

US Army Corps of Engineers.

Philadelphia District

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# **Public Notice**

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REGULATORY BRANCH

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

APPLICANT:

U.S. Coast Guard

AGENT:

U.S. Coast Guard Facilities Design & Construction Center, 5505 Robin Hood

Road, Suite K, Norfolk, VA 23513

WATERWAY:

Cape May Harbor

LOCATION:

adjacent to Piers 3 and 4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN)

Cape May, City of Cape May, Cape May County, New Jersey.

ACTIVITY: On May 23, 2006, this office issued a Department of the Army permit to perform hydraulic maintenance dredging within 9.92 acres (432,000 square feet) of berthing and boatlift area adjacent to Piers 2, 3, and 4 to a depth of 10 feet below mean low water and 16 feet below mean low water by Pier 3 with disposal at the existing confined disposal facility (CDF) with return water to the Cape May (Cold Spring) Inlet. The site is located at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, Lower Township, Cape May County, New Jersey.

This public notice constitutes advertisement of an application for Department of the Army approval received on February 12, 2015 to modify the existing Piers 3 and 4 berthing areas as associated with the Fast Response Cutter Homeport Project. The application describes the proposed structural modifications of the existing Piers 3 and 4 and dredging of adjacent mooring areas to deeper depths.

Modifications would include the demolition of waterward 280 linear feet of the 500' long existing timber "F" shaped Pier 4 and replacement with a 270' long by 24' wide shore perpendicular pier to create a single "I" shaped 495' long concrete decked pier supported by 30 new steel piles. The re-construction would include the discharge of a total of 46 cubic yards of poured concrete within 790 square feet of open waters below the high tide line associated with pile placement. Additionally, an existing (approved) 130' long timber floating dock and ramp

with 3 finger piers would be re-located from Pier 4 to Pier 3. Finally, the modification would include hydraulic dredging of the Pier 4 berthing area (approximately 2 acres) to a depth of 15 feet below mean low water with 1 foot of further over-dredging resulting in the proposed removal of between 15,000 and 18,000 cubic yards of sediment. Sediments would be disposed at the existing approved CDF.

The applicant has stated that the demolition would be performed on a crane barge with clamshell bucket. New piles would be driven with vibratory and plastic composite "Micarta"- damped impact hammers. Additionally, the applicant has stated that all material staging would be on uplands. Finally, the applicant has confirmed that the USCG currently moors one 210-foot Medium Endurance Cutter (WMEC) and three 87-foot Patrol Boat (WPBs) at Pier Nos. 3 and 4. Three additional 154- foot Fast Response Cutters (FRCs) are slated to be home ported at Cape May; the WMEC will eventually leave Cape May. The proposed FRCs have a beam width of 26 feet and a draft of 9.5 feet. The FRCs will require additional water depth and more space to maneuver on the west side of Pier 4, therefore, the proposed dredge depth of 15 feet with a 1-foot over-dredge allowance satisfies the Navy Criteria for under-hull clearance for these FRCs based on extreme low water tidal conditions.

The applicant has also stated that TRACEN Cape May has existing infrastructure that presently berth a variety of USCG vessels. Although repairs have taken place in recent years, the piers have continued to deteriorate with age. A portion of Pier 4 has been condemned and the current configuration requires some modification to optimize the next generation of USCG vessels being deployed that will replace existing vessels.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose for the proposed work is to provide adequate pier and waterfront facilities with appropriate depths for safe berthing and maneuvering of the fast response cutters and the medium endurance cutters. This project ensures the USCG's continued service to the region serving a primary role in safe navigation, training, marine safety and homeland security.

The U.S. Coast Guard, as lead Federal agency, has initiated consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. They have made a preliminary determination that the proposed work will not adversely affect threatened and endangered species including Atlantic Sturgeon - <a href="Acipenser oxyrinchus">Acipenser oxyrinchus</a>, Kemp's ridley sea turtle - <a href="Lepidochelys kempii">Lepidochelys kempii</a>, loggerhead sea turtle - <a href="Caretta caretta">Caretta caretta</a>, green sea turtle - <a href="Chelonia mydas">Chelonia mydas</a>, leatherback sea turtle - <a href="Dermochelys coriacea">Dermochelys coriacea</a>, and hawksbill sea turtle - <a href="Eretmochelys imbricate">Eretmochelys imbricate</a>. Although they may be found in the general vicinity, these species are not likely to be present in the action area due to on-going boating and ship traffic. As consultation is on-going, this determination may change upon further agency coordination.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the activity's probable impact including its cumulative impacts on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation,

water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and welfare of the people. A Department of the Army permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 15 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed for inclusion therein are located within the permit area of the work. Historic resource coordination is on-going.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely effect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The United States Coast Guard, the lead Federal agency for this project, has performed a preliminary assessment of the species listed in the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware", dated March 1999. Their assessment has resulted in a determination that there would be no substantial adverse effect on EFH because all impacts would be temporary and negligible to minor. In order to further minimize impacts to EFH species, specifically Winter Flounder (*Pseudoplueronectes americanus*), the United States Coast Guard has determined that all in-water work will be restricted between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

Compensatory mitigation: The applicant has stated that the project has been designed to avoid natural resources to the maximum extent practicable. The reconfiguration of Pier 4 and relocation of floating docks from Pier 4 to Pier 3 would occur within areas that support active and ongoing waterfront activities. Pilings have been limited to the minimum amount necessary to support the reconfigured and reduced Pier 4. All dredging activities would be contained within areas that have been subject to previous dredging. Further, dredged material would be dewatered at an approved confined disposal facility utilizing existing infrastructure and outfalls. The activities would abide by discharge conditions required by the State's Water Quality Certification thereby minimizing impacts from the return water on Cape May Harbor and Cape May Inlet. De minimus impacts would be expected to result from the proposed project; therefore, compensatory mitigation should not be required.

