The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2010-00530; SAS-2010-00531; SAS-2010-00532; SAS-2010-00533 & SAS-2010-00534

Applicant: Mr. Christopher Novack
Georgia Ports Authority (GPA)
Post Office Box 2406
Savannah, Georgia 31402

Agent: Mr. Brandon Wall
Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc.
31 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 200B
Savannah, Georgia 31405

Location of Proposed Work: The project sites are located within the East River and South Brunswick River, in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. For additional information, please refer to Table 1.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The applicant proposes to annually remove accumulated sediment from five existing berthing facilities. For each berth, the location, length and width, depth of maintenance dredging and annual volumes are listed in Table 1. As proposed, approximately 4,000 cubic yards (CY) of sediment would be removed from Colonel’s Island Berth 1 (SAS-2010-00532); 8,000 CYs from Colonel’s Island Berth 2 (SAS-2010-00533); 4,000 CYs from Colonel’s Island Berth 3 (SAS-2010-00534); a total of 50,000 cubic yards from the East River Terminal Berths 1, 2, 3 and the Lanier Dock (SAS-2010-00530); and a total of 15,000 cubic yards from the Mayor’s Point Terminal (SAS-2010-00531).
Sediments would be removed via hydraulic dredging and/or clamshell dredging. Dredged material would be pumped to Andrew’s Island Confined Upland Disposal Facility (CDF), placed in an appropriate alternate disposal facility, and/or beneficially used in an environmentally acceptable method. For additional information, see the attached plans and drawings that were provided by the applicant.

Table 1. Summary of Colonel’s Island Terminal, East River Terminal and Mayor’s Point Terminal Annual Maintenance Dredging.

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<th>Corps File Number</th>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Latitude (°N)</th>
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<th>River</th>
<th>Area to be Maintained (L x W)</th>
<th>Annual Dredge Volume (CY)</th>
<th>Authorized Depth at MLW</th>
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BACKGROUND

Colonel’s Island Terminal (CIT) handles wheeled (Roll-on/Roll-off or Ro-Ro) cargo including heavy equipment and automobiles. There are three existing berths at the terminal (Berths 1, 2, and 3) and one permitted and proposed berth (Berth 4) which will be constructed on the downstream end of the facility. Berth 1 is the downstream-most existing berth and is maintained at a depth of -36’. Annual maintenance dredging at Berth 1 was previously authorized by the Corps under SAS-1994-17631 and SAS-2010-00532. These permits authorized the berth to be maintained at -36’ with 2’ of overdredge. Berth 2 is just upstream of Berth 1 and is maintained at a depth of -42’. Annual maintenance dredging at Berth 2 was previously authorized by the Corps under SAS-2010-00533. In addition, on August 31, 2006, the Corps authorized Berth 2 at Colonel’s Island to be deepened to -42 Mean Low Water (MLW). Berth 3 is the upstream-most existing berth and is maintained at a depth of -36’. Annual maintenance dredging at Berth 3 was previously authorized by the Corps in December of 2010. That
permit authorized the 1,190' x 125' berth to be maintained at -36' with 2' of overdredge. All of the permits for the above berths (with the exception of Berth 4) are set to expire on December 31, 2020.

The East River Terminal primarily handles dry bulk products such as forest products and agricultural products along with other bulk goods. There are four contiguous berths (Berths 1, 2, and 3 and the Lanier Dock) totaling approximately 2,240 linear feet. Annual maintenance dredging at the terminal has been previously authorized by the Corps under SAS-1998-14530 and SAS-2010-00530. These permits authorized all berths to be maintained at -36' with 2' of overdredge with the exception of the Lanier Dock which was authorized to -32'. A subsequent permit was issued to deepen the Lanier Dock to -36 feet (SAS-2011-00272). The current permit is set to expire on October 31, 2020.

The Mayor’s Point Terminal handles breakbulk cargo and consists of two docks. The berth in front of the upstream, main dock is maintained at a depth of -36', whereas the downstream dock, called the City Dock, is maintained at a depth of -27'. Annual maintenance dredging at the facility is currently authorized by SAS-2010-00531. However, this permit is set to expire on December 31, 2020.

