



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
7400 LEAKE AVENUE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118

Regional Planning and  
Environmental Division South  
Environmental Compliance Branch

**September 26, 2017**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 U.S.C. SECTION 408**

**PUBLIC NOTICE/FILE NUMBER:** 17-0391; Jefferson Parish, Louisiana proposes to install an 84-inch diameter discharge pipe in association with the expansion of the Parish Line Pump Station.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request for permission to alter a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project pursuant to Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408) has been received and will be evaluated by the New Orleans District. Written comments, including any objections to the proposed alteration, stating reasons therefor, are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments must be mailed or emailed by or before the last day of the comment period and must reference the file number of this public notice. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the decision on the request. See below for contact information and address. The proposed action could alter the Lake Pontchartrain Lakefront Floodwall, a federal project.

**COMMENT PERIOD EXPIRES:** October 11, 2017

**REQUESTED ALTERATION:** Jefferson Parish proposes to install an 84-inch diameter discharge pipe in association with the expansion of the Parish Line Pump Station. The discharge pipe would be pile supported and placed through an existing sleeve in the West Return Floodwall (Federal Project) adjacent to the existing Parish Line Pump Station. Specifically, the proposed action would place 96 linear feet of 84-inch pipe discharge pipe and 12 support piles within limits of the Federal Project.

The attached figures provide the details of the proposed project.

**REQUESTER:** Digital Engineering on behalf of Jefferson Parish Department of Drainage, 527 West Esplanade Avenue, Suite 200, Kenner, LA 70065.

**PERMISSION AUTHORITY:** The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC

408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Access to the project site would be along the asphalt/shell roadway (Bellevue Blvd.) paralleling the Parish Line Canal proceeding north from Veterans Memorial Blvd. All construction would take place south of the existing station and would be done with no impact to the operation of the existing station. Once completed, the proposed expansion would initially add an additional 350 cubic feet per second pumping capacity to the Parish Line Pump Station. Once additional design work is completed, the Parish Line Pump station expansion would result in installation of three similar pile supported discharge pipes at this location. This Public Notice solicits comments only on the proposed alteration of the USACE project.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The proposed action is located on the bank of the Parish Line Canal near Station 566+39 of the Lake Pontchartrain Lakefront Floodwall, Kenner, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana in the vicinity of (Latitude: 30° 00' 40.35", Longitude: -90° 16' 42.81") as shown on the attached drawing.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO:**

Department of the Army  
Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District  
ATTN: Howard Ladner (CEMVN-PDC)  
7400 Leake Ave.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE EMAILED TO:** [howard.w.ladner@usace.army.mil](mailto:howard.w.ladner@usace.army.mil)

ALL comments must contain the full name and address of the individual commenting and must be received by the USACE by the expiration of the public notice period.

**EVALUATION:** This request will be reviewed pursuant to Section 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, which provides policy and procedural guidance for processing requests to alter USACE civil works projects.

The decision whether to grant permission for the requested alteration will be based on several factors. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of the requests for modification will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

- 1) Potential to Impair the Usefulness of the Project. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine whether the alteration would limit the ability of the

USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. If USACE determines that the usefulness of the authorized project would be impaired, the request will be denied.

- 2) Potential to be Injurious to the Public Interest. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.
- 3) Environmental Compliance. A decision on a Section 408 request is a Federal action and is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. USACE is preparing an Environmental Assessment to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed alteration on important resources. Comments received on this public notice will be used in the evaluation. The EA will not be published for public comment as this notice fulfills NEPA requirements for public participation. Any comments regarding the proposed alteration should be submitted during the current public comment period.

While ensuring environmental compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is responsible for providing all information that USACE identifies as necessary. Environmental compliance requirements that will be considered in this evaluation include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) directs all Federal agencies to insure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry-out does not jeopardize the continued existence of an endangered or threatened species including adverse modification of their critical habitat. To facilitate efficient Section 7 ESA consultation for actions authorized under the Clean Water Act, Section 404(b)(1) guidelines, as well as Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, the USACE, New Orleans District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Ecological Field Services Office (USFWS) developed Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES) which became effective on October 22, 2014. This process (SLOPES) was expanded, with minor modifications, to include USACE review of Section

408 permission requests on June 13, 2016 (and again by USFWS on October 21, 2016). Under the provisions of the SLOPES agreement, a determination of no effect on listed species or designated critical habitats was made. No further coordination under Section 7 of the ESA is necessary.