In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. No permit will be issued until the State has concurred with the applicant's certification or has waived its right to do so. Comments concerning the impact of the proposed and/or existing activity on the State's coastal zone should be sent to this office, with a copy to the State's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a Water Quality Certificate is necessary from the State government in which the work is located. Any comments concerning the work described above which relate to Water Quality considerations should be sent to this office with a copy to the State.

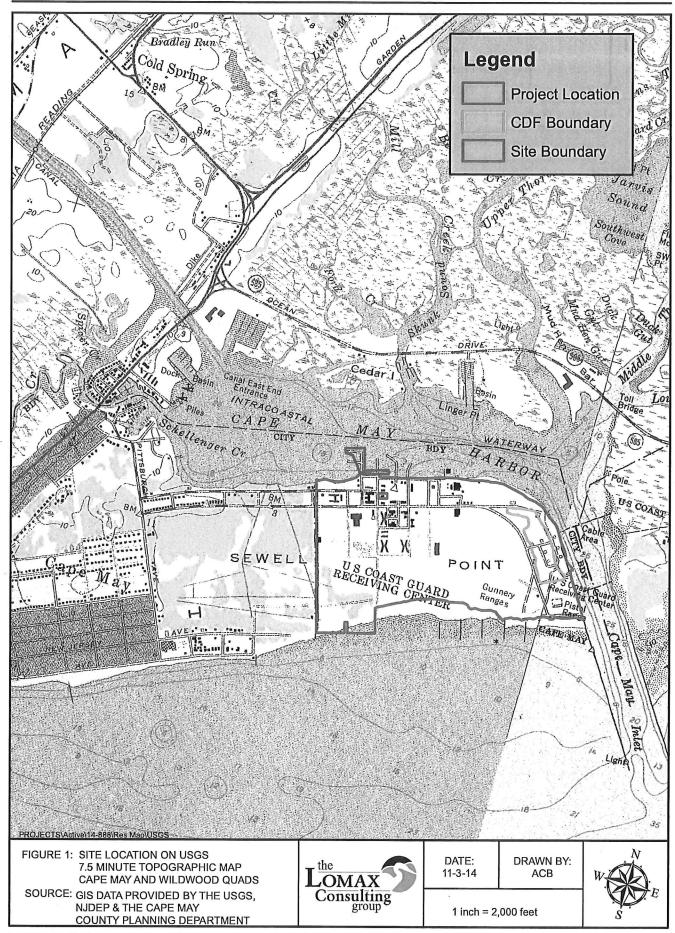
The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

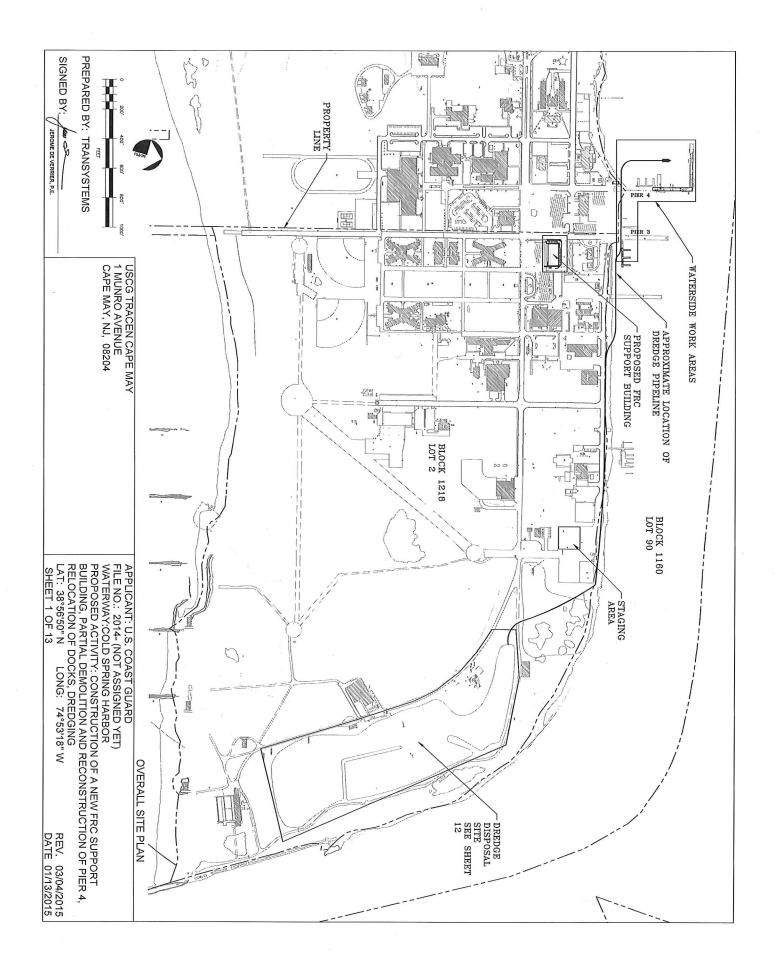
Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

