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**SUBJECT: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIS/SEIR) FOR THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES CHANNEL DEEPENING PROJECT**

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

Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project

The Draft SEIS/SEIR 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.

Availability

The Draft SEIS/SEIR is available for review at: the Los Angeles Public Library, Central Branch, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles California; Los Angeles Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 921 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California; Los Angeles Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 N. Avalon, Wilmington, California; and the Los Angeles Harbor Department, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California. The joint public notice is available online at the Army Corps of Engineers website at www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/POLA.htm. The entire document is available on the Port of Los Angeles's web site at <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>. A limited number of hard copies of the Draft SEIS/SEIR are also available at the Environmental Management Division offices to purchase. The Draft SEIR/SEIS 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 SEIS/SEIR for this project on August 6, 2008 in the Board of Harbor Commissioners Hearing Room, Port of Los Angeles, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street 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 SEIS/SEIR will be received until September 1, 2008 and should be sent to both:

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Environmental Resources Branch
c/o Megan Wong
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and

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Sincerely,


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