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Freeport Harbor, TX Operation and Maintenance

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TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance



Inner Harbor at Port Freeport

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Cornyn and Cruz (TX), Representative Weber (TX-14)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port Freeport

BACKGROUND: The Freeport Harbor deep draft navigation project consists of a 46-foot deep by 600-foot wide by approximately 8.5 mile channel, extending from the Gulf of Mexico, through a jettied inlet, to a turning basin at the Freeport port facilities. The project also includes two rock jetties, 1.46 & 1.64 miles in length.

The Port of Freeport is ranked #31 in the nation with respect to commercial tonnage (24.5 million tons total in 2017).

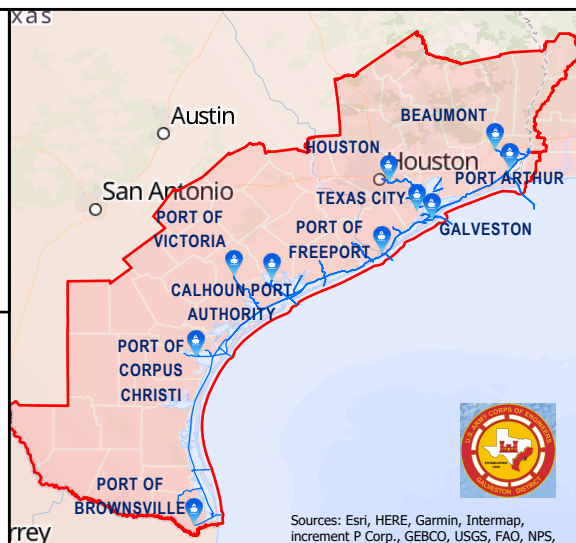
The principle imports to the Port of Freeport are crude petroleum, fruit, textiles, aggregate, paper goods and plastics. The primary exported commodities of the Port of Freeport include automobiles, chemicals, clothing, food, paper goods, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and plastics.

The tonnage for the Freeport Harbor Project is anticipated to sharply increase in 2019 after improvements to the Federal Entrance Channel in 2016 and the associated start-up of the Freeport LNG export facilities in 2019.

STATUS: FY 2018 activities included annual maintenance dredging of the Freeport Harbor Entrance and Jetty Channels to project depth, associated Sea Turtle Trawling, and placement area 1 improvements.

The USACE Galveston District plays a key role in America's well-being by keeping waterways open for navigation and commerce. The Galveston District is directly responsible for monitoring more than 1,000 miles of channel. Dredges are constantly at work keeping vital marine arteries open for waterborne traffic carrying cargo ranging from crude oil to coffee. Other priorities include construction of jetties or breakwaters to protect harbor and inlet entrances and the locks along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at the crossing of the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

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