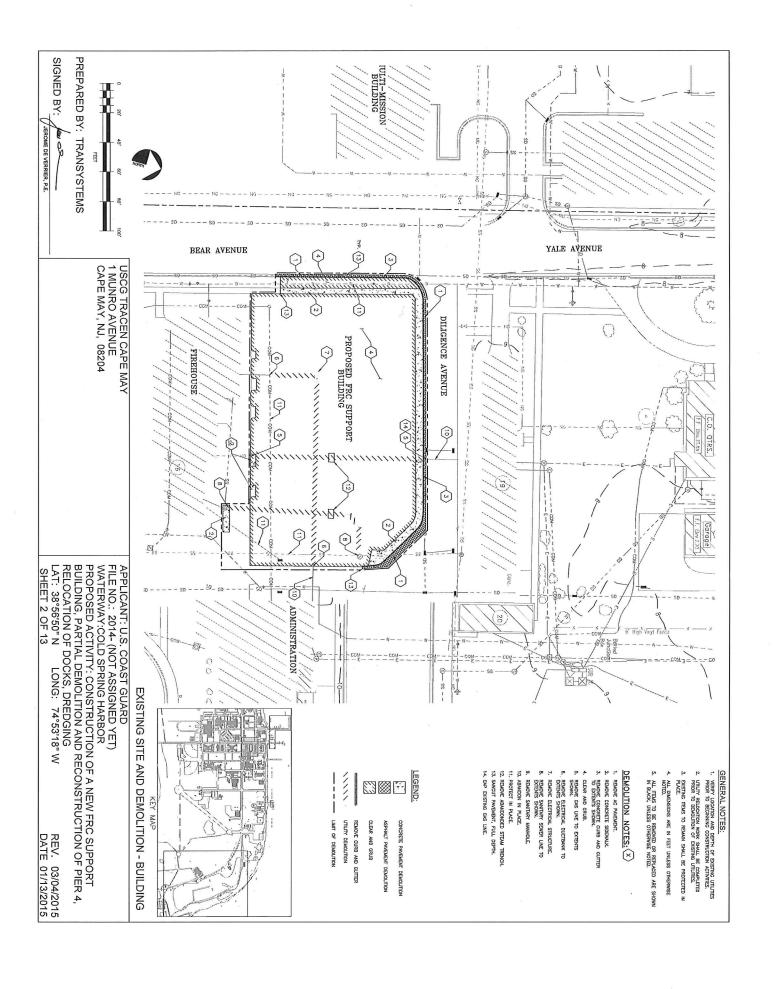
Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling Mr. David J. Caplan at 215-656-6731, via email at David.J.Caplan@usace.army.mil, or writing this office at the above address.

