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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS TO
PASCAGOULA HARBOR NAVIGATION PROJECT
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District requests your review and comments on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Construction of Authorized Improvements to the Federal Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Project, Jackson County, Mississippi. A copy of the FSEIS is located at the following website: www.usacepascagoulaeis.net. In addition, hardcopies of the FSEIS are available upon request from the contact below. This document is being circulated to resource agencies and interested members of the public for a 30-day comment period.

The Corps has prepared the FSEIS to evaluate construction of authorized improvements to the Federal Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Project in Jackson County, Mississippi. The Corps published the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on 14 June 2006. Pascagoula Harbor is authorized to the following dimensions: (a) An entrance channel 44 feet deep and 550 feet wide from the Gulf of Mexico to Horn Island Pass, a channel 44 feet deep and 600 feet wide through Horn Island Pass, including a sediment trap situated on the east side of the channel 1,500 feet long, 56 feet deep, and 175 feet wide; (b) A channel 42 feet deep and 350 feet wide in Mississippi Sound and the Pascagoula River to the railroad bridge at Pascagoula, including a turning basin 2,000 feet long and 950 feet wide (including the channel area) on the west side of the river below the railroad bridge; (c) A channel 42 feet deep throughout and 350 feet wide from the ship channel in Mississippi Sound to the 1,150-foot turning basin at the mouth of Bayou Casotte, then 350 feet wide for about one mile to the northern turning basin, 900 feet wide and 1,750 feet long; (d) A channel 22 feet deep and 150 feet wide up Pascagoula River from the railroad bridge to the mouth of Escatawpa River (Dog River), thence up the Escatawpa River to

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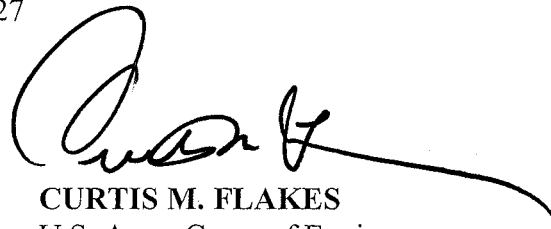
railroad bridge to the mouth of Escatawpa River (Dog River), thence up the Escatawpa River to the Highway 613 Bridge; (e) A channel 12 feet deep and 125 feet wide from the Highway 613 Bridge, via Robertson and Bounds Lakes to mile 6.0 on the Escatawpa River; and (f) A channel 12 feet deep by 80 feet wide extending from deep water in the Pascagoula River to a turning basin in Krebs Lake a distance of about 1,500 feet, then along the south bank of the lake a channel 10 feet deep and 60 feet wide, terminating at a second turning basin, a distance of 2,700 feet from the first.

The purpose of the FSEIS is to address the potential impacts associated with construction of authorized improvements to the Federal Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Project in Jackson County, Mississippi. The FSEIS was used as a basis to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and for evaluating the following two alternative plans: "No Action" and deepening the federally authorized project from 38 feet to 42 feet deep in the Upper Pascagoula channel, deepening the Horn Island Impoundment Basin from 44 feet to 56 feet, and widening the Gulf Entrance Channel from 450 feet to 550 feet wide.

Public comments can be submitted through a variety of methods. Written comments may be submitted to the Corps by mail, facsimile, or electronic methods within 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

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