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FINAL REPLY:

E. Rhodes Messick  
NO PORT Southport, Inc.

TO:

Chairman Klein

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 08-0579

Zimmerman, NSIR

DESC:

ROUTING:

Proposed North Carolina International Terminal -  
Security Issues (EDATS: SECY-2008-0622)

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Cyr/Burns  
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**Addressee:** Chairman Klein

**Date Response Requested by Originator:** NONE

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CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

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PAPER NUMBER: LTR-08-0579 LOGGING DATE: 11/04/2008

ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: Mr. E. Rhodes Messick

AFFILIATION: NC

ADDRESSEE: CHRМ Dale Klein

SUBJECT: Requests the agency to analyze the full impact of the location of the proposed international container port on the Cape Fear River in Southport, North Carolina, on our national security

ACTION: Direct Reply

DISTRIBUTION: RF, SECY to Ack.

LETTER DATE: 10/28/2008

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Mr. Dale E. Klein  
Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

October 28, 2008

Re: North Carolina International Terminal (NCIT)

Dear Mr. Klein:

We represent a group of extremely concerned citizens in Southeastern North Carolina seeking your assistance – we are called NO PORT SOUTHPORT. We believe this proposed international port offers a very real potential threat to national security and is being planned with no attention to this possibility.

This international container port is slated for location adjacent to a nuclear power plant and, also, the largest ammunition depot in the United States whose blast zone abuts the intended port's site. We need someone from your agency to work with us to analyze the full impact of this port's location on our national security.

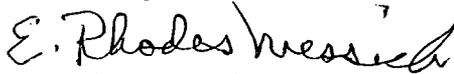
The state of North Carolina plans to build this international terminal (NCIT) on the Cape Fear River in Southport, NC. This terminal is projected to be located on 600 acres of land near the mouth of the Cape Fear River approximately 25 miles south of Wilmington, NC. It is projected to process 3 million shipping containers (TEUs) per annum on a site immediately adjacent to Progress Energy's Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant and its cooling water intake canal. Abutting this site on the north is the US Army's Military Ocean Depot Sunny Point (MOTSU). MOTSU is currently undergoing a large expansion – meaning there will be more vessels bearing defense related munitions passing the proposed NCIT.

In this post-911 era, we have grave security and public safety concerns regarding the dangers of locating a mega-port on this site. Please see the attached talking points outlining our concerns for establishing an international terminal in Brunswick County, NC.

For those not familiar with Brunswick County, it is one of the fastest growing counties in the US. It is a mecca for year round tourism on the coast, and, also, a bedroom community to Wilmington, NC. All this creates a dense population base in close proximity to the proposed site.

Our Steering Committee would appreciate it if you would identify and name a designated individual from your organization responsible for coordinating your agency's responsibilities as they relate to this proposed project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
E. Rhodes Messick  
Co-Chairman