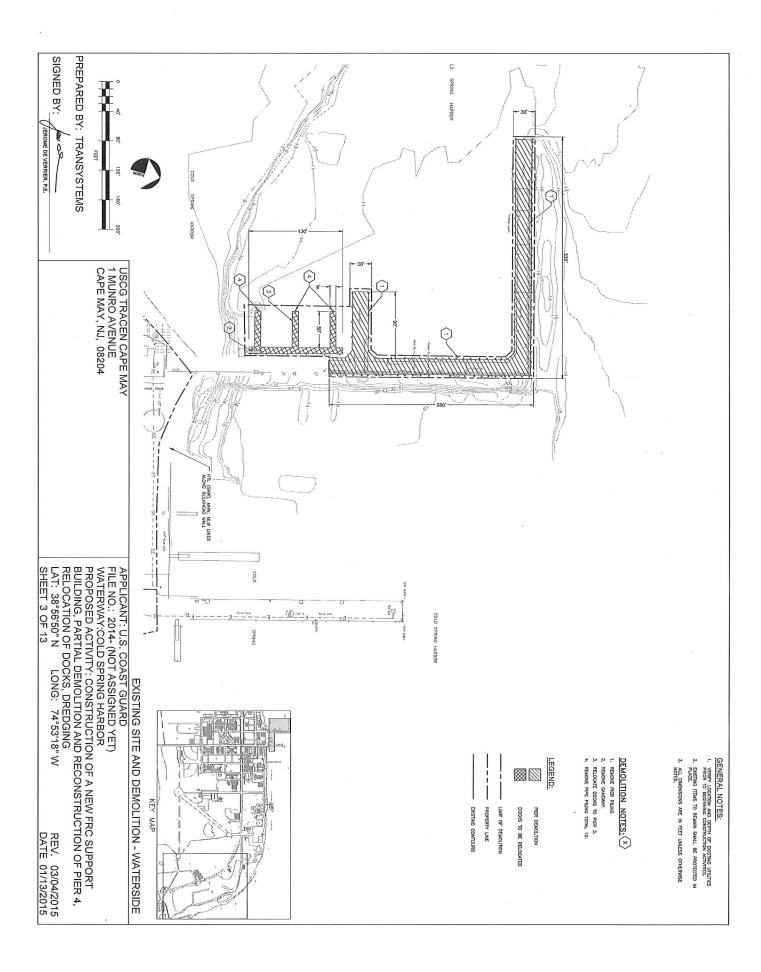
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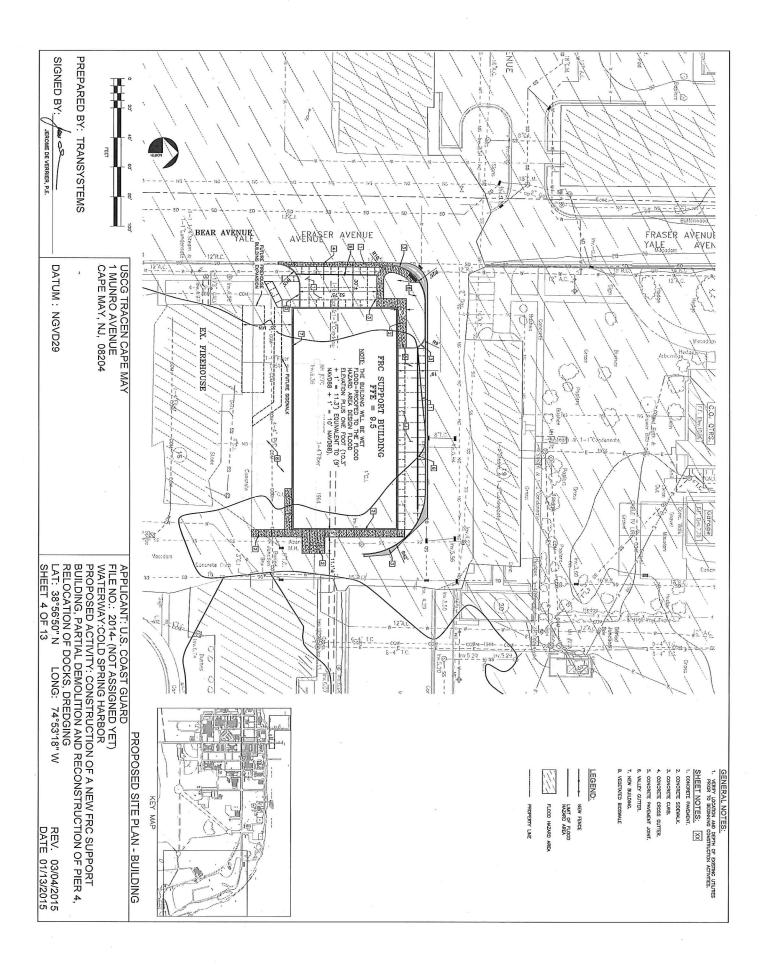
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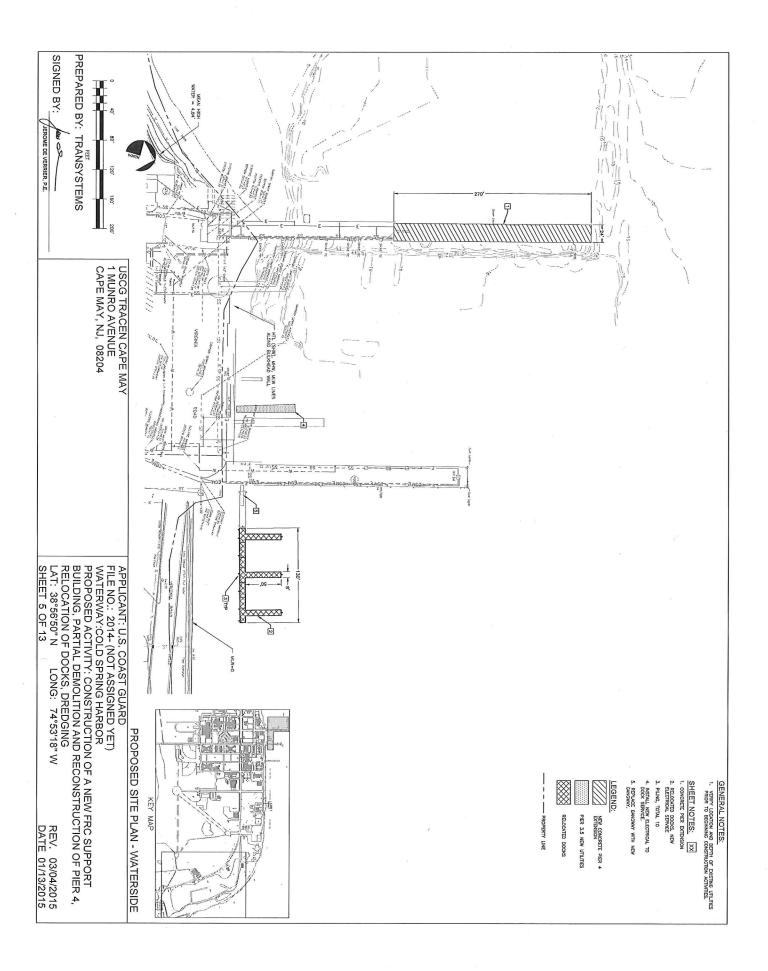


