

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Alabama State Port Authority has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management (AEM) as a sub-grantee.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: Alabama State Port Authority

Project Title: PA-04-AL-4563-PW-00196

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
McDuffie Terminal Barge loader and unloader	ASPA loader and unloader facility at Mobile Bay & Mobile River	30.655930	-88.042285	1980, 2013

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the replacement of a barge loader and unloader bulkhead. All work is located in an AE zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Mobile County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 01097C05681, dated 06/05/2020. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE zone. The proposed work will also take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory but will have little potential to impact or affect wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Alabama State Port Authority. Site 1: start 30.655930, -88.042285 end 30.654911, -88.042732. The applicant will make necessary repairs to the McDuffie Coal Terminal Barge Loader and unloader bulkhead. Additional older bulkhead was discovered and will need to be removed before new work commences. Repair and replace 2,700 SF of steel sheet pile wall in a section 60 FT long x 45 FT high; 4 CY of reinforced concrete wall cap in a section 60 FT long x 1.5 FT wide x 1 FT deep; and damages to the steel pipe post & rail handrail in a 60 LF long x 3.5 FT high. Barge Unloader 10,200 SF of steel sheet pile wall in a 170 FT long x 60 FT high section; 32 CY of reinforced concrete wall cap in a 170 FT long x 2.5 FT wide x 2 FT deep section, and 2,000 CY of structural backfill (soil) in a 180 FT long x 25 FT wide x 12 FT deep section. 406 mitigation will be included to

lessen or prevent future damages and eliminate detrimental undermining to the existing shop building and surrounding area, a free-standing cantilevered wall system is proposed.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the residence of Mobile County. If these repairs are not made, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Repair with 406 mitigation) Install a free standing cantilevered wall system to lessen or prevent future damages.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4563-AL-00196, 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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