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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Bill Compton
Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
1181 Coastal Drive, SW
Darien, GA 31305

Dear Mr. Compton

SUBJECT: NSB KINGS BAY GEORGIA RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENT OF
REGIONAL IMPACT #2524

On 10 November 2015, your office notified Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay regarding the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) submitted by the City of St. Marys, Georgia. The DRI addresses The Port of St. Marys, LLC's request to have property, formerly known as the Gilman/Durango paper mill site, rezoned from Planned Development Mixed Use to Planned Development Industrial Use. The DRI indicates The Port of St. Marys, LLC is proposing the development of a maritime logistics facility, specifically a bargeport to be located along the North River at the old Gilman/Durango paper mill site.

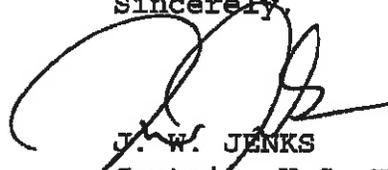
As you are aware, NSB Kings Bay is a strategic United States Naval base and home to the Atlantic Fleet's TRIDENT nuclear powered ballistic and guided missile submarines. These naval assets along with other visiting vessels utilized the intracoastal waterway to enter and exit the installation's waterfront harbors and refit facility. When transiting the restricted intracoastal waterway, industrial or recreational vessels have the potential to interfere with naval shipping. To ensure naval access, the waterway may be restricted to facilitate Naval vessel movements with little to no prior notice.

Unimpeded transit of naval assets in and out of the intracoastal waterway is vital to the NSB Kings Bay's operations and national security mission. The proposed bargeport may increase maritime traffic with slow-moving, large vessels on the same stretch of intracoastal waterway utilized by Naval vessels. Coordination of routes, shipping volume and de-confliction procedures require evaluation.

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Thank you for providing NSB Kings Bay the opportunity to comment on the proposed DRI, consideration of our input and your continued support of our installation, our personnel and their families. If additional information is needed, my point of contact is Ms. Cynthia Birke at (912) 573-4932 or cynthia.birke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Jenks', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

J. W. JENKS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer