



Public Notice

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

Galveston District

Permit Application No: _____

Date Issued: _____

Comments _____

Due: _____

SWG-2014-00850

24 February 2025

10 March 2025

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 facility is located in the Industrial/Main Turning Basin of the Port of Corpus Christ Authority's (POCCA) Inner Harbor, with a pipeline connection to existing treated water structure, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas. The project can be located on the U.S.G.S. quadrangle map titled: Corpus Christi, Texas.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83):

Facility (Central Coord) Latitude: 27.8141 North; Longitude: -97.4185 West

Connection Pipeline (Central Coord) Latitude: 27.7916 North Longitude: -97.4336 West

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant has submitted updated information to supplement the Public Notice for this project issued on January 16, 2024. In addition to the desalination facility, the applicant proposes to install a 3.1-mile-long pipeline connection from the facility located on the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor to the existing Navigation Boulevard Pump Station located at 266 Navigation Boulevard in Corpus Christi, Texas. The pipeline would be constructed along existing street Rights of Way and would run southwest (SW) from the desalination facility along Floral Street to Interstate 37, then SW along Nueces Bay Boulevard to Leopard Street and then west to Old Robstown Road and then SW to Airport Road. The pipeline would turn south along Airport Road to Agnes Street and then turn west and continue along Agnes Street to Navigation Boulevard where it would turn north and terminate at the pump station. The installation method would include both open trench and Hydraulic Directional Drilling where appropriate/necessary.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has avoided and minimized the environmental impacts by locating the pipeline within existing Rights of ways previously disturbed by road construction.

MITIGATION: No mitigation is proposed.

CURRENT SITE CONDITIONS: The applicant indicates the proposed pipeline route is in an upland area within existing maintained road rights of way. No aquatic sites are reported along the proposed route.

NOTES: 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 three 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.

Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

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.

No water quality certification is required.

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 for the pipeline has been so extensively impacted by residential and industrial development and associated infrastructure that there is no potential for historic properties to exist within the permit area. Therefore, the proposed project has no potential to affect historic properties.

Project is within the area of interest for the following Tribes: the Apache Tribe of OK, the Comanche Nation of OK, the Kiowa Indian Tribe of OK, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Tonkawa Tribe of OK, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
PN/SOF Statement: The permit area for the pipeline has been so extensively impacted by residential and industrial development and associated infrastructure that there is no potential for resources of concern to the Native American Tribes to exist within the permit area.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary indications are that no known threatened and/or endangered species or their critical habitat will be affected by the proposed additional work.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FACTORS: This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-332, the Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers, 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 of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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 Environmental Impact Statement 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 of Engineers 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 **10 March 2025**. 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-2014-00850**, and should be submitted through the RRS system or the physical address listed below: <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notice> OR

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