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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED
DANIEL ISLAND MARINE TERMINAL**

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**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
PROGRAM**

Three public workshops were held in early September to provide an update on the progress of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The first workshop was held at the Omar Temple in Mount Pleasant on the evening of September 1. The second workshop was held at the Cainhoy Elementary School in Huger on September 2. The third workshop was held at the Commissions of Public Works Building in Charleston on September 3. All three workshops were held in the evening to allow for maximum public participation.

An additional community meeting was held at the Cainhoy Elementary School on September 28 to discuss the EIS process and the Proposed Project with members of the public in the Cainhoy/Huger area concerned about the rail line proposed by the South Carolina State Ports Authority as part of the Proposed Project.

STATUS OF THE EIS

The collection of field data, the consolidation of the data, and the development of descriptions of existing conditions is largely complete. The analysis of potential impacts of the Proposed Project and the analysis of alternatives are being finalized. The preparation of the draft EIS is well underway.

Specific studies which have been concluded and are under review include traffic modeling, navigation modeling, biotic community mapping, protected species studies (including studies of red-cockaded woodpecker habitat and flatwoods salamander habitat), hydrodynamic modeling, an economic impact analysis, and a study of sediment which would have to be dredged for the Proposed Project.

SCHEDULE

The draft EIS is now projected to be released for public review and comment in February. The release of the document has been delayed in order to consider alternatives suggested in public meetings and in order to complete several of the studies listed above. The release of the draft EIS will be announced in the next newsletter and in public notices. The printed document is expected to include several very large volumes. Multiple copies will be available for public inspection at area libraries and other public offices. Copies of the document on compact disk will be available for public distribution. The executive summary of the EIS will be available on the Internet at the Charleston District Home Page.

A public hearing will be held approximately 60 days after the draft EIS is released to receive public comments on the draft EIS and the Proposed Project. This hearing is now projected to be held some time in April. The location, date, and time of the hearing will be announced in the next newsletter.

Questions concerning the EIS process should be directed to:

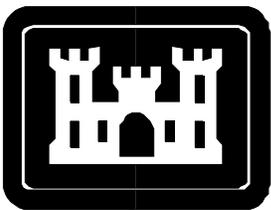
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