



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PORTLAND DISTRICT
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Mr. John Thomas
Coyote Island Terminal, LLC
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps), has completed an initial review of the application submitted by Coyote Island Terminals, LLC, for Department of the Army (DA) authorization to construct structures in the Columbia River to develop the Morrow Pacific Project / Coyote Island Terminal near Boardman, Morrow County, Oregon. Our review considered your application and associated documents; the views of interested Native American tribes, other federal agencies, elected representatives, and the general public; the expertise of Corps staff; and other information.

I have determined that DA authorization of the proposed terminal would be a major Federal action likely to significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and therefore requires preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. My rationale for this determination is summarized in the enclosed memorandum. Proceeding directly with an EIS, rather than first completing an Environmental Assessment, is not only procedurally appropriate but also will allow the Corps to make a permit decision in the timeliest possible manner.

The Corps will prepare the EIS with the assistance of a third-party contractor funded by Coyote Island Terminal, LLC. My regulatory staff will coordinate with you to develop a scope of work and select a third-party contractor. The Corps will direct the work of the contractor. Public scoping will begin after a notice of intent to prepare an EIS has been published in the Federal Register. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Gagnon, project manager for this permit evaluation.

Sincerely,

John W. Eisenhower, P.E.
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander