



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
New York, N.Y. 10278-0090
ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: **NAN-2021-00911-WCO**

Issue Date:

Expiration Date:

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

APPLICANT: Construction and Marine Equipment., Inc
330 South Front Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

ACTIVITY: Construction of a new commercial mooring point/buoy

WATERWAY(S): Newark Bay

LOCATION(S): Newark Bay, Hudson County, New Jersey (40.682753N -74.124511W)

A detailed description and plans of the permit applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity. Comment in writing could be mailed to US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District – ATTN: Regulatory Branch, 26
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Federal Plaza, Room 1937, New York, N.Y. 10278.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments, including names and addresses, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA/FS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed work, fully described in the attached work description, could cause the disruption of habitat for various life stages of some EFH-designated species as a result of a temporary increase in turbidity during construction. However, the New York District has made the preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effects are not likely to be substantial because it is expected that fish populations would avoid the small area of disturbance. Further consultation with NOAA/FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occur. For activities within the coastal zone of New York State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the Consistency Coordinator, New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, Coastal Zone Management Program, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

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It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (347) 439-9343 and ask for Danielle Courtois.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx>.

For more information on New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil>.

Stephan A. Ryba
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures:

1. Project Location Map
2. Project Plans

WORK DESCRIPTION

The permit applicant, Construction and Marine Equipment, Inc, has requested Department of the Army authorization to construction a new commercial mooring point/buoy in Newark Bay, Hudson County, New Jersey.

The permit applicant's stated purpose for this work is to provide a new commercial mooring buoy for the staging of deck barges during the course of normal business. The decks could be clear (empty) or carrying equipment. (Note: Construction & Marine does not handle aggregate.)

Specifically, the proposed work would involve:

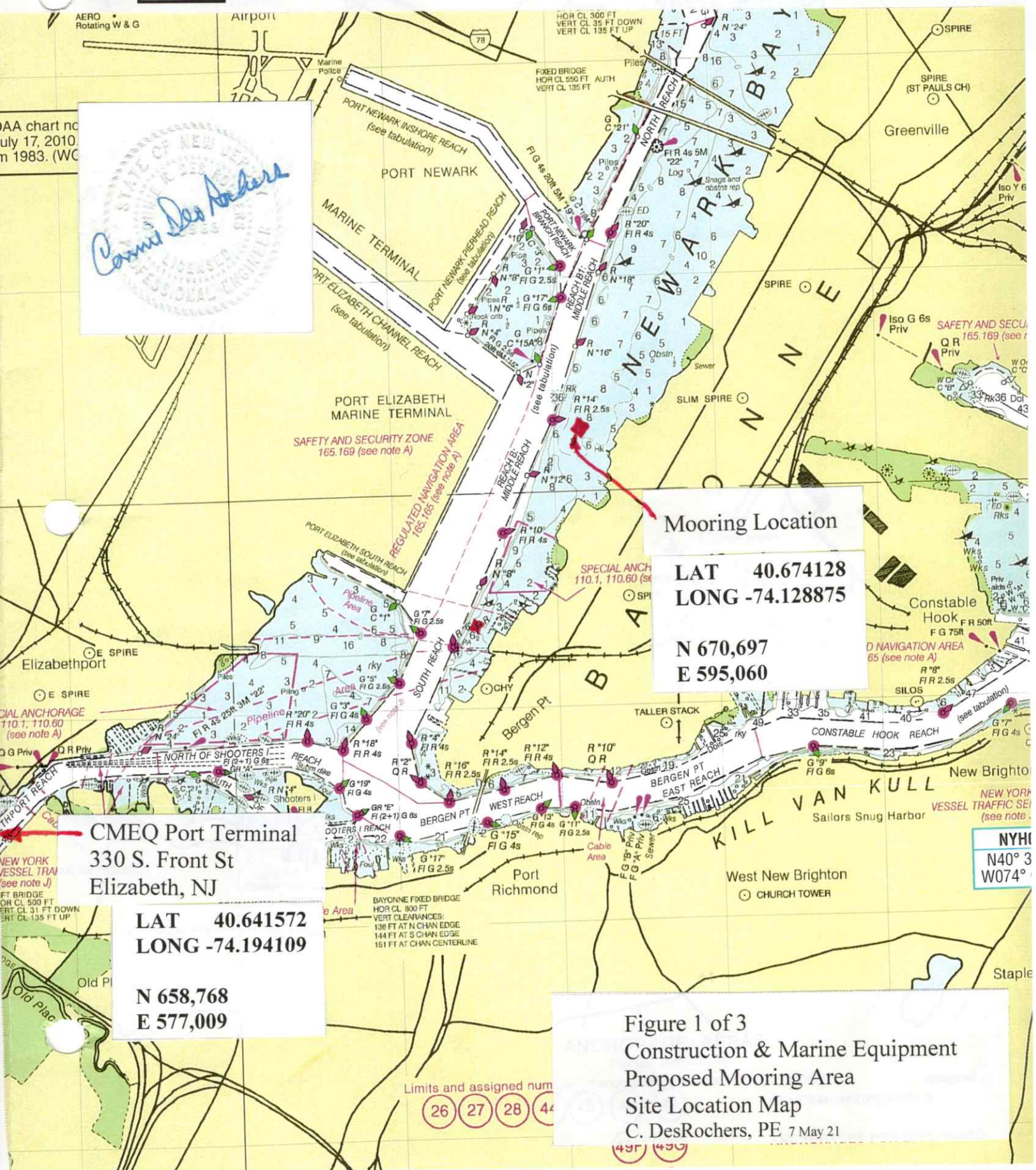
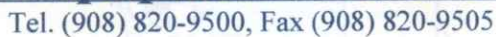
Installation of a single 5-foot by 10-foot-diameter steel mooring buoy, a 30,000-lbs low-silhouette concrete anchor and associated hardware in Newark Bay. Please note that the subject buoy location for a commercial mooring is located in a federally designated vessel anchorage and fleeting area. In accordance with 33 USC 471, federal anchorage areas are designated for safe navigation usage by commercial maritime interests of the United States, such as the proposed action. Associated hardware includes but is not limited to 20-feet of 2.5-inch stud link chain, shackle(s), connecting links, swivel(s), and pendants. On scene water depth is 7-feet at Mean Low Water (MLW). A maximum of 5 (5) barges would be moored, where the barge configuration would be either abreast or astern. The combined configuration would not exceed 250-feet by 250-feet. The largest barge would not exceed 250-feet. The scope would be 20-feet. The watch circle would be 18-feet. The swing radius would be 550-feet.

