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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS THAMES RIVER FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) GROTON-NEW LONDON, 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 conduct geotechnical investigations in the Thames River proposed by the U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London. The geotechnical investigations consist of twelve (12) vibracore samples, four (4) geotechnical borings, and twelve (12) cone penetrometer tests within the Thames River FNP limits. Geotechnical investigation depths vary between -120' and -135' mean lower low water. The work is anticipated to last no longer than 34 days.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. 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 geotechnical investigations within the FNP will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Thames River 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 October 25, 2024. Letters should be postmarked by this date.