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Notification of Planned Ship Movement within the Port of Hampton Roads / Norfolk,  
Virginia

**References:** (a) Teleconference between Erhard W. Koehler (MARAD) and John Buckley (NRC),  
dated January 18, 2007

This letter provides notice that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) plans to shift the Nuclear Ship SAVANNAH (NSS) within the port complex of Hampton Roads / Norfolk, Virginia. The NSS will be shifted from its present location at Colonna's Shipyard, Norfolk, VA, to a MARAD layberth at Pier 23, Newport News, VA. The NSS will remain at the layberth undergoing routine maintenance until a contract for drydocking is awarded and a performance period for that activity is established. MARAD continues to anticipate that this will occur in the first half of CY 2007.

The NSS will be towed from Colonna's Shipyard on or about January 29, 2007. Towing of the ship shall be overseen and regulated by the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Hampton Roads, VA. Both Colonna's Shipyard and the Pier 23 layberth are located within the geographic boundary covered by the Norfolk and Hampton Roads Port Operating Plan.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this activity. I can be reached by email at [erhard.koehler@dot.gov](mailto:erhard.koehler@dot.gov) and/or at (202) 366-2631.

Respectfully,

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