Position 40.682753N -74.124511W
NOAA Chart 12334

Note:

Watch Circle = the square root of (length of scope² minus water depth²) scope=20';
depth =7' ~ result is 18 feet or 6 yards

Swing Radius = Watch Circle + Barge(s) Length Astern + Pendant Length(s) not to exceed
550 ft diameter





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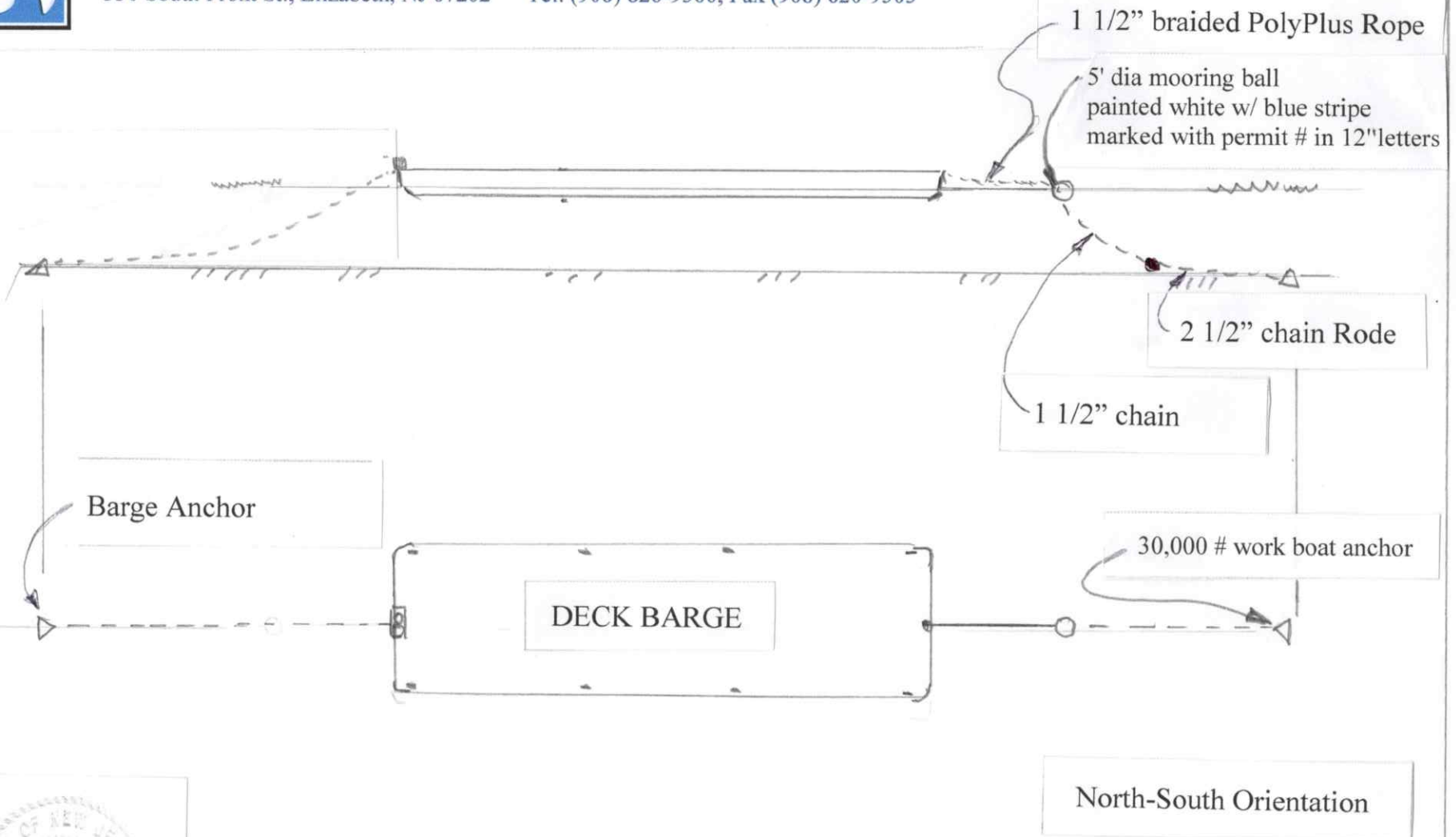


