To Whom It May Concern:

On March 9, 2010, the Mississippi State Port Authority (MSPA) submitted an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for authorization to impact waters of the United States associated with the proposed expansion of the Port of Gulfport, Latitude 30.36482° North, Longitude 89.09455° West, Gulfport, Mississippi Sound, Gulfport, Harrison, Mississippi.

The USACE prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The proposed project evaluated in the DEIS is for impacts to approximately 282 acres of estuarine mud and sand bottom in Mississippi Sound, which would be dredged and/or filled for the construction of wharfs, bulkheads, terminal facilities, container storage areas, intermodal container transfer facilities, and construction of a breakwater. Included in the evaluation is the beneficial use and placement of new work and maintenance dredged material.

A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will available for public review June 9, 2017. The FEIS is available to the public at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Environmental-Impact-Statements/Port-of-Gulfport-Expansion-Project/. Electronic copies of the FEIS are available upon request from the USACE Project Manager, Mr. Philip A. Hegji, contact information for Mr. Hegji is below. This document is being circulated to resource agencies and interested members of the public for a 30-day comment period ending July 10, 2017.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2009-01768-DMY and should be directed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, RD-C-M, Attention: Mr. Philip Hegji, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001.
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact Mr. Hegji via e-mail at philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil or (251) 690-3222. Please refer to the Public Notice SAM-2009-01768-DMY. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/aspx.

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