The applicant sampled, tested and evaluated the sediments to be dredged from the project areas in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Corps’ Evaluation of Dredged Material for Proposed Discharge in Waters of the U.S. Manual (Inland Testing manual). Based on information provided in the above evaluation, the Corps has determined that given the projected maintenance dredge material volumes, including areas with ISWQS exceedances, and available capacity at the Andrew’s Island CDF, supernatant discharge is not anticipated during the project. The proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards in the waters of the U.S.

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Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division would review the proposed project for water quality certification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Prior to issuance of a Department of the Army permit for a project location in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia, review for Water Quality Certification is required. A reasonable period of time, which shall not exceed one year, is established under the Clean Water Act for the State to act on a request for Water Quality Certification, after which, issuance of such a Department of the Army permit may proceed.

State-owned Property and Resources: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia, which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit or other appropriate instrument.

Marshland Protection: This notice also serves as notification of a request to alter coastal marshlands (under the provision of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, Georgia Laws, 1970, p. 939 and as amended), if required. Comments concerning this action should be submitted to the Marsh and Shore Management Section, Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1 Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).

Georgia Coastal Management Program: Prior to the Savannah District Corps of Engineers making a final permit decision on this application, the project must be certified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, to be consistent with applicable provisions of the State of Georgia Coastal Management Program (15 CFR 930). Anyone wishing to comment on Coastal Management Program certification of this project should submit comments in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Federal Consistency Coordinator, Coastal Management Program, Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).
The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army permit.

**Cultural Resources Assessment:** The proposed work would occur within maintained (i.e. annually dredged) berths or within an existing confined disposal facility. Therefore, the potential for archeological resources to be located within these areas area minimal. Based upon the information that the applicant has provided, in addition to the background review, the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected within the permit area. Therefore, the Corps has determined that this action has no potential to cause effects, and it has fulfilled it Section 106 responsibilities in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) and 33 CFR 325 Appendix C, paragraph 3.b.

**Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):** This notice initiates the EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of EFH utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, bluefish or snapper grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have an individual or cumulatively substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean. Our final determination relative to project impacts to EFH and the need for mitigation measures are subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS and the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

**Endangered Species:** A preliminary review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service’s Protected Resource Divisions (NMFS/PRD)’s list of Endangered and Threatened Species (IPaC) indicates the following listed species may occur in the project area: West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), Eastern Indigo Snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), Wood stork (*Mycteria Americana*), red cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) and pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*). In addition, both the Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), have the potential to be in the vicinity of the project.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.), we request information from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; or, any other interested party, on whether any other species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area.
Public Interest Review: The decision whether to issue a permit would be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision would reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, 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 would be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Consideration of Public Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received would 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 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.

Application of Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest would include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army permit should submit comments by email to sarah.e.wise@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Ms. Sarah E. Wise, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31401-3604, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.
If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Sarah E. Wise, Team Lead, Coastal Branch at 912-652-5550 or by email at sarah.e.wise@usace.army.mil.

Enclosures:
1. Maintenance Dredging, Colonels Island Berth 1, Sheets 1-3, dated May 26, 2010
2. Maintenance Dredging, Colonels Island Berth 2, Sheets 1-3, dated May 26, 2010
3. Maintenance Dredging, Colonels Island Berth 3, Sheets 1-3, dated May 26, 2010
5. Mayor’s Point Terminal Docks, Sheets 1-4, dated January 21, 2009
PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING
BERTH TO -36.0 MLW

DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
1. STATE OF GEORGIA

SECTION A-A

MAINTENANCE DREDGING
COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 1
IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GLYNN
STATE: GA

APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

SHEET 3 OF 3
DATE: 26-MAY-2010

REV.
Purpose: Maintenance Dredging
Berth to -42.0 MLW
Datum: Mean Low Water
Adjacent Property Owners:
1. State of Georgia

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY,
COLONELS ISLAND TERMINAL
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

VICINITY MAP
MAINTENANCE DREDGING
COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 2
IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER
(STA 55+00)
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
STATE: GA
APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
SHEET 1 OF 3 DATE: 26-MAY-2010
SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER

Purpose: Maintenance Dredging
BTh To -42.0 MLW
Datum: Mean Low Water
Adjacent Property Owners:
1. State of Georgia

DOCK PLAN
GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
COLONELS ISLAND TERMINAL
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

