

## **Coastal group objects to permit application**

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I am writing to state our unconditional objections to the permit application for a waste-transport facility located west of U.S. 301 and south of Broadhurst Road West and 5.6 miles east of Screven.

Accordingly, the Center for a Sustainable Coast strongly objects to this permit because an alternative to it is available at other locations adjacent to disposal sites where destruction of wetlands would not be a factor.

Moreover, the alleged mitigation method does not honor the principle of “no net loss” of wetlands because it would result in the destruction of 25 acres of functional jurisdictional wetlands.

Cumulatively, the continued practice of implementing such measures would result in the loss of thousands of acres of wetlands that serve important habitat, filtration and flood-control benefits of great, well-documented benefit to the public.

Finally, whatever the proposed precautions, unloading operations will undoubtedly result in the contamination of surrounding areas with the toxic materials being transferred at the proposed facility. These materials (including known carcinogens), when spilled, would risk contamination of surrounding surface and groundwater resources, further jeopardizing public safety.

We urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reject this proposal due to its unacceptable and unjustified disturbance and destruction of valued natural resources and associated risks to public health.

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