- b. The requester must provide proof the proposed action is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act prior to construction of the proposed action.
- c. The proposed activity would have no adverse effect to Essential Fish Habitat.
- d. No impacts to waters of the U.S. will occur within the limits of the Federal Project. Activities outside the limits of the Federal Project will be evaluated by Regulatory Functions Branch to determine the need for a Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act and/or Section 404, Clean Water Act authorization.
- e. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the USACE is required to take into account the effects of any permitted action to historic properties, which includes both archaeological resources on the surface or below ground, as well as historic buildings and structures that are listed in or are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If determined necessary, the USACE will also consult with Indian Tribes in accordance with Section 101(d)(6)(B) of the NHPA, the USACE Tribal Consultation Policy, and Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments."

All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project. The review will consider the potential impact to the usefulness of the Federal project and whether the proposed alteration would be injurious to the public interest. Policy and legal compliance will also be considered.

USACE is soliciting comments from interested parties to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed alteration. Comments will be considered to assess impacts on the public interest factors listed above, as well as endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and general environmental effects. Comments will be used for environmental compliance coordination as required by NEPA.

**COORDINATION:** This public notice will be coordinated with the relevant State, Federal and Tribal entities as appropriate.

Issuance of this notice does not imply Corps of Engineers endorsement of the project as described.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Ladner, Project Manager, by telephone at 504-862-2021 or via email at Howard.W.Ladner@usace.army.mil.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marshall K. Harper".

