



NoPort News

A newsletter of the North Carolina International Terminal

All the news that prints to fit.

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More Dredgery

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, has sent this e-mail notice to state and Federal environmental agencies and local environmental groups:

The Wilmington District Corps of Engineers has been funded by Congress to prepare a Reconnaissance Study [905(b) report] for the potential North Carolina International Terminal near Southport, NC. The purpose of a reconnaissance study is to determine whether there is sufficient federal interest to proceed to more detailed study in the feasibility phase. As a part of that determination, we request information in writing from all interested parties related to the potential project. This information can be related to general concerns and/or detailed scientific and engineering data. These comments, readily available existing data and professional and technical judgment will be used to determine whether or not the project should proceed to the feasibility study phase. Due to limited funding in the reconnaissance phase, we will not be able to respond to comments individually. If the project goes on to the Feasibility phase, which is a multi-year process, there will be public meetings, meetings with individual resource agencies and groups, as well as opportunities to provide written comments. More information on this project is posted on our webpage at the following link:

[http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Authorized Projects/NCIT/main.htm](http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Authorized%20Projects/NCIT/main.htm).

The information on this webpage is similar to the Corps of Engineers news release issued September 8, 2009.

If you would like to submit written comments or concerns regarding this potential project, please do so by November 20, 2009. Your submittals can be provided by email or letter to the addresses indicated at the link.

Please forward this email to others who may have an interest in this potential project.

Alas, the Corps Web page has little information on the project. Likewise, the NC State Ports Authority Web site. But www.noportsouthport.org has whatever information we have been able to glean by Public Records law requests and other research. We have posted a draft reconnaissance study, so you can see what this is all about, and useful reports from the State Ports Authority's consultants.

We urge you to comment to the Corps. If you copy us at editor@noportsouthport.org, we can incorporate your information in materials we submit.

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