



# Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps  
Of Engineers**

**Galveston District**

Permit Application No: SWG-2023-00288

Date Issued: 8 August 2024

Comments

Due: 9 September 2024

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## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is not the entity proposing or performing the proposed work, nor has the Corps taken a position, in favor or against the proposed work.

**AUTHORITY:** This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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**LOCATION:** The project site is located in Galveston Ship Channel, approximately 475 feet northeast of the intersection of Wharf Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Street, in Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

**LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83):**

**Latitude:** 29.310980° North; **Longitude:** 094.791486° West

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is proposing to relocate and permanently berth the Battleship Texas which will consist of installing 1) four 84-inch-diameter metal support pile dolphins, 2) one 360-foot by 20-foot access pier that will be supported by twenty 18-inch square concrete piles, 3) two 40-foot by 12-foot access gangways spanning from the proposed access pier to the Battleship Texas, and 4) one access building and walkway extending from the existing bulkhead to the proposed access pier. The proposed support pile dolphins will be pneumatically installed to depths sufficient to ensure structural integrity and positioned such that the Battleship Texas is permanently moored parallel to the Galveston Ship Channel and along the existing Pier 21 bulkhead wall. The applicant stated that the proposed design exhibits an approximate 92-foot setback from the federal channel limits of the Galveston Ship Channel. No dredging is required for the proposed project.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** The applicant has stated that they will avoid and minimize environmental impacts by implementing industry standard best management practices during construction activities. The applicant has designed the project in a way that will not impede on navigation by permanently mooring the ship parallel to the Galveston Ship Channel.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant is not proposing mitigation.

**CURRENT SITE CONDITIONS:** The project site consists of previously dredged, unconsolidated mud-bottom of the Galveston Ship Channel and surrounding industrial and commercial development.

This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This project information has not been verified by the Corps. The applicant's plans are enclosed in 6 sheets.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. Since permit assessment is a continuing process, this preliminary determination of EIS requirement will be changed if data or information brought forth in the coordination process is of a significant nature.

#### **OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Consistency with the State of Texas Coastal Management Plan is required. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with Texas' approved Coastal Management Program goals and policies and will be conducted in a manner consistent with said program.

Pursuant to 33 USC 408, the proposed project will require Section 408 coordination and review. This is a requirement for activities that seek permission, to temporarily or permanently, alter, occupy, or use a federally authorized United States Army Corps of Engineers civil works project. Changes to the proposed project, from the Section 408 process, may warrant additional coordination.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:** The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The permit area has been so extensively impacted by industrial development and dredging that there is no potential for historic properties to exist within the permit area. Therefore, the proposed project has no potential to effect historic properties. Additionally, the Corps' regulatory authority does not extend to the relocation and housing of the Battleship Texas (which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places) in this new location.

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Threatened and/or endangered species may be affected by the proposed work. Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service will be initiated to assess the effect on endangered species.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on Essential Fish Habitat or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FACTORS:** This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-332, the Regulatory Programs of the Corps, and other pertinent laws, regulations and executive orders. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, will be considered: among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment and/or an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts upon which a decision by the Corps may be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The purpose of a public hearing is to solicit additional information to assist in the evaluation of the proposed project. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine if the reasons identified for holding a public hearing are sufficient to warrant that a public hearing be held. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested persons will be notified of the time, date, and location.

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:** All comments pertaining to this public notice must reach this office on or before **9 September 2024**. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections.** Comments and requests for additional information should reference our file number, **SWG-2023-00288**, and should be submitted to:

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