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SUBJECT: RE-CIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIS/EIR) FOR BERTH 97-109 [CHINA SHIPPING] CONTAINER TERMINAL PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) and the Los Angeles Harbor Department (Port) have prepared a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the following project in the Port of Los Angeles:

Berth 97-109 [China Shipping] Container Terminal Project

The Re-Circulated Draft EIS/EIR is included for your review, in accordance with current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, Article I; the State CEQA Guidelines, Article 7, Sections 15086-15087; and the California Public Resources Code Section 21153. The Notice of Availability for this project will be published in the Federal Register on May 16, 2008.

The Port and Corps originally released the Berth 97-109 [China Shipping] Container Terminal Project Draft EIS/EIR in August 2006. Based on comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR, a decision was made to re-circulate the document. The April 2008 Draft EIS/EIR is a full re-circulation of the original Draft EIS/EIR and addresses comments received on the August 2006 document.

Availability:

The Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at: L.A. Public Library, Central Branch, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles California; L.A. Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 921 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California; L.A. Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington, California; or the Los Angeles Harbor Department, 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California. The joint public notice is available online at the Army Corps of Engineers website: www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/POLA.htm and the entire document is available at the Port of Los Angeles web site: http://www.portoflosangeles.org/environment_pn.htm. A limited number of hard copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are also available at the Environmental Management Division offices to purchase. The Draft EIR/EIS is also available on CD for no charge.

Public Meeting:

The Corps and the Port will jointly conduct a public meeting to receive public comment on the Draft EIS/EIR for this project on June 5, 2008 at Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington CA at 6:00 p.m. Participation in the public meeting by federal, state and local agencies and other interested organizations and persons is encouraged. This meeting is to be conducted in English with simultaneous English/Spanish translation services provided.

Comments

Written comments on the EIS/EIR will be received until June 30, 2008 and should be sent to both:

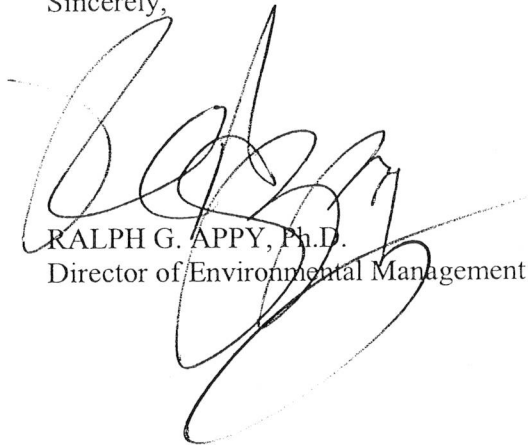
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Sincerely,



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