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PUBLIC NOTICE

**DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, GALVESTON HARBOR CHANNEL EXTENSION,
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District (USACE) announces the release of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Galveston Harbor Channel (GHC) Extension (GHCE) in Galveston County, Texas. The GHC is adjacent to the Houston Ship Channel in Galveston, Texas.

In 2016, the USACE signed a FONSI and published a Final EA for the recommended plan (RP) authorized by Congress. The RP involved deepening 2,571 feet of the GHC to a depth of -46 feet, beginning near the Port of Galveston Pier 38 at Station 20+000, continuing westward towards Pelican Island Bridge, and ending at Station 22+571. Approximately 609,500 cubic yards (cy) of dredged material would be placed in the existing Pelican Island Placement Area (PA). In 2021, the GHCE moved into the pre-construction, engineering, and design (PED) phase, when the design team identified revisions needed for the RP. As a result, additional channel at the most western end of the GHC has been incorporated into the design and extends the -46-foot MLLW deepening an additional 505 feet. In addition, updated geotechnical surveys determined that the amount of sediment that needs to be dredged is less than projected, approximately 600,500 cubic yards total, resulting in a net decrease in sediment dredged and a shorter construction duration (about one month). The SEA documents the impacts of the Proposed Modified RP. The SEA and draft FONSI are available for download at the Galveston District website:

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Projects/Houston-Galveston-Navigation-Channel-Galveston-Harbor-Channel-Extension/>

The USACE solicits comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties. The USACE will accept written public comments on the Draft SEA and FONSI for a 30-day comment period starting Monday, January 22nd, 2024. Comments must be postmarked by February 24nd, 2024. You may mail comments to USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Justin Tirpak, RPEC-ENV, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550, or you may email comments to Justin.M.Tirpak@usace.army.mil.

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