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## Permits Issued for Charleston Port Expansion

Army Corps of Engineers formally issues permits for the construction of a new port terminal in Charleston. A great day for customers.

**A critical step** in the expansion of the Port of Charleston was accomplished yesterday when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued permits for a new 286-acre container terminal at the former Charleston Navy Base.

“It’s a great day for South Carolina and for the Port of Charleston,” said Bernard S. Groseclose Jr., president and CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA). “This terminal will handle our customers’ needs, set new environmental standards, foster economic development in the community and create good jobs.”

“The Ports Authority greatly appreciates all the support we’ve received from business, community and political leaders throughout the permitting process,” said Bill H. Stern, SCSPA Board chairman.

Key aspects of the project:

- When fully constructed the terminal will offer approximately 250 acres of container handling yards and 3 berths totalling more than 3,500 linear feet.
- The terminal location is on the west bank of the Cooper River, about 1.5 hours from the open sea.
- Site preparation and construction is expected to take 5 years for the initial phase.
- When built-out the total capacity is expected to be about 1.4 million TEU.
- The SCSPA has agreed to a \$10 mitigation plan to address environmental and community concerns. The mitigation plan includes community programming to fund assist in job training, education, affordable housing and other projects; major land and wetlands conservation, preservation, and restoration efforts; and a plan to reduce air quality impacts through monitoring, equipment purchasing, and issuance of guidelines for contractors.

For more information on this important development visit [www.scspace.com](http://www.scspace.com) or call your Port of Charleston sales representative.