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Public Comment period on the Savannah Harbor deepening to close Jan. 25

Public comments can now be viewed online

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Officials from the [Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) remind the public that Jan. 25 marks the deadline for submitting comments on the proposed deepening of Savannah Harbor.

The district also launched a new web page that provides access to the public comments received to date. View the page at: www.sas.usace.army.mil. As additional comments are received, they will be posted to the web page.

“In an effort to share information with the public and support transparency in our comment process, we began posting the comments on our web site,” said [Col. Jeff Hall](#), commander of the Savannah District. “The comments are presented in their raw form, with the exception of removing personal information. This approach helps us present the information quickly and maintains our open approach to the public’s views.”

The Corps of Engineers released a draft [General Re-Evaluation Report](#) (GRR) and draft [Environmental Impact Statement](#) (EIS) in November with a 45-day period for public comments. The Corps of Engineers extended the public comment period to 60 days following numerous requests from the public. These reports detail the proposal to deepen the Savannah Harbor from its current 42-foot depth to 47 or 48 feet deep.

The GRR and EIS reflect an extensive analysis of the engineering alternatives, environmental impacts, and economic costs and benefits of deepening the Savannah Harbor and shipping channel. Authorized by Congress, and funded by the federal government and the state of Georgia, the study examined the characteristics of future international shipping fleets, current and future trade routes, and the capacity of the Garden City terminal on the Savannah River. The public can view the reports online at www.sas.usace.army.mil.

Comments can be submitted by mail to: William Bailey, ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, 100 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah GA 31401-3640 and must be received by Jan 25. Comments also can be sent electronically to: CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil.

The Savannah District also has posted an online video overview and other information from the public workshop held Dec 15, on its website.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Savannah District manages and oversees a multi-billion dollar military construction program at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps’ projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway - as well as three lakes and hydroelectric dams along the Savannah River.