

**Public Notice**  
**March 28, 2016**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
**Charleston District**

**Information Workshop and Public Hearing  
for Proposed Renovations at Union Pier Terminal,  
Charleston, South Carolina, Project Number SAC 2003-13026**

On July 29, 2014, the South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA) submitted a letter requesting that the Corps renew processing of their application for a Department of the Army permit to renovate Building 322, an existing pile supported warehouse, and to reconfigure existing operations at Union Pier Terminal. The proposed project includes the installation of additional pilings underneath the existing wharf and the renovation/construction of wharf top structures above navigable waters of the U.S., such as a loading dock for transferring ship stores, parking areas, rain canopies, security fences, decorative bollards, etc., to support existing cruise operations. The proposed work is part of an overall plan to relocate cruise operations from the southern to the northern end of Union Pier Terminal. The footprint of the existing pile supported wharf would not be increased or altered as part of the proposed project.

On August 12, 2014, the District Engineer notified the SCPA that the Corps would exercise discretionary authority to require an individual permit for the proposed project and requested additional information from the SCPA in order to issue a public notice. The Corps received almost 200 written comments in response to the July 23, 2015, public notice, and an additional 100 written comments in response to a second public notice dated August 21, 2015, that extended the comment period until September 23, 2015 (an additional 30 days). The original public notice and drawings of the proposed project are located on the Corps' website at [http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Portals/43/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/Jul15\\_PN/SAC-2003-13026-Charleston-County-Union-Pier-Terminal.pdf](http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Portals/43/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/Jul15_PN/SAC-2003-13026-Charleston-County-Union-Pier-Terminal.pdf).

Many of the comment letters requested that a meeting and a public hearing be held to provide interested parties with an opportunity to discuss potential impacts to air quality, historic properties, traffic congestion, vessel operations, etc. In addition, several organizations requested to be consulting parties regarding potential impacts to the Charleston Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also identified as a National Historic Landmark. In an effort to address comments and concerns that were submitted in response to the public notices, the Corps held a consulting parties meeting on October 22, 2015, requested additional information from the SCPA on November 9, 2015, and has elected to hold an information workshop and public hearing on April 12, 2016.

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| <b>WHAT</b>             | Information Workshop and Public Hearing   |
| <b>WHEN</b>             | Tuesday, April 12, 2016<br>Open House 5:30-7:00 PM<br>Public Hearing 7:00- 9:00 PM  |
| <b>WHERE</b>            | The Citadel's Holliday Alumni Center<br>69 Hagood Avenue<br>Charleston, South Carolina 29403                                    |
| <b>WHY</b>              | The Corps is requesting additional feedback and comments from the public to help inform our evaluation of the proposed project. |
| <b>COMMENT DEADLINE</b> | May 12, 2016 (30 days after the Meeting)  |

The Corps and agency subject matter experts on various topics will be available during the open house portion of the meeting to discuss the proposed project and information that has been gathered to describe both the existing and the future condition on the project site and in the surrounding area. At 7:00 PM the Corps and the SCPA will provide a brief presentation and interested parties will be given an opportunity to address the Corps' District Commander and to make a statement about the proposed project.

The Corps will continue to encourage input throughout our review of the proposed project using one the following methods: participation in meetings, such as this information workshop and public hearing, or in writing to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Attn: Nat Ball, 69-A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403. The deadline for written comments is May 12, 2016 (30 days after this meeting).

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mr. Nat Ball at 843-329-8044 or toll-free at 1-866-329-8187. For inquiries from the media, please contact the Charleston District's Corporate Communications Office by telephone: 843-329-8123.