



Alaska District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

*Civil Works Branch*

# Public Notice

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## **Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Anchorage Harbor Dredging and Disposal**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) proposes to deepen the harbor at the Port of Anchorage. This action would support on-going port expansion under construction by the Maritime Administration and the city of Anchorage. The Corps would dredge during each construction phase of the port's expansion and thereafter until the authorized project depth was achieved. The Corps also proposes to continue annual maintenance dredging to maintain project depth and to enlarge the disposal site for dredged material.

The Corps has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) with an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this action. The EA and FONSI can be reviewed on the Alaska District's web site at: [www.poa.usace.army.mil](http://www.poa.usace.army.mil). Click on Civil Works and Planning and the report is listed under Documents Available for Public Review, Reports and Environmental Documents. These documents are provided for public review and comment in compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Comments regarding the proposed action should be submitted to the address below or via e-mail to [lisa.a.rabbe@usace.army.mil](mailto:lisa.a.rabbe@usace.army.mil), no later than 30 days from the date of this public notice. Written comments received on or before this date will become part of the official record and will be considered in the determination of whether to prepare an environmental impact statement for this Federal action. The FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant objections.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District  
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This action will not adversely affect fisheries resources, marine mammals, endangered species, wetlands, or cultural resources in the Anchorage Harbor area.

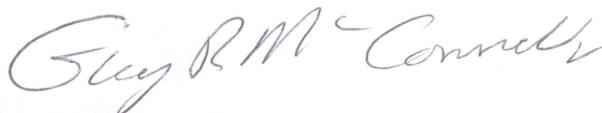
The Corps will be applying for State Water Quality Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). ADEC may certify there is a reasonable assurance this proposed action and any discharge that results will comply with the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. ADEC may also deny or waive certification.

Persons desiring to comment on this proposed action with respect to water quality certification may submit written comments to ADEC at the address below within 30 days from the date of this public notice.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
WQM/401 Certification  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2617  
Telephone (907) 269-7564  
FAX (907) 269-7508

No public meeting is scheduled for this action; however, if you believe a public meeting is needed, please send a written request to the Corps' address during the 30-day review period explaining why a meeting is necessary.

For more information about the project, please contact Ms. Lisa Rabbe of the Corps' Environmental Resources Section at (907) 753-2634, at the Corps' address or electronically at: [lisa.a.rabbe@usace.army.mil](mailto:lisa.a.rabbe@usace.army.mil)



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