Marshall K. Harper  
Chief, Environmental Planning Branch

Enclosures

# Location Map

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Legend

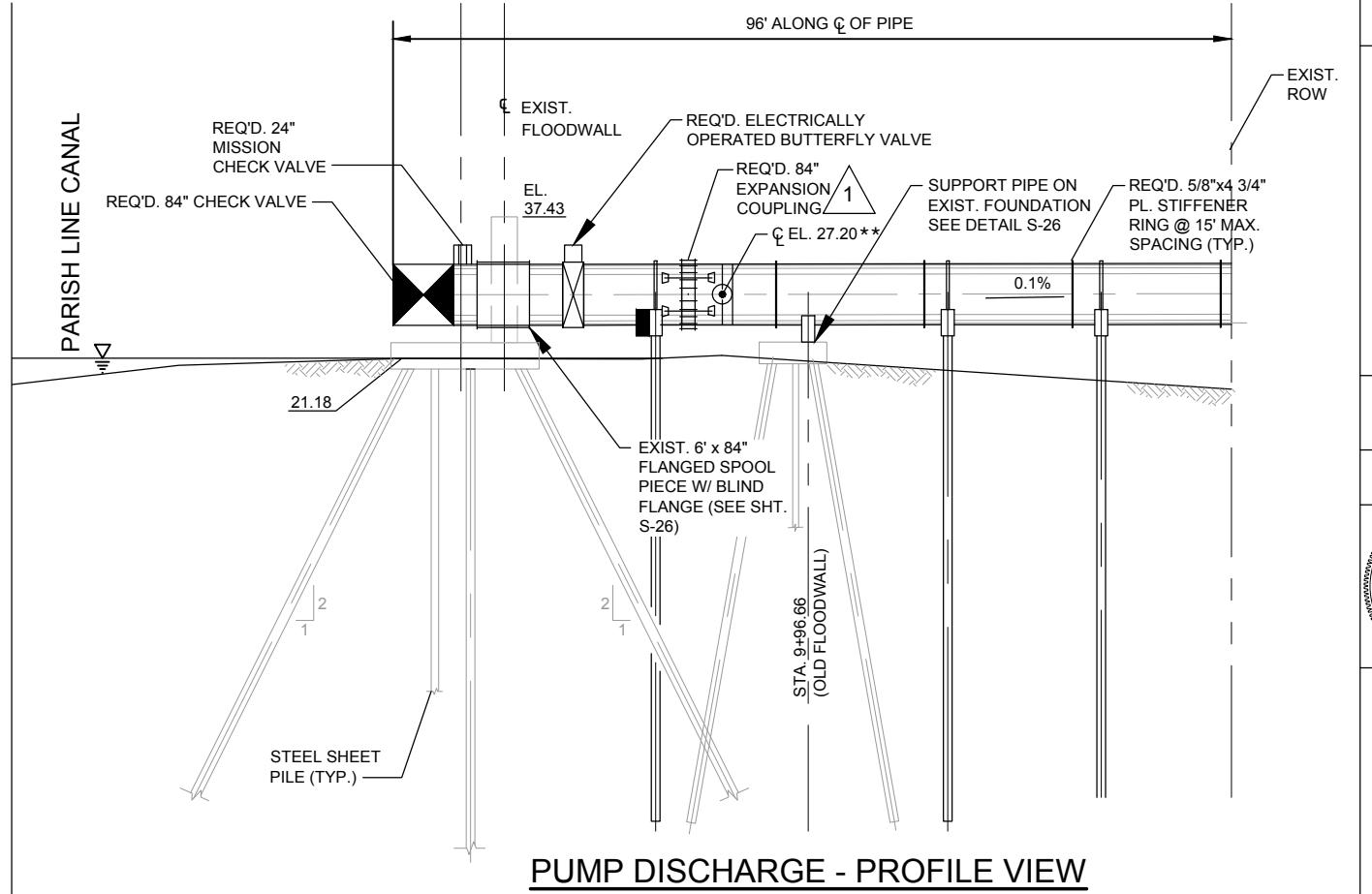
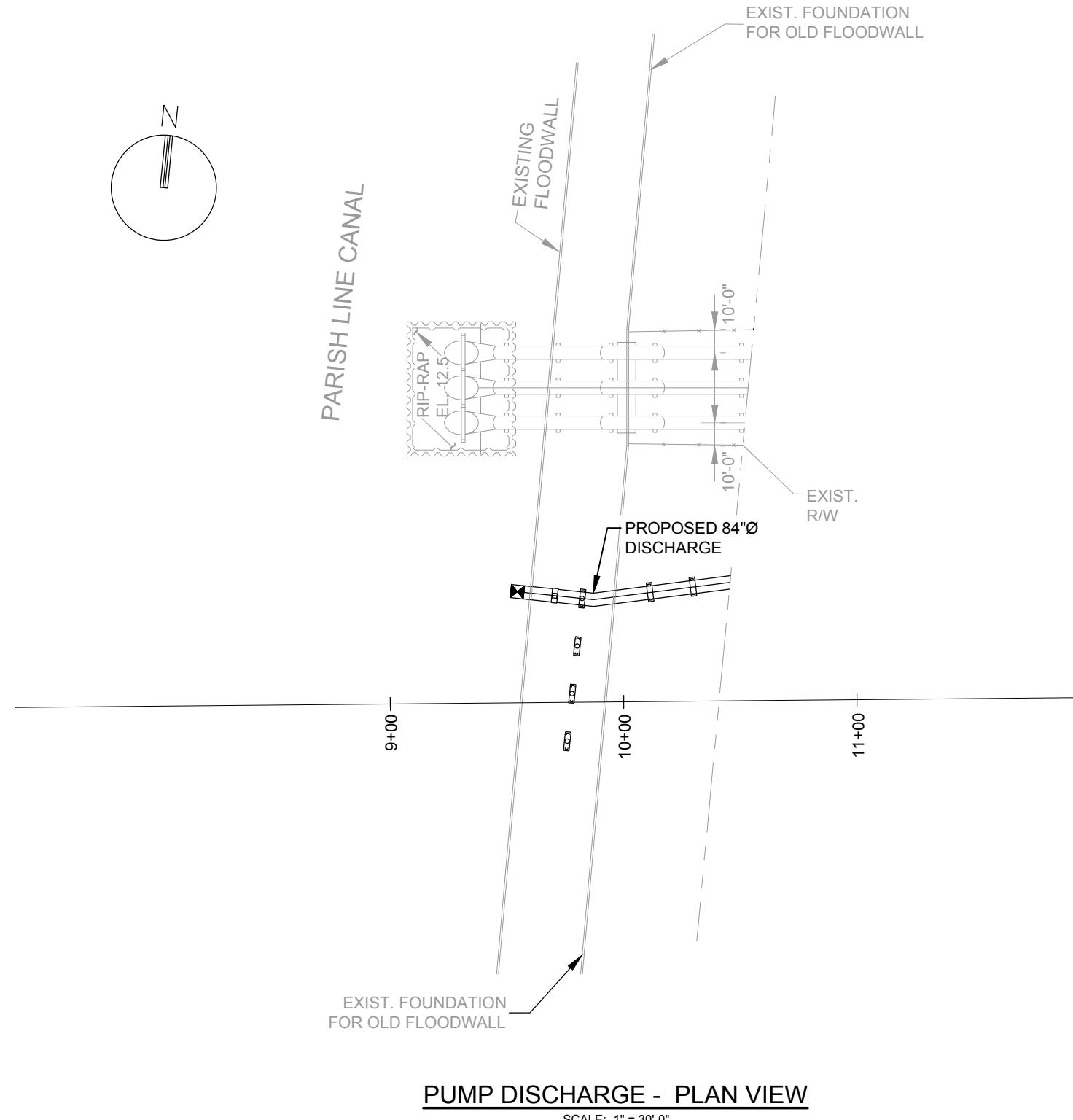