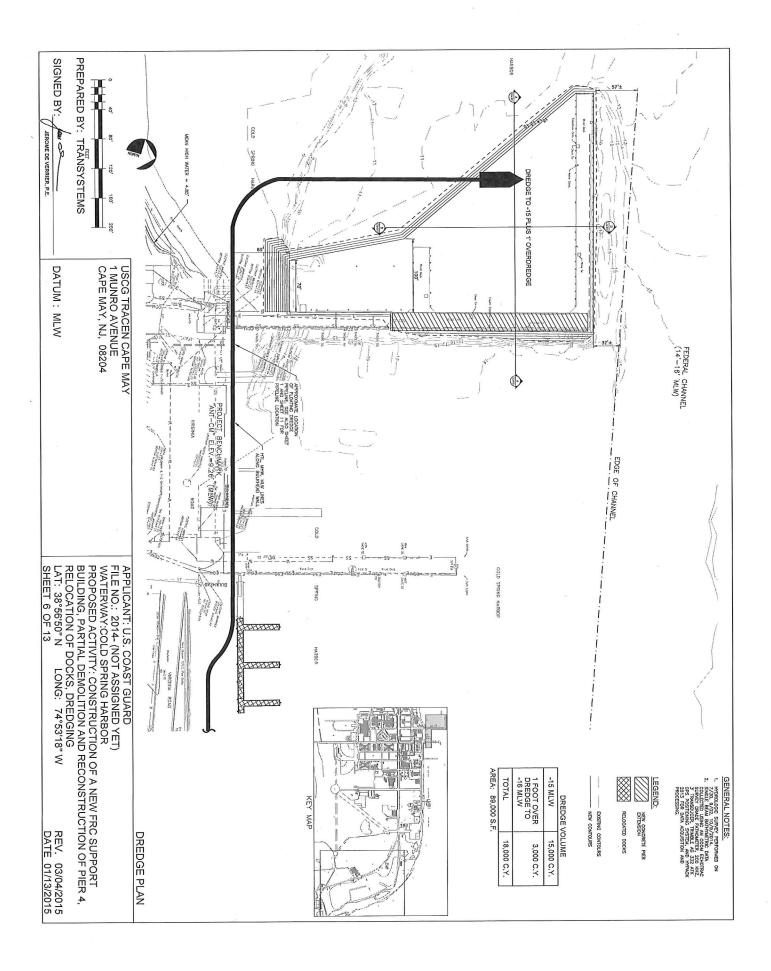


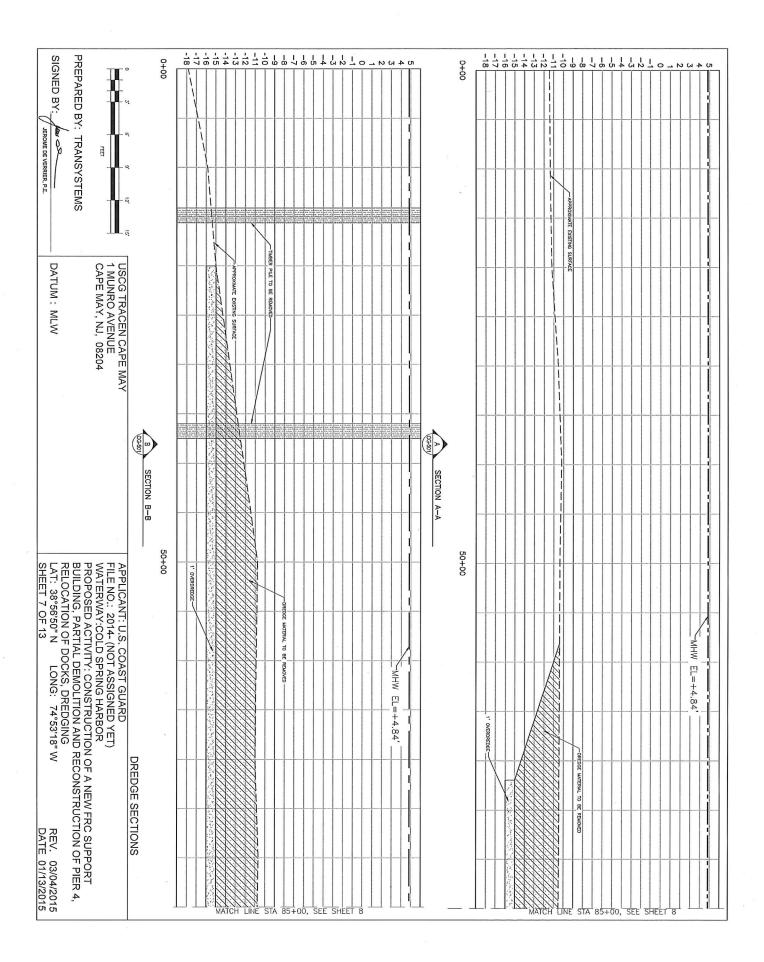


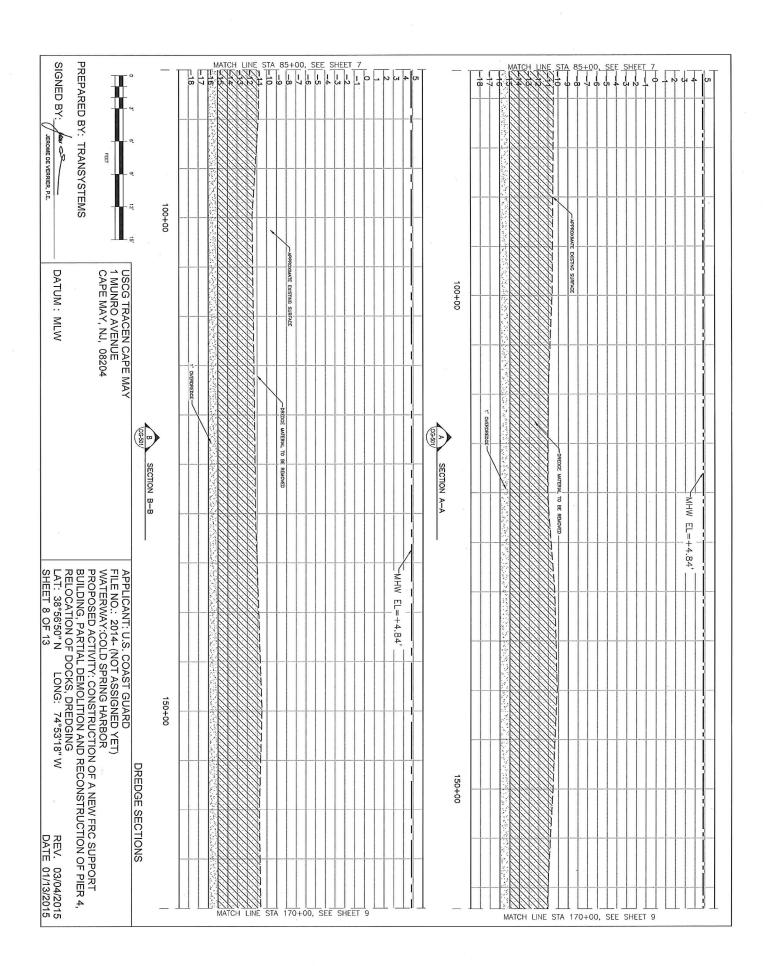


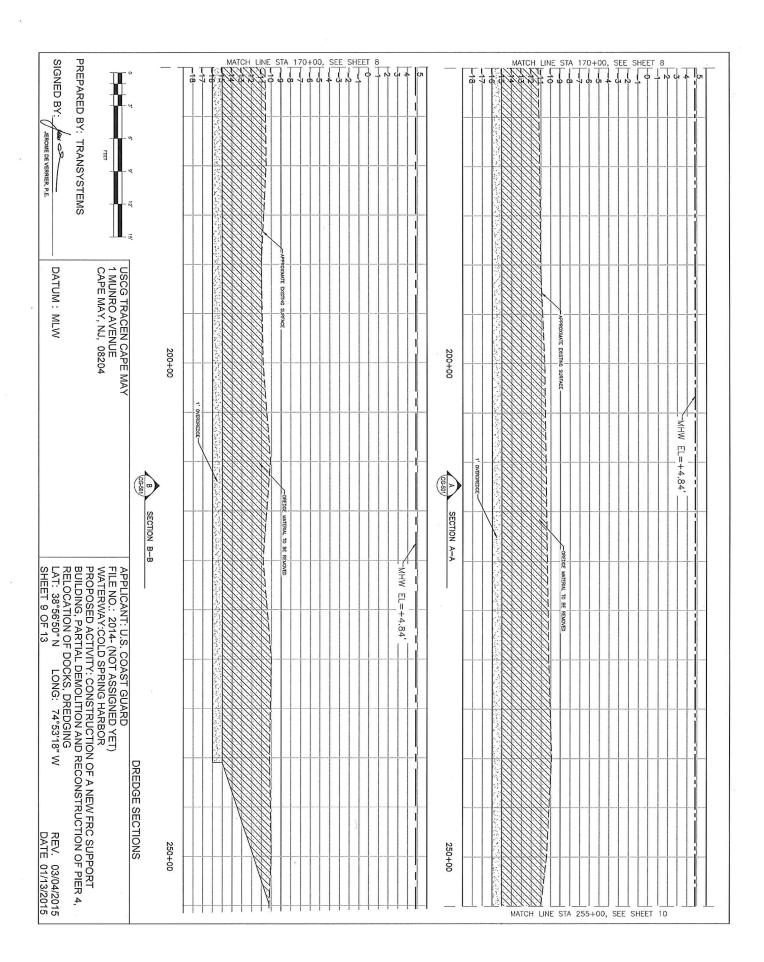


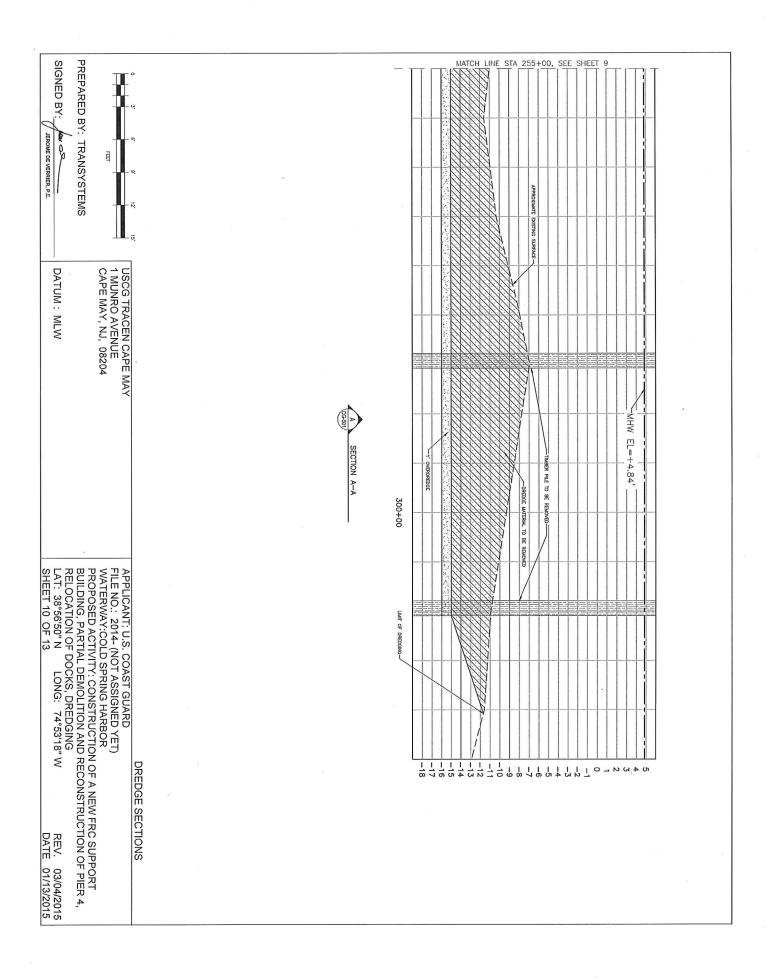


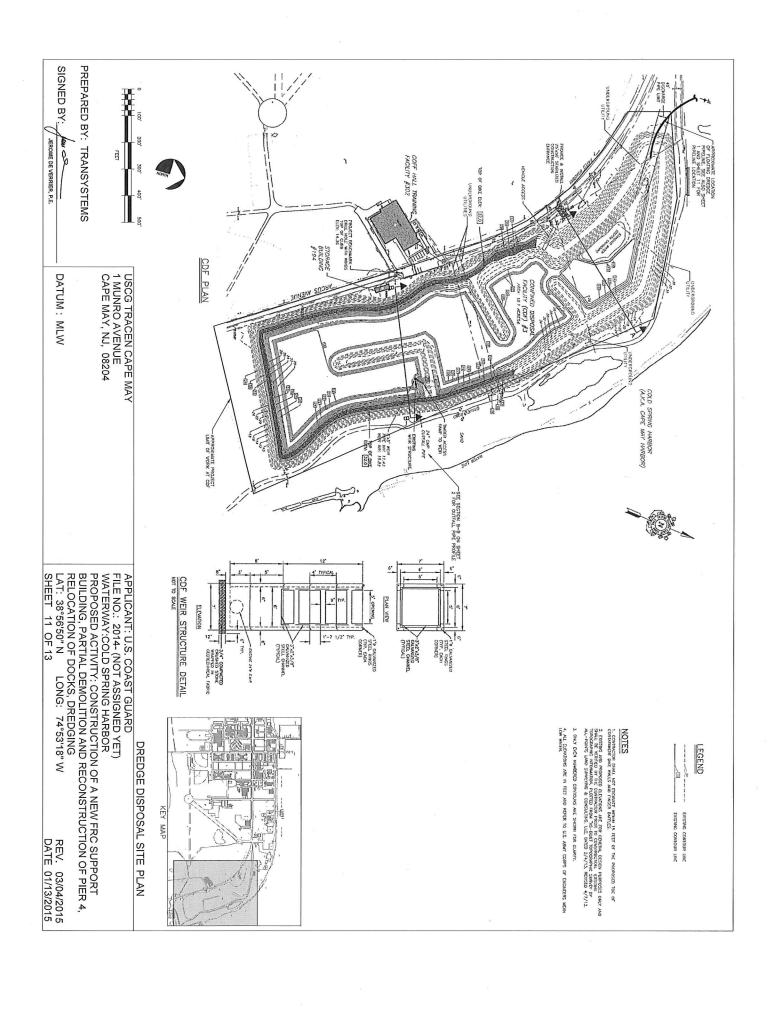


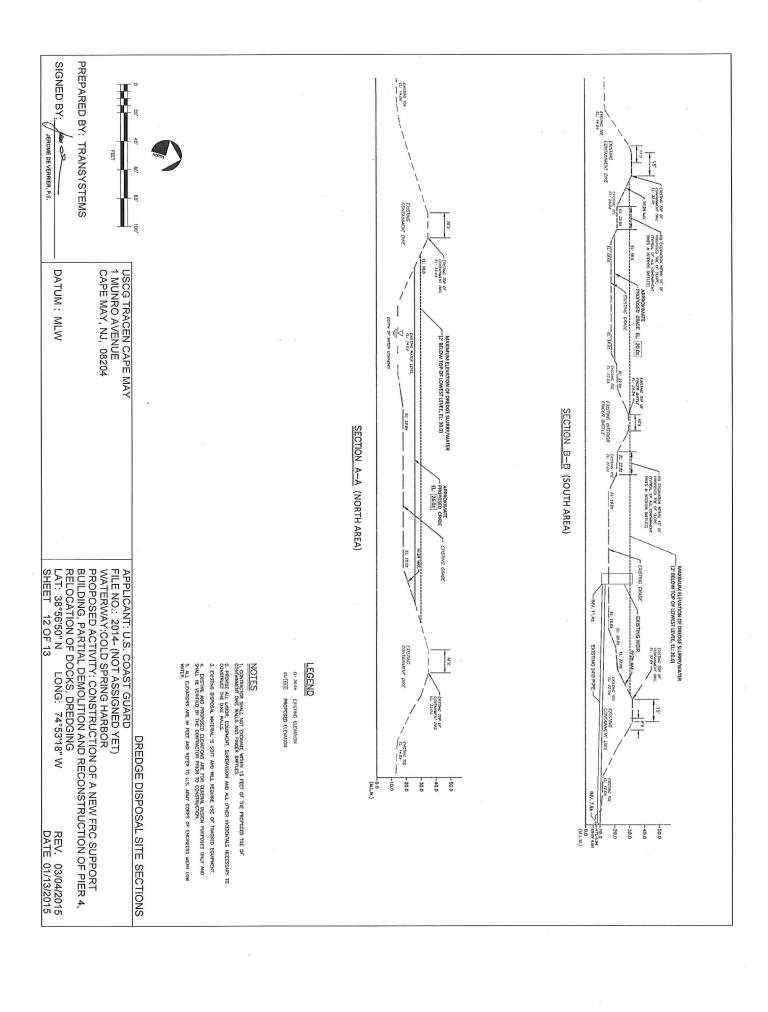


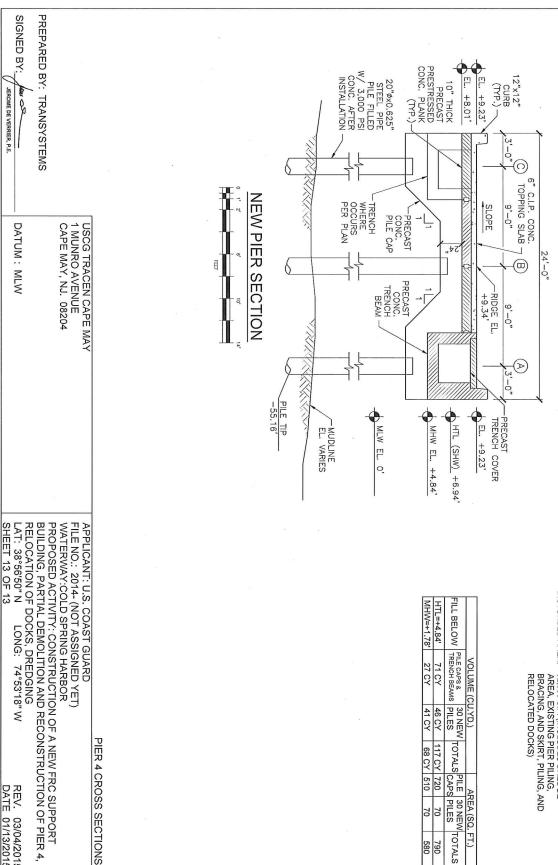












DISTURBED AREA: 92,000 S.F. (INCLUDES DREDGE AREA, EXISTING PIER PILING, BRACING, AND SKIRT, PILING, AND RELOCATED DOCKS)

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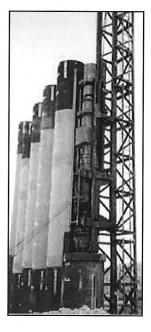
PIER 4 CROSS SECTIONS

APPLICANT: U.S. COAST GUARD
FILE NO.: 2014- (NOT ASSIGNED YET)
WATERWAY:COLD SPRING HARBOR
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FRC SUPPORT
