

Special Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of Engineers
Baltimore District

Public Scoping Meetings for Developing a Draft EIS on the proposed Sparrows Point Container Terminal project in Baltimore, Maryland.

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NAB-2023-61200 (TRADEPOINT TIL TERMINALS LLC/SPARROWS POINT CONTAINER TERMINAL)

SPN-23-50 Date: December 21, 2023

The purpose of this special public notice is to inform the public of the scoping meetings and opportunity for public comment for the development of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Sparrows Point Container Terminal in the Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 403), Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 408), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (33 USC 1413), as described below:

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:

Tradepoint TiL Terminal, LLC

LOCATION:

The project site is located (Figure 1) within the Tradepoint Atlantic development on the Coke Point peninsula in the Patapsco River, Sparrows Point, Baltimore County, Maryland. [Latitude: 39.211222° and Longitude: -76.490349°]

SUMMARY:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (Corps), has received an application for a Department of the Army permit (Corps number NAB- 2023-61200) for the Sparrows Point Container Terminal (SPCT) project from Tradepoint TiL Terminal, LLC, a joint venture between Tradepoint Atlantic and Terminal Investments Limited to construct a new container terminal in the Port of Baltimore. The Corps, as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has determined the proposed project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment and intends to prepare an EIS. The EIS will assess the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Corps is requesting public/agency comments regarding the scope of the EIS and issues that should be evaluated in the document, commonly referred to as "scoping". The Corps will conduct two public

scoping meetings to engage members of the public and other interested parties in the development of the EIS. The scoping period to provide comments will extend to February 16, 2024. The Notice of Intent as published in the Federal Register can be found at the following link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-12-18/pdf/2023-27650.pdf

SCOPING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Parties interested in participating in the NEPA process and who would like to learn more about the proposed SPCT project and/or provide comments about the scope of environmental review for the proposed SPCT project are encouraged to attend one of the following meetings.

- An in-person public scoping meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, 323 Sollers Point Road, Dundalk, MD 21222.
- A virtual public scoping meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Access the virtual scoping meeting at this link: https://bit.ly/SparrowsPoint2024

Comment cards will be available at the in-person scoping meeting for the public to provide written comments. Informal discussions with agency staff during the scoping meetings are not official comments. You do not have to be present at a scoping meeting to provide comments for the EIS record. However, all written comments provided during the scoping period as described below will become part of the Corps official record for the project.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

During the scoping period, the Corps invites federal, state, and local agencies, Native American Tribes, other interested parties, and the general public to participate in the scoping process.

Scoping comments may be submitted by conventional mail or email as follows:

- Submit comment cards (available at the scoping meetings) and/or letters regarding the proposed EIS scope should be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Attn: Ms. Maria Teresi, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.
- Individuals who would like to provide comments electronically should submit comments via email to NAB-SPCT@usace.army.mil.

All comments must include the Corps number NAB-2023-61200. To be accepted, email comments must originate from the author's email account. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties unable to attend the scoping meetings can access additional information on the proposed SPCT project at: https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SPCT/

Questions concerning the Section 10/404/408/103 permit process or requests to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, should be directed to Ms. Maria Teresi, USACE, by telephone at (410) 962-4252, email at NAB-SPCT@usace.army.mil or mail at the mailing address provided above.

This public notice is issued by the Baltimore District Chief, Regulatory Branch.

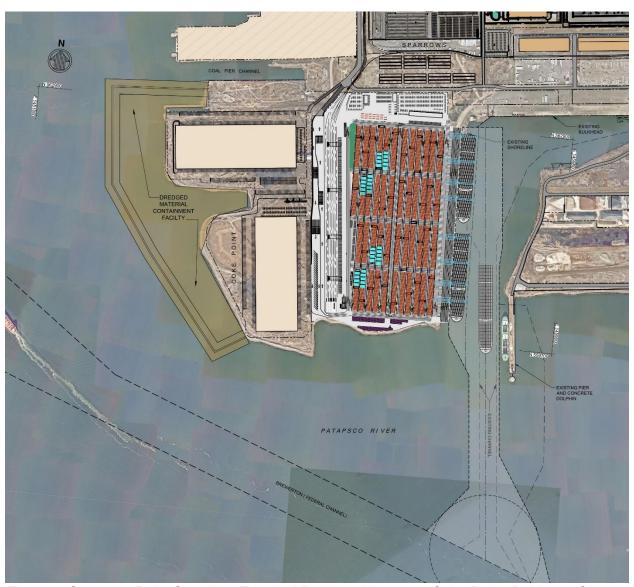


Figure 1. Sparrows Point Container Terminal Proposed Location: Coke Point, Baltimore Co., MD