



Public Notice

23 May 1997

Charleston District Regulatory Branch

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Daniel Island Terminal and Notice of Scoping Meeting

In a letter dated March 25, 1997, the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SPA) was advised that based on the significant social, economic and environmental effects associated with the construction of the Daniel Island Terminal, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared by the Charleston District, Corps of Engineers.

The proposed project is the creation by the SPA of a marine cargo terminal complex at Daniel Island in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina, which includes the following components: approximately 1,300 acres of port terminal development at the south end of Daniel Island to include cargo marshaling areas, cargo processing areas, cargo-handling areas, intermodal rail facilities, and related terminal operating facilities; approximately 7,000 feet of wharf and berthing area on the Cooper River and approximately 5,000 feet of wharf and berthing area on the Wando River; approximately 35 acres of dredged berthing area; associated improvements to the Wando River and Hog Island channels; approximately 2.5 miles of multi-lane roadway construction between the proposed terminal site and Interstate I-526; approximately 11 miles of rail connecting the proposed terminal facilities to the East Cooper and Berkeley Railroad; and a rail bridge and road bridge over Beresford Creek.

At this time, several proposed routes for the eleven mile rail line are under consideration. In at least one alternative, the rail line crosses approximately two miles of the Francis Marion National Forest. For this reason, the U.S. Forest Service has agreed to be a cooperating agency in the EIS process.

The two miles of rail line which may cross the Francis Marion National Forest would connect Daniel Island to an existing East Cooper and Berkeley rail line that crosses in excess of ten miles of National Forest lands. The new rail line could be located in the southern portion of Berkeley County, in Compartments 112, 113, and 114. Approximately twenty-five acres of National Forest upland and bottomland pine and hardwoods, would be affected if this is the selected route. Activities that would be associated with the rail line construction on Francis Marion National Forest land are clearing and removing all trees and shrubs along a 100 foot wide corridor. Any merchantable timber would be sold via a U. S. Forest Service timber sale contract. If the selected route crosses National Forest lands, the Francis Marion National Forest will prepare a Record of Decision, signed by the Forest Supervisor. The Forest Service Decision would be subject to U. S. Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR 215).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this office has sent a Notice of Intent to be published in the Federal Register. This Notice of Intent informs the public of the location and time of the scoping meeting. However, in order to insure that all concerned individuals are notified, this public notice is being issued. The Scoping Meeting for the general public will be held:

**June 24, 1997, 7:00 PM
Charleston Museum
360 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina**

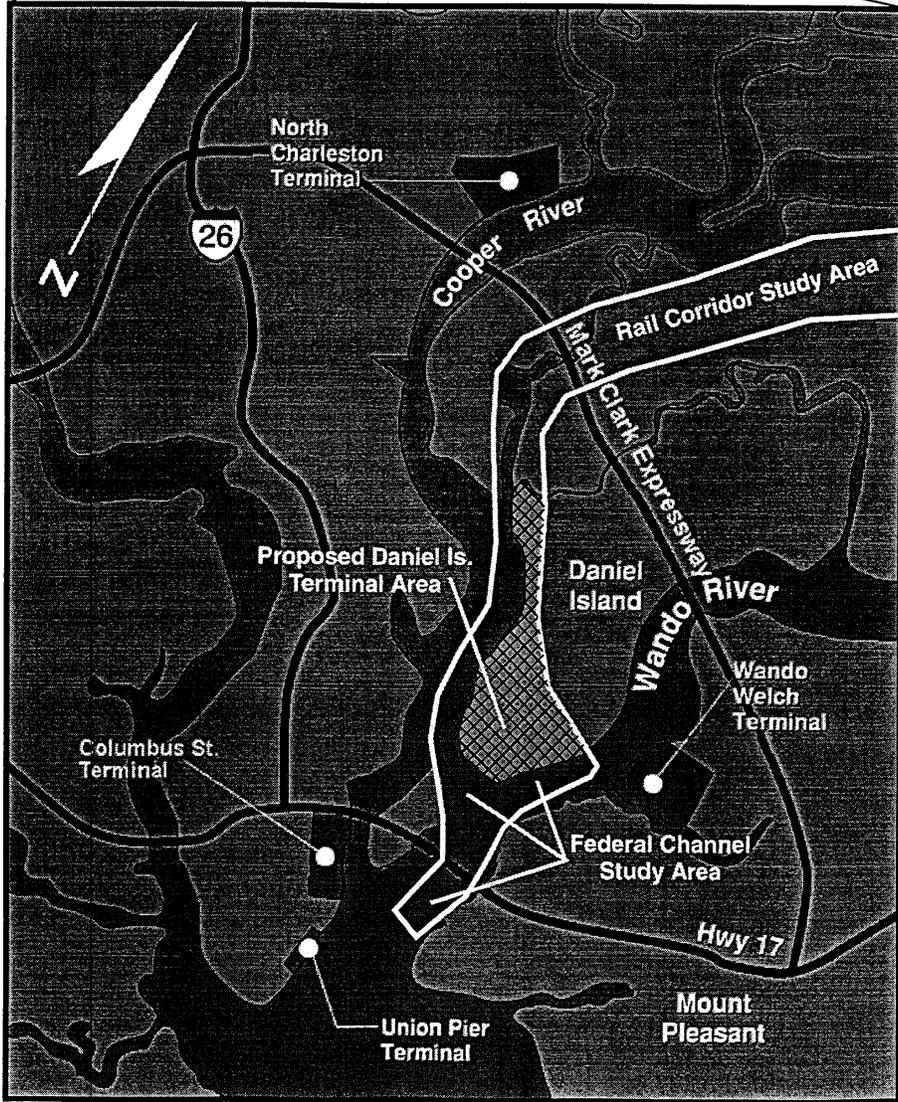
The purpose of the scoping meeting is to offer the public an opportunity to provide the Corps with input on the scope of the issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. This meeting is not a public hearing nor is it the proper forum to express broad-ranging opinions, either pro or con, about the proposed project. The express purpose is to identify specific issues to focus on in the EIS process. In September, 1998, the Draft EIS is projected to be released. At that time, the preferred alternative will be identified. A comment period and a public hearing will be held at that time and you will have an opportunity to provide comments on the project and the preferred alternative. Upon arrival at the scoping meeting, each attendee will be asked to complete an attendance card and will indicate on that card whether they would like to make comments at the meeting. In addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments, you are welcome to bring written comments that will be attached to your attendance card.

Special Note: If anyone requires an interpreter for the hearing impaired, one will be provided. However, you must notify me by June 10, 1997, if this service is needed.

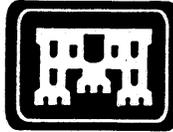
If there are any questions regarding this public notice, please contact me at 803-727-4330. Any inquiries from the media should be directed to Mr. David Rich, Public Affairs Officer, at 803-727-4201.



Tina B. Hadden
Project Manager



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Charleston District**



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

MEETING NOTICE

18 SEPTEMBER 1998

In response to the public interest, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Carolina State Ports Authority will hold a joint informal briefing, questions and answers meeting for issues surrounding the rail alternatives on the Cainhoy Peninsula as indicated below. This meeting is part of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Daniel Island Terminal.

DATE: Monday, September 28, 1998
TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
PLACE: Cainhoy School Gymnasium
2434 Cainhoy Road
Huger, South Carolina 28450

The public is invited to attend. Persons who require assistance for the hearing impaired should contact me at the telephone number below by September 23, 1998.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at
A/C 843-727-4330

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Hadden", is written over the typed name and title.

Tina Hadden
Environmental Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
334 MEETING STREET - ROOM 621
P.O. BOX 919
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29402
February 13, 1997

WHAT: Third Public Information Forum for the exchange of information regarding the proposed marine cargo terminal complex on Daniel Island in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

WHEN: March 4, 1998, at 9:00AM

WHERE: Room 205
L. Mendel River Federal Building
334 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

The primary topic for this forum will be a review of information developed regarding the existing human, physical, and human environment against which the potential impacts of the reasonable alternatives will be assessed.