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Proposed Mooring Location Cross Section

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Note

~5 barges of various size
~400' x 100' largest barge
~5' dia mooring buoy
~550' swing

Swing Circle

30,000 Lb anchor weight

20' of 2 1/2" grade 2 chain

5' dia mooring buoy
painted white w/ blue stripe
marked with permit # in 12" letters

75 Lb barge anchor

Plan & Elevation View



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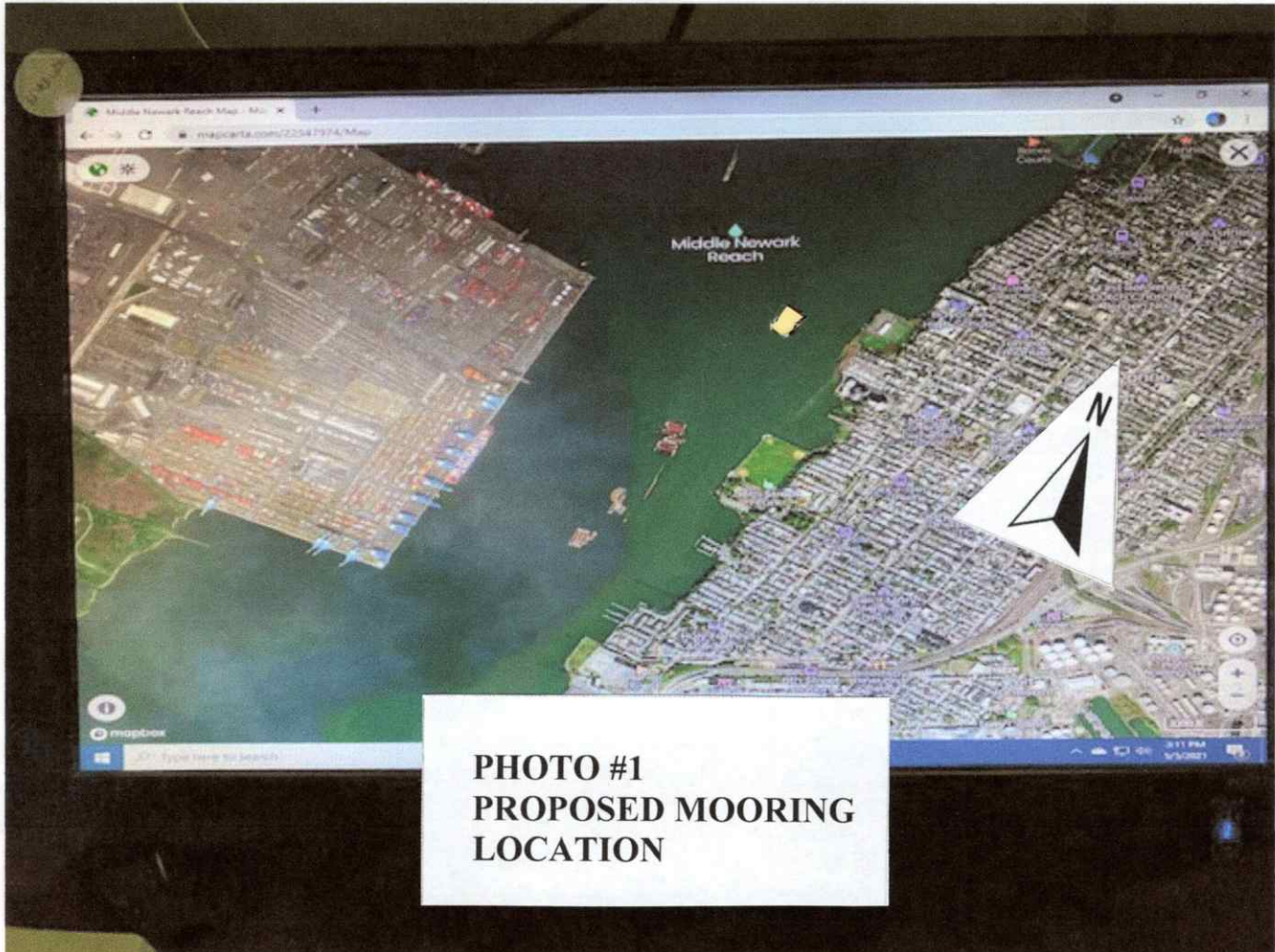




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Aerial Photo of Newark Bay
Showing Moored Barges

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