced maintenance, however, the channel will be deepened to a maximum depth of -42 mllw feet as the need arises. Approximately 13,850,000 cubic yards of dredged material will be excavated from the channel and used as fill or disposed in the designated Gulfport Ocean Dredged Material Disposal (ODMDS) site.

1.2 Commercial Small Craft Channel

The MSPA proposes to conduct dredging operations to relocate the Commercial Small Craft Channel. The relocated Commercial Small Craft Channel will be approximately 5,300 feet long by 100 feet wide and will be dredged to -8 feet at mllw. Approximately 160,000 cubic yards of dredged material will be excavated from the channel and used as fill for the expansion or disposed in the designated ODMDS site.

1.3 Expanded RO/RO Operations

In addition to the new ship channel, and the relocation of the Commercial Small Craft Channel, the existing RO/RO operations at the terminus of the West Pier will be expanded to provide additional docking space for the RO/RO operations. The expanded RO/RO berth will be approximately 1,700 long by 2,000 feet wide, and it will be dredged to -36 feet mllw.

1.4 Expanded Commercial Small Craft Harbor

In addition to the expanded RO/RO Berth, the existing Commercial Small Craft Harbor will be expanded to provide additional docking space for commercial and recreational vessels. The expanded harbor will be approximately 2,560 long by 2,000 feet wide, and it will be dredged to -8 feet mllw.

2.0 Construction of Bulkheads, Piers, Revetments, and Jetty Structures

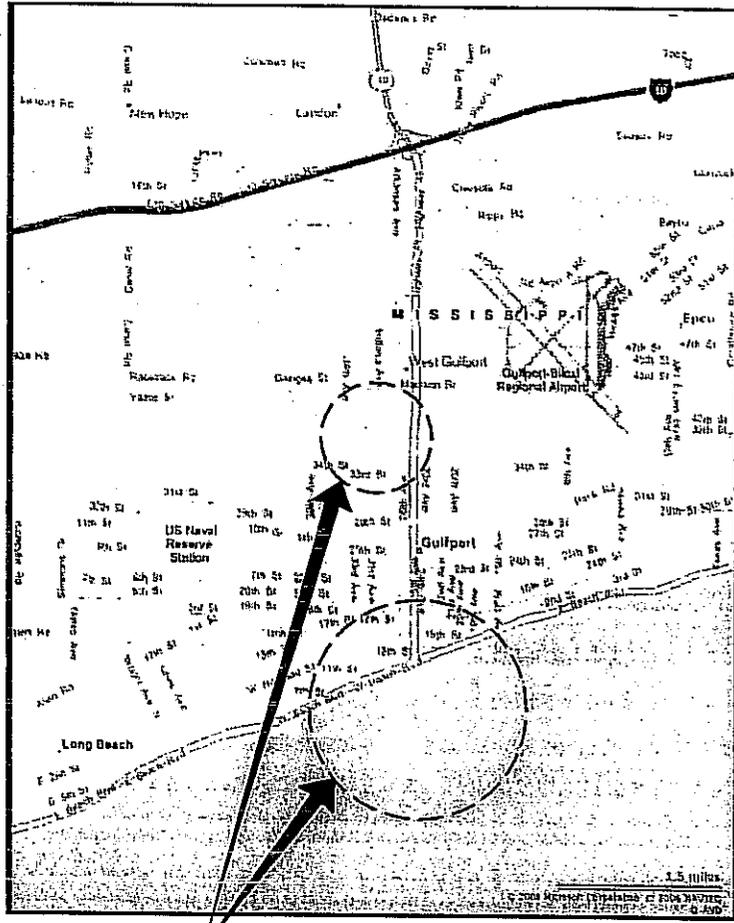
The proposed action will require the construction of bulkheads, piers, and a jetty structure to support the expansion of the West Pier. Approximately 4,600 linear feet of bulkhead will be constructed along the western edge of the fill area. The bulkhead will be constructed with steel sheetpiles and will be approximately 11 feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD 1988). Approximately 4,400 linear feet of pier, 130 feet wide will be constructed along the newly formed limits of fill on the expanded West Pier. The elevation of the pier will be 11 feet NAVD88. Approximately 4,400 linear feet of revetment will be placed at the north and south ends of the newly filled West Pier expansion area for shoreline stabilization. Approximately 10,200 linear feet of rip-rap breakwater will be constructed along the western margin of the newly constructed ship channel. The rip-rap jetty will be approximately 140 feet wide at the base and the top elevation of the jetty will be approximately 10 feet NAVD88. The existing bulkhead at the existing RO/Ro berth will be extended westward and southward for a distance of 1,425 feet.

3.0 Filling

The proposed action will require filling of approximately 112 acres of open water areas west of the existing West Pier over a 10 year period of time. The Inland Port will encompass approximately 138 acres of land that will include a 60 acre wheeled storage area and 78 acres for warehouse/cross dock operations. The development of the Inland Port will require filling approximately 70 acres of forested palustrine wetlands. The jetty will require the placement of approximately 620,000 cubic yards of rip-rap over approximately 33 acres of shallow water bottoms.



AREA MAP



PROJECT SITE

VICINITY MAP
GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES



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