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PUBLIC NOTICE

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CALHOUN and MATAGORDA COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Southwestern Regional Planning and Environmental Center (RPEC), hereby informs the public that the Final Validation Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (V/SEIS) is available for a 30-day waiting review.

The USACE Galveston District, in partnership with the Calhoun Port Authority, is proposing to widen and deepen the Matagorda Ship Channel. This effort aims to improve port efficiency, reduce transportation costs, and enhance navigational safety by addressing limitations in the channel's current width and depth. In addition, this project is expected to strengthen national security by increasing the United States' energy trade balance and ability to export energy products to support defense priorities in accordance with Executive Order 14156. This Final SEIS supplements the 2019 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project and evaluates the potential environmental effects of proposed modifications to the authorized project. The Final V/SEIS identifies and assesses reasonable alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, to determine whether the proposed changes would result in significant impacts to the human environment. The Final V/SEIS evaluates and compares three different potential depths and widths of the ship channel. The recommended scale would include a deepening to -47 feet (ft.) mean lower low water (MLLW) and widening of the bottom width to 300 ft. of the main channel, deepening to -49 ft. MLLW, and widening of bottom width to 550 ft. of the entrance channel, and a 1,200-ft. diameter turning basin in Lavaca Bay.

The 30-day waiting period begins on July 2, 2026, and ends on August 3, 2026. This 30-day period is a waiting period that allows time for review of the Final V/SEIS prior to a final decision. In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act, USACE will issue a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. This notice is for informational purposes only and does not open a public comment period. The Final V/SEIS is available on the project's website:

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Projects/Matagorda-Ship-Channel-Improvement-Project/>.

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