

## **Cargo Pier. FAC: 1511**

CATCODE: 151153

OPR: AFCEC/COS

OCR:

1.1. **Description.** This identifies those structures built to extend from land out over water for the purpose of loading or unloading of lading or freight from a ship or boat.

1.1.1. A **pier** is a raised structure, including bridge and building supports and walkways, typically supported by widely spread piles or pillars. The lighter structure of a pier allows tides and currents to flow almost unhindered, whereas the more solid foundations of a quay or the closely spaced piles of a wharf can act as a breakwater, and are consequently more liable to silting. Piers can range in size and complexity from a simple lightweight wooden structure to major structures extended over 1600 meters. In American English, pier may be synonymous with dock.

1.2. A defined facility standard is not currently available for this CATCODE. By default, all requirements are user justified until a standard is established or adopted.