



SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Public Notice/Application No.: SPL-2009-00226-TS

Project: Berths 302-306 American Presidents' Line (APL) Container Terminal Project

Review Period: June 15 through July 16, 2012

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Location

The Project is located at Pier 300 on Terminal Island in Los Angeles Harbor, within the Port of Los Angeles (Port) in the city and county of Los Angeles, California (latitude: 33.7354916666667 (N), longitude: - 118.246652777778 (W)). The terminal is roughly bordered by the Pier 300 Seaplane Lagoon (to the north) and Pier 400 (to the south), the Pier 400 Causeway (to the east), and Fish Harbor/Reservation Point (to the west).

Activity

The Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD, applicant) proposes to conduct work (dredging), install structures (cranes, wharf) in and over navigable waters of the U.S., and dispose of dredged material in previously approved disposal sites, or transport dredged material for the purpose of ocean disposal in association with terminal development activities at Berths 302-306.

For more information see page 3 of this notice and attached exhibits.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in association with a Department of the Army permit application for the activity described herein is available for review. This permit will be issued or denied under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) and, if there is transport and disposal of dredged material at a USEPA-designated ocean disposal site, section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA).

Questions regarding the Final EIS/EIR should be mailed or sent electronically to:

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Division (Corps), in coordination with the Los Angeles Harbor Department, has completed a Final EIS/EIR for the Berths 302-306 American Presidents Line (APL) Container Terminal Project. This Notice initiates the 30-day Notice of Availability for the Final EIS/EIR for the project, which will conclude on July 16, 2012.

Berths 302-305 are currently operational and encompass approximately 291 acres of land and water including 12 container cranes, a 4,000-foot-long wharf, utility infrastructure, truck gates, intermodal rail, and terminal buildings to support operations. The Project would result in an additional 12 container cranes distributed among Berths 302-306 with eight new cranes proposed at Berth 306, a new 1,250-foot-long wharf at Berth 306, and development of 41 acres of backlands for container storage and distribution, including installation of utility infrastructure to support future automation at Berth 306 and the 41 acre backland. The Project would result in an approximately 347-acre marine container terminal, and would include the following construction and operational elements: dredging, wharf construction, additional container cranes; expanded container yard and associated structures and utilities; modification of truck gates, associated structures, and roadwork.

The LAHD requires authorization pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, to implement regulated activities in and over waters of the U.S. associated with expanding the existing APL container terminal. The Corps and the Port as the state lead agency prepared a joint EIS/EIR to optimize efficiency and avoid duplication. The EIS/EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address federal, state, and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals. The following proposed activities require authorization from the Corps and impacts are evaluated in the EIS/EIR: (1) construction of a new 1,250-foot-long concrete pile-supported wharf at Berth 306 which is immediately adjacent to the existing 4,000-foot-long wharf at Berths 302-305, (2) installation of 12 new gantry cranes between Berths 302-306 with at least eight (8) new cranes at Berth 306 associated with development and operation of the 41-acre backlands at Berth 306, (3) dredging of approximately 20,000 cubic yards (cy) of sediment from Berth 306 to increase the depth to -55 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) plus an additional two feet of overdepth dredging to -57 feet MLLW, (4) disposal of dredged material in Berth 243-245 confined disposal facility (CDF), the Cabrillo Shallow Water Habitat Area, or at LA-2 (unconfined ocean disposal).

Copies of the Corps Public Notice are available at: <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/>. Copies of the EIS/EIR are available at <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>, and at the following locations:

- Port of Los Angeles Administration Building
- Los Angeles City Library, San Pedro Branch
- Los Angeles City Library, Wilmington Branch
- Los Angeles Public Library, Central Branch

For Further Information

Questions or requests concerning the Final EIS/EIR should be directed to: Theresa Stevens, Ph.D., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District-Regulatory Division, North Coast Branch 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110, Ventura, California 93001, (805) 585-2146 or via email to theresa.stevens@usace.army.mil. This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.