Attachment



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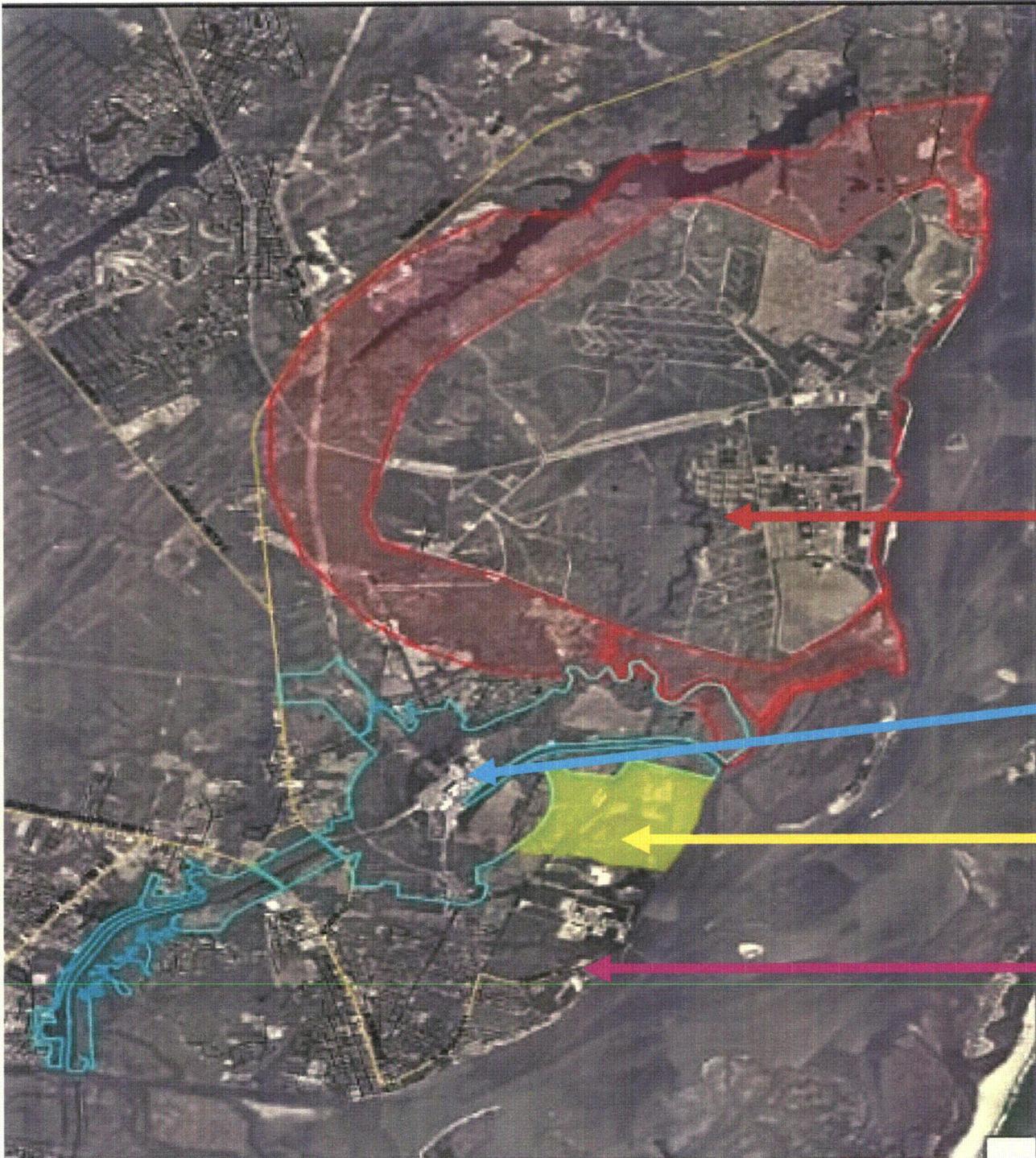
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## **SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS**

### **Related to the proposed North Carolina International Terminal**

- Site proximity to Progress Energy Nuclear power plant and related intake canal
- Site proximity to US Army's Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point (MOTSU), the largest ammunition port in the US
- Site proximity to burgeoning housing growth within a 25 mile radius of the proposed port
- Terrorism concerns related to unscreened foreign vessels and overseas-packed shipping containers processing through the proposed facility
- Foreign seaman debarking foreign vessels poses a very real potential for terrorist surveillance and intelligence collection
- Overburdened highway infrastructure that cannot handle current population's traffic, especially during hurricane evacuation
- Significant impact on currently inadequate emergency services manpower, equipment and facilities
- Potential for increased criminal activity due to influx of transients and vehicular traffic into area
- New channel requirements for Post Panamax vessels pose threat to lower Cape Fear region due to funnel effect (reference MRGO in New Orleans, LA and damage done by Hurricane Katrina because of it)



The proposed port will be located on 600 acres between the Progress Energy Nuclear Plant and the Cape Fear River

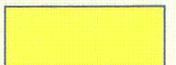
● MOTSU



● Brunswick Nuclear Plant

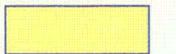


● Proposed Port



● Fort Fisher Ferry  
*0.7 mile from port*

● Roads

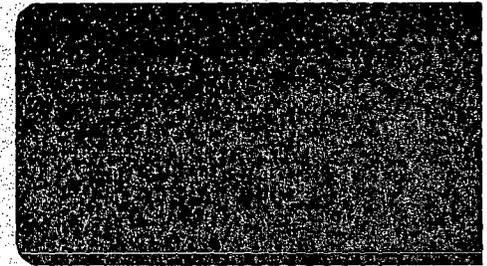


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