MAINTENANCE DREDGING
COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 2
IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER
(STA 55+00)
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
STATE: GA
APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
SHEET 2 OF 3
DATE: 26-MAY-2010

Scale: 200
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* SEE SECTION A-A FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECT NOTES.
PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING
BERTH TO -42.0 MLW

DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
1. STATE OF GEORGIA

SECTION A-A
GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
COLONELS ISLAND TERMINAL
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

MAINTENANCE DREDGING
COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 2
IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER
(STA 55+00)
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
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BERTH TO -36.0 MLW

DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
1. STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCK PLAN

MAINTENANCE DREDGING
COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 3

IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GLYNN
APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY

STATE: GA

SHEET 2 OF 3
DATE: 26-MAY-2010

REV.
PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING
BERTH TO -36.0 MLW
DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
1. STATE OF GEORGIA

SECTION A-A

MAINTENANCE DREDGING COLONEL'S ISLAND BERTH 3
IN: SOUTH BRUNSWICK RIVER
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
STATE: GA
APPLICATION BY: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
SHEET 3 OF 3 DATE: 26-MAY-2010
PURPOSE: MAINTAIN DEPTH AT EAST RIVER TERMINAL DOCKS

DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
UPSTREAM - BOARD OF REGENTS
DOWNSTREAM - LOGISTEC, INC.

VICINITY MAP
GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
EAST RIVER TERMINAL
225 NEW CASTLE STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

EAST RIVER TERMINAL DOCKS
IN: EAST RIVER
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
STATE: GA
APPLICATION BT: GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
SHEET 1 OF 3
DATE: 21-JAN-2009

REV. 2010-0580
purposes: Maintain depth at East River terminal docks

Datum: Mean low water

Adjacent property owners:
Upstream: Board of Regents
Downstream: Logistecl, lec

Site Plan

Georgia Ports Authority
East River Terminal
225 New Castle Street
Savannah, Georgia 31520

East River
Terminal Docks

In: East River

County of: Glynn
State: GA

Application by: Georgia Ports Authority
Sheet 2 of 3
Date: 21-Jan-2009

Rev
Approximately 50,000 CY of maintenance material will be removed annually from the berth.
PURPOSE: MAINTAIN DEPTH AT EAST RIVER TERMINAL DOCKS
DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
UPSTREAM - CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
DOWNSTREAM - OCEAN PETROLEUM, INC.

VICINITY MAP

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
MAYORS POINT TERMINAL
1100 BAY STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31420

MAYORS POINT TERMINAL DOCKS
IN: EAST RIVER
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
APPLICATION BY: CHEM HILL, INC.
STATE: GA
DATE: 21-JAN-2009
SHEET 1 OF 3 - REV.
PURPOSE: MAINTAIN DEPTH AT EAST RIVER TERMINAL DOCKS
DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
UPSTREAM - CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
DOWNSTREAM - B NORTH PROPERTIES, LLC

SITE PLAN

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
MAYORS POINT TERMINAL
1100 BAY STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31520

MAINTENANCE DREDGING
MAYORS POINT TERMINAL DOCKS
IN: EAST RIVER
COUNTY OF: GLYNN
APPLICATION BY: CH2M HILL, INC.
SHEET 2 OF 8+1 DATE: 26-MAY-2010

1" = 300'

REV.
APPROXIMATELY 15,000 CY OF MAINTENANCE MATERIAL WILL BE REMOVED AND DEPOSITED AT ANDREWS ISLAND ANNUALLY.

AREA OUTBOARD OF CITY DOCK SHALL BE MAINTENANCE DREDGED TO A DEPTH OF (-)27.0 MLW

PROPOSED DREDGE LINE

APPROXIMATELY 15,000 CY OF MAINTENANCE MATERIAL WILL BE REMOVED AND DEPOSITED AT ANDREWS ISLAND ANNUALLY.
Purpose: Maintain depth at East River Terminal docks
Datum: Mean Low Water
Adjacent Property Owners:
Upstream - City of Brunswick, GA
Downstream - Ocean Petroleum, Inc.

Typical Section

Maintenance dredging
Mayors Point City Docks
In: East River
County of: Glynn
Application by: CH2M Hill, Inc.

Georgia Ports Authority
Mayors Point Terminal
1100 Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31520

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