The public is invited to participate in the Forum. Persons who plan to attend and who require the assistance for the hearing impaired should contact me at the telephone number listed below by February 25, 1998.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at A/C 803-727-4330.



Tina B. Hadden
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
334 MEETING STREET - ROOM 621
POST OFFICE BOX 919
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29402
December 19, 1997

WHAT: The Charleston District, Corps of Engineers is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed development by the South Carolina State Ports Authority of a marine cargo terminal in South Carolina. We are having a series of Public Outreach Meetings to discuss issues relating to specific areas. The first meeting will be related to issues involved in potential impacts in Cainhoys and surrounding areas.

WHEN: January 26, 1998 at 7:00 PM

WHERE: St. Johns AME Church
St. Johns Church Road (southwest of Jack Primus Road and northeast of
Clements Ferry Road)
Wando, South Carolina

The public is invited to attend. Persons who require assistance for the hearing impaired should contact me at the telephone number listed below by January 12, 1998.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at A/C 803-727-4330.



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Special Note: Personnel from the South Carolina State Ports Authority will be available after the meeting to answer any questions pertaining to right-of-way procurement.

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The South Carolina State Ports Authority has recently proposed the development of a new marine cargo terminal complex on Daniel Island in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina. Development of the proposed project will require actions by a number of federal agencies, including the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Coast Guard, the Forest Service, and the Surface Transportation Board. The Corps of Engineers has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to its decisions on the proposed project. The Corps will be the lead agency for the preparation of the EIS. The federal agencies listed above have agreed to be cooperating agencies for the EIS.

As part of the NEPA process, the Charleston District will establish a Public Information Forum (the Forum) to provide an arena for the exchange of information regarding the proposed project and the EIS. The Forum will not, as a group, be asked to make comments or recommendations to the Corps. Group positions on issues will not be developed and votes on issues will not be allowed. Individuals at the Forum may choose to provide any comments and/or recommendations individually.

Topics to be addressed at the Forum will include, but not necessarily be limited to: issues to be addressed in the EIS, available and necessary baseline data for assessing the impacts of the proposed project, alternatives to be considered in the EIS, projected impacts of the proposed project, and potential actions for mitigating the unavoidable environmental impacts of the project. Forums will be held approximately five times over the 14-month period that the Draft EIS is being prepared.

The public is invited to participate in the Forum. The first Forum is scheduled to be held on September 5, 1997, at the Quality Inn - Heart of Charleston, at the corner of Meeting and Calhoun Street, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Limited seating will be available. We anticipate that the forum will adjourn by 12 noon. Enclosed is a preliminary agenda for this forum.

A package of review materials will be available upon request from the above referenced office by the end of August. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at A/C 803-727-4330.



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Project Manager

DANIEL ISLAND TERMINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 1997 MEETING

- A. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT
- B. THE PROPOSED NEPA PROCESS FOR THE DANIEL ISLAND EIS
- C. THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM
- D. THE FORMAT OF AND TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE EIS
- E. THE IDENTIFICATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE STUDIED IN DETAIL
IN THE EIS
- F. DATABASE DEVELOPMENT TO IDENTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE
- G. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
334 MEETING STREET - ROOM 621
P.O. BOX 919
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29402
November 7, 1997

WHAT: Second Public Information Forum for the exchange of information regarding the proposed marine cargo terminal complex on Daniel Island in the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

WHEN: December 9, 1997, at 9:00AM

WHERE: Room 205
L. Mendel River Federal Building
334 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

The primary topics for this forum will be:

- The needs of the State Ports Authority in regard to the proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project as defined by the Corps of Engineers and cooperating Federal agencies.
- The reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

The public is invited to participate in the Forum. Persons who plan to attend and who require the assistance for the hearing impaired should contact me at the telephone number listed below by November 24, 1997.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at A/C 803-727-4330.



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