



Special Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers
Galveston District

Permit Application
No:

SWG-1998-01818
(formerly 21520)

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT
AND
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: This public notice is for the purpose of notifying you that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Final General Conformity Determination (FGCD) for the Bayport Terminal Department of the Army Permit SWG-1998-01818 on 15 January 2021.

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.

APPLICANT: The Port of Houston Authority
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LOCATION: The project site is located in Galveston Bay, adjacent to the Bayport Ship Channel, approximately 30 miles southwest of downtown Houston, in the City of Pasadena and the City of Seabrook, Harris County, Texas. The project can be located on the USGS quadrangle maps entitled: League City and Bacliff, Texas.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83):
Latitude: 29.609198° N; Longitude: 95.013723° W

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Port of Houston Authority proposes to modify the previously authorized permit and requests an extension of time to complete previously authorized work.

AIR QUALITY: In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter I, Subchapter C, Part 93, Section 93.156(b), the Corps has issued the Final General Conformity Determination (GCD) for the for the Bayport Terminal Project. The TCEQ's Concurrence letter (sheets 21 and 22) and the Final GCD (sheets 1 through 20 of 22) are available for download on the Public Notice webpage.

The proposed project is located in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria ozone nonattainment area, which is currently classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as serious for the 2008 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and marginal for the 2015 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. General conformity requirements apply according to the serious classification. The Corps presented data demonstrating that the proposed action would result in nitrogen oxides (NOX) emissions of 54.09 tons per year (tpy) in 2021, which is above the 50 tpy *de minimis* threshold for general conformity.

BACKGROUND: An interagency coordination notice, dated 26 May 2020, was sent to resource agencies for comments. No adverse comments were received during this review. Subsequently, the General Conformity Determination was coordinated with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Air Quality Division.

A public notice for the project and a Final Draft (GCD) was published for this project, dated 21 November 2020, along with the publication in the Houston Chronicle Newspaper.

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