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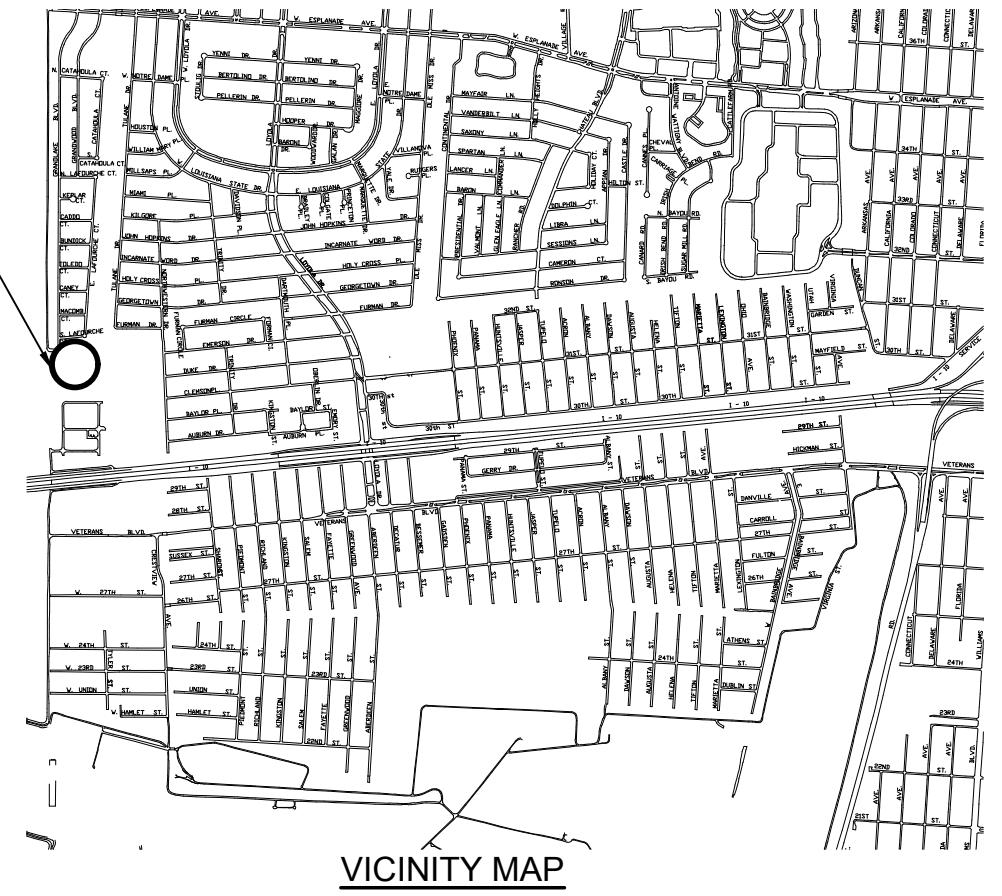
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PARISH LINE  
PUMP STATION  
SITE LOCATION



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