

Col. Leonard D. Waterworth
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Re: Bayport FEIS

Dear Col. Waterworth:

I am writing about the Bayport Container Facility FEIS. I am very concerned about this project and I would like to know more. I have heard for the first time that there are air quality and noise impact issues associated with this project. However, I am having problems accessing this document. I have asked how to get a copy and I have been informed that it costs about \$874. Can I see a copy of this document at any local library or repository? Is there a copy at any of our City Halls? What is available for free?

I have also been informed that I must comment within thirty days. I don't believe that it is possible for me to submit responsible comments in that amount of time. As of this point in time, I have not even seen the document. Please give us at least 90 more days to read and understand this new information about this important project.

Most important, I am writing to request that you conduct another public hearing regarding this project. At the Corps' first public hearing regarding the impacts of this project, no mention was made of any air pollution problem. No mention was made of any noise impact problem. No mention was made about a decline in property values. No mention was made of a net loss of wetland resources. No mention was made of post-Panamax vessels needing fifty-two feet of draft coming to this container port. I have been told that all of these impacts and more are set out in the FEIS but these impacts were never made public in the past. This confuses me. I thought the public hearing was supposed to present this type of information to the public.

Frankly, this new information should be made known to everyone living in the bay area as well as the rest of the county. It is important. It should alter the acceptability of this project to our elected officials. But most of all, we, the public, need to be informed about these impacts through a public forum convened by you. You need to hold another meeting, one that tells us the truth about what will happen to us if this project goes in. That is the least that you should do.

Thank you for considering this request.