BUILDING, PARTIAL DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PIER 4, RELOCATION OF DOCKS, DREDGING LAT: 38°56'50" N LONG: 74°53'18" SHEET 13 OF 13 74°53'18" W

REV. 03/04/2015 DATE 01/13/2015

# APE Model D46-52 Single Acting Impact Hammer

#### D46-52 in a stand-off.



# MODEL D46-52 (4.6 metric ton ram)

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Stroke at maximum rated energy 135 in (343 cm) Maximum rated energy (Setting 4) 114,109 ft-lbs (154.05 kNm) 94,710 ft-lbs (127.86 kNm) Setting 3 Setting 2 75,312 ft-lbs (101.67 kNm) Minimum rated energy (Setting 1) 55,913 ft-lbs (75.48 kNm)

(Variable throttle allows for infinite fuel settings)

Maximum obtainable stroke 157 in (381 cm) Maximum obtainable energy 132,704 ft-lbs (180 kNm) Speed (blows per minute)

#### WEIGHTS (Approximate)

Ram 10,143 lbs (4,600 kg) 2,255 lbs (1.023 kg) Anvil Anvil cross sectional area 367.94 in2 (2373.80 cm2) Hammer weight (includes trip device) 25,000 lbs (11.337 kg) Typical operating (weight with DB32 and pipe insert) 30,302 lbs (13,742 kg)

#### CAPACITIES

Fuel tank (runs on diesel or bio-diesel) 23.1 gal (89 liters) Oil tank 4.4 gal (17 liters)

#### CONSUMPTION

STRIKER PLATE

Diesel or Bio-diesel fuel 4.16 gal/hr (15.75 liters/hr) Lubrication 0.39 gal/hr (1.48 liters/hr) Grease 8 to 10 pumps every 20 minutes of operation time.

#### Optional Variable Throttle Control.



Drive Base Assembly.



## **CUSHION MATERIAL** Type/Qty Diameter

Thickness

Weight

Area

Diameter

Thickness

Type/Qty Thickness Diameter Total Combined Thickness Area Elastic-modulus Coeff. of restitution

# Micarta / 2 each 25 in (63.5 cm) 1 in (25.4 mm)

1,036 lbs (470 kg)

491 in2 (3167.74 cm2)

25 in (63.5 cm)

8 in (20.32 cm)

Aluminum / 3 each 1/2 in (12.7 mm) 25 in (63.5 cm) 3.5 in (8.89 cm) 491 in<sup>2</sup> (3167.74 cm<sup>2</sup>) 285 ksi (1,965 mpa)

# DRIVE CAP

DB 32: 2,436 lbs (1,104 kg)

## **INSERT WEIGHT**

H-Beam insert for 12" (305 mm) and 14" (355 mm): 948 lbs (430 kg) Large pipe insert for sizes 12" to 24" diameter: 1,830 lbs (830 kg)

#### MINIMUM BOX LEAD SIZE/OPERATING LENGTH

8 in x 32 in (20.32 cm x 81.28 cm) Minimum box leader size Operating length as described above 354 in (900 cm)



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