

Port Development & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS




The Port of Wilmington recently paved an additional 1.46-acre lot which is leased to Volkswagen of America for storage of their Volkswagens and Audis imports.

New Volkswagens and Audis are parked on a recently-paved lot at the Port of Wilmington. The Diamond State Port Corp. (DSPC) recently developed the 1.46-acre lot to increase storage capacity for Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA) as part of a five-year lease signed with the Port in 2003.

The new lot is located along Gist Road, opposite the former Lafarge site, and adjacent to its current automobile storage and processing facilities. The total cost to pave, fence and install lighting on this new parcel totaled more than \$300,000. The addition of the Gist Road lot brings VWoA's leasehold at the Port to over 68 acres.

Other recent maintenance projects at the Port include 136,500 sq. ft. of new blacktop repaving of Berths 1, 2, and 3 on the Christina River; installation of a new roof on Warehouse D, which will be completed in March; and the replacement of exterior siding on the loading docks of Warehouse C and Warehouse D.

Thousands of feet of new perimeter security fencing were recently installed as part of the Port's continued emphasis on physical security and to ensure compliance with the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and the obligations contained in our Facility Security Plan.

And finally, a major addition to the Port's 700,000 sq. ft. cold storage complex is planned for 2005. See related article on page 14. 

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