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Army Corps posts Public Notice regarding construction of replacement capacity at Dredged Material Placement Facilities

PHILADELPHIA (November 4, 2022) – The U.S. Army Corps Engineers' (USACE) Philadelphia District has posted a Public Notice in accordance with Section 217(a) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 and Section 145 of WRDA of 2020. The Public Notice is regarding the following request:

1. Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) is seeking to expand the Port of Wilmington at a site on the Delaware River at Edgemoor, DE and intends to request the Federal government, pursuant to Section 204(f) of WRDA 1986, as amended, to assume operation and maintenance of the proposed access channel connecting the Port expansion to the Delaware River Federal Navigation Channel.
2. In order to provide the required placement capacity for the initial 20 years of maintenance dredging of the access channel, DSPC proposes to pay for the development of replacement capacity at Site 15G (shown in the below figure). The capacity proposed to be developed at Site 15G will serve as a replacement for the capacity used at the Pedricktown North, Pedricktown South, and Oldmans dredged material placement facilities for maintenance of the access channel. This is permitted by Section 217(a) of WRDA of 1996, as amended by Section 145 of WRDA 2020, which authorizes the Secretary to permit the use of dredged material placement facility capacity required for project purposes if the Secretary determines that replacement capacity can be constructed at the facility of another facility before such capacity is needed for project purposes.
3. USACE has determined, as required by Section 217(a) of WRDA 1996, as amended by Section 145 of WRDA 2020, that the replacement capacity can be constructed at Site 15G before it is needed for project purposes, i.e., before the commencement of maintenance dredging of the proposed access channel anticipated to begin Summer 2025.
4. The intent of this public notice is to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the determination as required by the Water Resources Development Act 2020 Section 145.
5. All comments shall be submitted to stephen.rochette@usace.army.mil. Comments are requested by December 4, 2022.

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