

DRAFT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR WHARF MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT AT MILITARY OCEAN TERMINAL CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the Department of Army's Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) has prepared a Draft Findings of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for dredging to maintain the authorized depth for the berthing areas at MOTCO, and subsequent materials placement on the facility. MOTCO is an Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) munitions and general cargo trans-shipment facility located along Suisun Bay in north-central Contra Costa County, California.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement NEPA; and AR 200-2, Environmental Effects of Army Actions, as promulgated in 32 CFR Part 651, and is consistent with the Army NEPA Analysis Guidance Manual and the Army Materiel Command Policy for Implementing the NEPA of 1969., and other pertinent regulatory drivers.

Proposed Action. This EA evaluates potential environmental effects of the proposed dredging to maintain the authorized depth for the berthing areas at MOTCO, and subsequent materials placement on the facility. This Draft FNSI briefly states why the Proposed Action would not significantly affect the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared. The Army's Proposed Action includes dredging the berthing areas, removal and demilitarization of munitions, and transport dredge materials to an upland placement site.

Public Review. The EA will undergo a 30-day public comment period from 24 June through 24 July 2021 in accordance with 32 CFR Part 651.14, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions. During this period the public may submit comments on the EA. The EA and Draft FNSI can be reviewed at the Concord Public Library, 2900 Salvio St. Concord, CA 94519; and the Bay Point Library, 205 Pacifica Ave., Bay Point, CA 94565; and at the following URL address:
<https://www.sddc.army.mil/motco/Pages/MOTCO.aspx>.

Comments. Comments on the Draft Programmatic EA should be submitted during the 30-day comment period to the MOTCO Environmental Manager: usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.hqsddc-environmental@mail.mil