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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR
THE PORT OF GULFPORT EXPANSION PROJECT, MISSISSIPPI SOUND, HARRISON
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 9, 2010, the Mississippi State Port Authority 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, 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 and to promote informed decision-making by appropriate agencies; the DEIS was released October 30, 2015. On June 9, 2017, a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was made available for public review. The USACE is now publishing the Record of Decision (ROD), which details the USACE's decision on all the issues discussed in the FEIS and the environmental impacts associated with the project, for public review. The project is for impacts to approximately 282 acres of estuarine mud and sand bottom in Mississippi Sound, which will be dredged and/or filled for 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.

This ROD is available to the public at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Environmental-Impact-Statements/Port-of-Gulfport-Expansion-Project/. Hard copies of the ROD are available upon request from Mr. Philip A. Hegji, the USACE Project Manager (contact information below). This document is being circulated to resource agencies and interested members of the public for a 30-day review period ending December 29, 2017.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice **Number SAM-2009-01768-DMY**, and should be directed to the District Commander, USACE, Mobile District, RD-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 by phone (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/rd/reg.

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