



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
GALVESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 1229
GALVESTON, TEXAS 77553-1229

JOINT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT FEASIBILITY STUDY & INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL 45-FOOT EXPANSION CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
HARRIS AND GALVESTON COUNTIES, TEXAS
August 2017

The public is hereby notified of the draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP), Harris and Galveston Counties, Texas, prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (USACE) in partnership with the Port of Houston Authority (PHA). Authorized by Congress in Section 216 of the Flood Control Act (FCA) of 1970 (Public Law [P.L.] 91-611), as amended, the study is a vital tool produced and used by the USACE to guide the responsible stewardship of administered resources for the benefit of present and future generations. The report will be available for download starting September 1, 2017 at the URL address:

<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/PlanningEnvironmentalBranch/DocumentsforPublicReview.aspx>

Compact disc (CD) copies of the report can be requested from Dr. Kelly Burks-Copes, Coastal Section, Regional Planning & Environmental Center, at P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229. In addition, CDs of the report are available for viewing at the following libraries:

- Houston Public Library (Central Branch), 500 McKinney St., Houston, Texas 77002
- Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy St, Galveston, TX 77550
- Harris County Library (Jacinto City Branch), 921 Akron St., Houston, TX 77029
- Pleasantville Neighborhood Library, 1520 Gellhorn Dr., Houston, TX 77029
- Harris County Library (Galena Park Branch), 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, TX 77547
- Harris County Library (Stratford Branch), 509 Stratford, Highlands, TX 77562
- Erma Wood Carlson Library, 150 Lee Dr, Baytown, TX 77520
- Sterling Municipal Library, 1 Mary Wilbanks Ave, Baytown, TX 77520
- La Porte Community Library, 600 S. Broadway St., La Porte, TX 77571
- Moore Memorial Public Library is 1701 9th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77590
- Evelyn Meador Branch Library, 2400 N. Meyer Ave., Seabrook, TX 77586

Two public information meetings will be held in the Houston area during the public comment period:

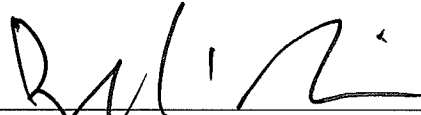
- Thursday, September 21 - Galena Park High School, 1000 Keene St, Galena Park, TX 77547 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 27 - La Porte Junior High, 401 S Broadway St, La Porte, TX 77571 6:30-8:30 PM

The USACE will accept written public comments on the integrated report for a 45-day period starting September 1, 2017 and continuing through October 16, 2017. Comments on the report must be postmarked by October 16, 2017. You may send written comments or questions to the USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Dr. Kelly Burks-Copes, Coastal Section, Regional Planning & Environmental Center, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229, or you may email comments or questions to: HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil.

This public notice is also issued for the purpose of advising all known interested persons that there is pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a decision on water quality certification. Any comments concerning this application may be submitted to the TCEQ, 401 Coordinator, MSC-150, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. A copy of the public notice, with a description of work, has been made available for review in the TCEQ's Austin office.

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