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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Philadelphia District
ATTN: District Engineer
Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period – Public Notice No. CENAP-OPR-2020-00764-86

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network (“DRN”) respectfully requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) extend the public comment period on the above proposed permit notice by a minimum of sixty (60) days beyond the currently scheduled public comment deadline.

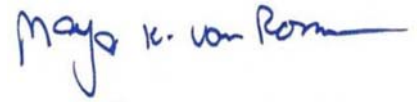
DRN is a nonprofit organization made up of members and volunteers who reside and work throughout the Delaware River Watershed, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and New York. DRN works in these states and on the federal level on behalf of its membership on issues, actions, legislation, policies, programs, litigation and decisions that impact the health of the Delaware River Watershed waterways and the citizens who use and benefit from them.

On November 18, 2020, the USACE published a notice in the Federal Register of an application submitted by the Diamond State Port Corporation (“DSPC”), pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, to conduct dredging, within, and adjacent to, navigable waters of the United States at the Port of Wilmington Edgemoor Expansion project site. This notice provides a 30-day public comment period, which currently closes on December 18, 2020.

The agencies’ proposed permit application solicits comments on a variety of complex technological and scientific issues relating to dredging activities on the Delaware River. The proposed 30-day period also comes in the midst of the holiday season, which is an especially busy time for members of the public who may want to comment. Development of thoughtful comments in the time provided is clearly burdensome and unachievable and is therefore inconsistent with providing adequate or lawful public participation.

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As such, DRN respectfully requests that USACE extend the public comment period for at least an additional 60 days, or until no earlier than, February 18, 2021. Thank you in advance for consideration of this request.



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Dated: December 1, 2020