



PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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ALCOA DIKE - PHASE II

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Addendum to the Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (SEA/EIR) Addendum, dated May 2021, for modifications and refinements to Phase II of the Alcoa Dike project, to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed optional haul routes. If the Addendum identifies significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level that is less than significant, an Environmental Impact Statement would be prepared. If no unmitigable, significant impacts are identified, then a Finding of No Significant Impact would be prepared.

The Corps proposes to add optional haul routes to the original haul route identified for construction of the Alcoa Dike Phase II project. In addition, the Corps proposes to implement minor modifications to the original haul route, including repaving a portion of this route that is currently closed to the public and conducting other needed repairs. The original haul route is approximately 7.5 miles in distance starting from Borrow Site no. 2 to the project site, which starts from Cucamonga Ave. to Chino-Corona Rd. to Chandler St. to Archibald to River Rd (green/red line) as shown in the figure below. The two optional haul routes are identified as COA1, approximately 8 miles in distance, from Cucamonga Ave to Chino-Corona Rd. to Legacy Park St. to Hellman Ave. to River Rd. (blue line), and COA2, approximately 9 miles in distance, from Cucamonga Ave. to Pine Ave. to Hellman Ave. to River Rd. in the cities of Chino, Eastvale, and Corona, Riverside County, California. These two optional routes are also identified in the figure below.

There is a road closure on a segment of the Chino-Corona Rd. along the original haul route that is currently in an unmaintained state and therefore closed for public access. This portion of the route may be re-opened only for hauling purposes, but would remain closed to the public. Engineering surveys would first need to be completed to ensure the road and bridge crossing over Mill Creek is in adequate condition to accommodate the truck traffic. Additionally, minor maintenance may be required and a portion of the road would need to be re-paved before it becomes usable for hauling. While road improvement or repair work is being planned and completed on the original haul route, the optional haul routes (COA1 and COA2) are being proposed for use by the project. COA1, approximately 0.5 mile longer than the original haul route, is a detour onto Legacy Park St. from the road closure segment and is only being proposed for temporary access until it will be closed for utility repair by the City of Chino in the near future. COA2 is approximately 1.5 miles longer than the original route and is available for public access.

Preliminary environmental analysis indicates that environmental resources potentially affected by this change include air quality, traffic, recreation, cultural, and biology, and potentially water resources if repaving or other road repairs would result in discharge of fill to Waters of the U.S. A Section 404 Clean Water Act compliance document would be prepared and a Section 401 Water Quality Certification would be requested if warranted. Comments are sought on the potential 404 compliance document as well as on the Addendum to the SEA/EIR Addendum. The federally endangered least Bell's vireo (LBVI) occurs upstream and downstream of the Mill Creek Wetlands (where the road closure is located), and this area is also within designated critical habitat for LBVI. The proposed repaving and continued use of the original haul route, however, would not affect any riparian vegetation or occupied habitat, and effects to this species are not currently anticipated. Longer haul routes may have a slightly greater effect to air quality and traffic, although the difference would not be substantial. Adjacent cultural resources that occur in this area would be avoided. Recreation trails cross the currently closed roadway at Mill Creek wetlands. If that area is re-paved and opened to truck traffic, then the Corps would require the construction contractor to use flaggers and implement other safety precautions. No hauling along this portion of the route would be permitted on the weekend to minimize recreational impacts.

Comments on this public notice will be accepted from January 18, 2022 to January 28, 2022. Comments can be submitted electronically to: megan.t.wong@usace.army.mil.

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Alcoa Dike Phase II – Original and Optional Haul Routes

