



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20503

October 23, 2012

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Ms. Darcy:

As required by Executive Order 12322, the Office of Management and Budget has reviewed a January 2012 Army Corps of Engineers General Re-evaluation Report (report) that proposes to deepen the main channel of the Port of Savannah to 47 feet and construct certain other improvements, at a first cost of \$652 million (October 2011 prices). Based on our review, we conclude that your recommendation for authorization of construction of this project is consistent with the policy and programs of the President

The report bases its recommendations on an evaluation of a range of possible depths for this port's main navigation channel. We are interested in continuing discussions with you about the relationship between an analysis of this kind, which considers the effects of the further development of one port, and a broader systems-based approach, which could inform decisions on a series of such investments in the same geographic area.

The Office of Management and Budget does not object to your submitting the report for this project to the Congress. When you do so, please advise the Congress that should the Congress authorize the project, the project would need to compete with other proposed investments in future Budgets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Shawcross".

Paul Shawcross
Acting Deputy Associate Director
Energy, Science, and Water