



## Complex Marine Terminal Permitting

"The Dawson & Associates team's hard work and strategic guidance were instrumental to the successful permitting of our complex project. Knowledge, responsiveness and professionalism were the hallmarks of their support."

– Director  
International tank storage company

### CLIENT

One of the largest independent partners for the storage of chemicals, gases and mineral oils

### BACKGROUND

This corporation needed federal and state approvals to construct a major deep-water dock near Galveston. The project included structural components such as an access trestle to the shoreline and infrastructure for ship berthing and piping. Given the impact on wetlands and other Waters of the United States, the proposal required approval under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and other requirements. This process required work with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Texas regulators.

### RESPONSE

The company hired Dawson & Associates to manage necessary permit approvals. This process required Dawson to develop and implement federal and state approval strategies. Dawson's team included six environmental and regulatory experts, all with extensive first-hand experience in complex marine terminal permitting.

Since the company's projected commercial in-service date required an aggressive schedule, the project team established weekly coordination calls to identify key tasks and milestones, ensuring that all permit documents were accurate and effectively addressed issues important to state and federal regulatory review. The Dawson team conducted thorough evaluations of all submittals to minimize agency questions. In addition, the Dawson team was in frequent contact with state and federal officials to keep the approval processes on schedule.

Following extensive reviews, the agencies provided all necessary permits and approvals well ahead of the company's commercial schedule, eliminating the need for costly back-up plans the client had prepared had necessary permits not been approved in time. These approvals saved the company millions of dollars, improved relations with its commercial partners and expanded growth opportunities.