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Corps Initiates Scoping Process to Evaluate Proposed Marine Container Terminal

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Charleston, SC -- Approximately 100 people attended the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Public Scoping Meeting at Sterett Hall on March 16.

The purpose of the scoping meeting was to gather input from the public on the scope of the issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the Corps is preparing for the South Carolina State Ports Authority's (SCSPA) permit application for the proposed marine container terminal at the Charleston Naval Complex (CNC).

"The scoping meeting was not the only opportunity for the public to provide input," said Tracy Hurst, Corps' project manager of the EIS. "The public can continue to provide comments to the Corps on the scoping process until April 15 through either our website, www.PortEIS.com, our hotline, 971-7970, or by sending written comment to me at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, S.C. 29403."

"The Corps is committed to following the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process to ensure that the EIS contains a full and fair assessment and analysis of the significant environmental impacts of the State Ports Authority's proposed project and reasonable alternatives. We understand and appreciate the need for an expedited process and will accommodate that if possible. However, at no time can we jeopardize the NEPA process for any reason," said Hurst.