
APPENDIX A

Agency Coordination and Public Participation

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EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS RECIEVED

EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY WITH IMPACTS TO WETLANDS

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

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Construction of portions of the Proposed Action may indirectly impact adjacent wetlands and is therefore subject to the requirements and objectives of Executive Order (EO) 11990, "Protection of Wetlands." Efforts are being made during the design phase to avoid and minimize wetland impacts. This notice is to comply with Section 2(b) of EO 11990, which requires early notice for actions that could potentially affect wetlands. The Air Force has also been in contact with state and federal regulatory agencies with special expertise regarding the Proposed Action, including the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

Two Action Alternatives are being considered. Alternative 1 includes replacing the finger piers, constructing a wave screen, constructing a stern ramp, and deepening the berthing area. The mooring field would be realigned, the mooring piles would be replaced, a riprap sill would be constructed to reduce shoreline accretion in the mooring area, and the mooring field access area would be deepened. Gangways and fendering would be added to the Landship to improve access and training operations. A bulkhead sill would be constructed at the general's ramp to reduce shoreline accretion and slope slip failure in the maintained turning basin. Alternative 2 includes the same improvements as described in Alternative 1, except that a bulkhead sill would be constructed at the mooring field instead of a riprap sill. This alternative would reduce the amount of new work dredging required to complete the project and the area of permanently hardened subaqueous bottom. The Preferred Alternative, to be determined, would avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands to the maximum extent practicable.

On behalf of the Air Force, the USACE, Norfolk District is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the draft EA when it is released during the fall of 2021.

Please submit requests for information by email at Megan.A.Wood@usace.army.mil or by mail at Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers, Operations Branch, 803 Front St, Norfolk, VA 23510 within 30 days of this notice.

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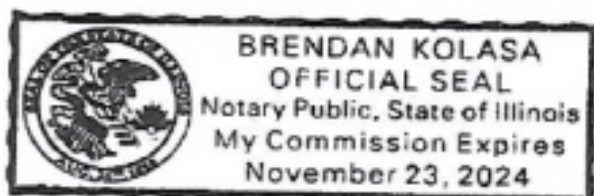
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Subscribed and sworn to before me in my city and state on the day and year aforesaid this 28 day of September, 2021

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY WITH IMPACTS TO WETLANDS - Third Port facility at Joint Base Langley-Eustis – Fort Eustis
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:01:45 PM

Dear Megan,

Thank you for talking with me and for providing additional information regarding the Third Port Improvements Project at Joint Base Langley-Eustis – Fort Eustis (JBLE-Eustis). We have several recommendations for the draft Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

- The hydrodynamic modeling from the Research and Development Center (ERDC) will be informative to design components and to avoid impacts to wetlands. We recommend the EA indicate the data used by ERDC for this modeling, including for potential impacts to wetlands.
- We recommend including a recent wetland delineation in the appendices, if available. If an updated delineation has not yet been completed for all wetlands in the project area, we recommend that it be conducted and incorporated into project planning to capture the extent of potential impacts.
- We suggest the EA include a narrative description of any vegetated or unvegetated wetlands that may occur in, or adjacent to, the project area and explain any expected impacts to hydrology, boundaries, or vegetative communities.
- Many of the potential project components include removal of existing timber piles and installation of concrete or steel piles. We recommend the EA discuss impacts associated with the removal and installation of piles, particularly potential impacts from in-water noise and sedimentation, along with any best management practices (BMPs) that will be used to reduce these impacts. (For noise, such BMPs could include ramp up procedures, bubble curtains, time of year restrictions, etc.)
- BMPs that reduce sedimentation and habitat impacts should be evaluated in the EA. For the finger pier project, it is currently anticipated that the existing timber piers would be pulled from the sediment and piles located above the tideline would be cut at ground level. We recommend that the EA compare impacts of pulling submerged piles with cutting them.
- Our understanding is that the proposed project has the potential to be in the same geography as Western Range (military munitions response program site) and the Camp

Wallace FUDS Project C03VA0015. We recommend that the EA address the potential for munitions of explosive concern (MEC) and Munitions Constituents (MC) in work or dredge areas that may be expanded beyond the current maintenance area. Any planned remedial investigations should be indicated; if the potential for interaction with MC or MEC has been reviewed in previous studies, we recommend that this be indicated.

- We recommend the EA describe sources of sediment for shoaling and indicate how the project may address this issue. It would be helpful to explain whether other actions have been taken or are planned to reduce shoreline erosion and slope failure contributing to the sediment accretion, including stabilization efforts, relocation, or realignment of facilities.
- We understand that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from construction will be evaluated. We recommend assessing whether any significant changes in GHG emissions from operation and maintenance are likely. (For example, would replacing older ships with more efficient vessels likely reduce GHG, or would this be offset by the increase in size? Would any adjustments to the existing dredging maintenance cycle and amount impact GHG?)

Again, thank you for discussing the early notice with me. We look forward to reviewing the Draft EA for the project.

Sincerely,
Carrie

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