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Opportunities for Public Input

We are grateful for the feedback we've received so far through:

- Two public notice periods
- A series of open houses in 2022
- Visits to our Community Connection Office in Violet
- Violet and St. Bernard Community Advisory Committees

We will continue collecting your feedback through:

- This open house series and other events
- Our Community Connection Office
- Our website
- Ongoing meetings with the Violet and St. Bernard Community Advisory Committees

Other input opportunities as required by the federal permitting process.

Residential Neighbors Near the Terminal

The new terminal layout includes more space between neighborhoods and the terminal.

We will conduct detailed studies to understand potential:

- Noise impacts
- Light impacts
- Traffic impacts

Based on the results, we will incorporate project features to lessen impacts. This could include landscaping, sound walls, etc.

Air Quality

We are conducting detailed air quality studies to understand potential impacts.

- The studies look beyond the boundaries of the terminal
- We will consider existing refineries and other potential future developments in the area to understand the collective impacts of the terminal and these other refineries and developments

We, along with our private partners, are making major investments in green technologies to limit emissions. This includes:

- Shore power
- Electric vehicles and equipment
- Container-on-barge services
- Clean TRIP engine replacement

Water Quality

The new terminal layout includes an on-site drainage system to collect terminal runoff.

The Mississippi River is naturally deep at Violet site.

- The Violet site requires minimal construction dredging and little to no maintenance dredging.

We plan to study water and wastewater quality.

Road and Rail Traffic

Traffic studies will analyze current and future traffic trends.

The new terminal layout includes:

- An overpass to avoid a rail crossing
- St. Bernard Hwy remaining near the levee
- We are supporting the design and construction of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor
- We are working with the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct further traffic studies
- We are working with St. Bernard Parish to identify and address potential traffic impacts beyond the terminal's boundaries

Cultural Resources

We completed a Phase I cultural resources study.

- No significant archaeological resources, historical, or cultural resources were found at the proposed site
- No tribal objections have been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps

We will conduct further cultural resource studies.

The new terminal layout keeps the St. Bernard Hwy, which is a Scenic Highway, near its current route.

Recreation, Tourism, and Commercial Fishing

We are funding the relocation of the Violet Playground within Violet.

The new terminal layout includes space for a bike and pedestrian path if the parish would like to develop one in the future.

- We are coordinating with the parish on the Master Bikeway Plan

We will study potential impacts on recreational and tourist activities.

What We're Doing

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What We're Doing

Social and Economic Impacts on Violet

We aim to positively impact Violet and the parish with job opportunities and tax revenue that can uplift the communities.

We are working with community members to identify and minimize or eliminate potential negative impacts on their quality of life.

We plan to conduct environmental justice assessments in compliance with applicable guidance and regulations.

We will conduct a socioeconomic impact analysis that reviews the projects impacts on:

- Housing
- Public services
- Public safety
- Community cohesion due to project-induced changes (i.e., traffic and land use)
- Population
- Property values
- Tax revenue

The Land's Ability to Support a Terminal

We are conducting detailed site studies to understand:

- Underground soil conditions
- Levee and riverbank stability near the proposed terminal
- Placement of water, electric, gas, etc., utility lines
- Existing groundwater levels
- Placement of pipelines or other infrastructure in the area

We will continue to conduct further soil studies.

Threatened and Endangered Species

We plan to complete biological assessments to understand the project's impacts on:

- Threatened and endangered species
- Their habitats

Drainage

The new terminal layout includes an on-site drainage management system:

- A new drainage canal to the 40-Arpent Canal
- A new drainage pump station on the 40-Arpent Canal
- Will not burden the existing Violet drainage system

We plan to develop a stormwater management plan.

We will also conduct drainage and flood hazard analyses.

Wetlands

We will analyze the project's impacts on wetlands and develop a mitigation plan in accordance with federal regulations.

Port NOLA will fully mitigate all impacts to wetlands within the watershed, as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in accordance with federal regulations.

Alternative Locations

We studied other potential locations, and Violet is the best fit with:

- Naturally deep water at the dock
- Access to four interstates
- Six Class-I rail connections
- 100-year level hurricane protection
- Excellent waterside navigation
- No height restrictions for ships, such as bridges

We're working to minimize impacts:

- New layout to keep St. Bernard Highway near the levee
- Larger neighborhood buffers
- Working with school district to fund the construction of a new school within Violet
- Detailed plans for site drainage
- Working with agencies to deliver St. Bernard Transportation Corridor

Navigation

We conducted an initial navigation study as part of the site analysis.

- Violet was selected for its deep water and other characteristics that make it safe for large ships to navigate

We will further analyze the potential impacts of terminal operations on Mississippi River navigation.

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