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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: MAINTENANCE DREDGING NEW HAVEN HARBOR FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans under 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to allow maintenance dredging in New Haven Harbor proposed by Global New Haven Terminals, LLC. The maintenance dredging will be conducted within the 3:1 setback of the USACE maintained New Haven Harbor FNP. Setbacks are designated to ensure that no structures encroach beyond the top edge of the navigation channel, including appropriate side slopes, and that there is sufficient clearance for dredging the navigation channel to its full width and depth, including slide slopes. Setbacks are defined as the sum of the project depth times three (3). The proposed project consists of the mechanical maintenance dredging of approximately 17,500 CY of material from an area of approximately 1.9 acres to a depth of -39' MLLW with a 1' over-dredge. The direct impact on the FNP offset is the removal of approximately 6,600 CY of material from an area of approximately 45,400 SF.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408, USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220, Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.) and the USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA (33 CFR 230). Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project if it is determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. USACE has made the preliminary determination that maintenance dredging within the FNP offset will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the New Haven Harbor FNP. The public is invited to provide comment associated with this Section 408 evaluation. To request more information contact: Christina Comeau, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8705, Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on July 13, 2024. Letters should be postmarked by this date.