

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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State of Louisiana
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WQC Application Number

WQC 150123-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF AN EXISTING PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL DREDGING, IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

NAME OF APPLICANT: Grillot Construction, LLC, Attention: Russel Grillot, 2608 Engineers Road, Belle Chase, Louisiana 70037.

LOCATION OF WORK: Along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximately 71 miles above the "Head of Passes", within Section 40, Township 14 South, Range 12 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Corps permit # SE (Mississippi River) 883 was issued September 16, 1985 originally authorizing this activity. Subsequent Corps reauthorizations have allowed commercial dredging and stockpiling to continue at this location.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Continue commercial dredging from approximately 28.9 acres of non-vegetated Mississippi River bottoms and stockpiling the dredged materials in an existing containment area on the protected side of the river levee. No impacts to wetlands are proposed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **30 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant receives approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The project site is located in a US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) designated pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) consultation zone, an Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species. The sturgeon is a bottom-oriented fish that inhabits large river systems from Montana to Louisiana. In Louisiana it occurs in the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers, and below Lock and Dam # 3 on the Red river. The pallid sturgeon is adapted to large, free-flowing, turbid rivers with a diverse assemblage of physical characteristics that are in constant state of change. The pallid sturgeon is believed to utilize Louisiana riverine habitat during reproductive stages of its life cycle. The applicant has agreed to follow “Special Operational Conditions” specified by the FWS to minimizing potential adverse impacts to the pallid sturgeon that may occur during the hydraulic dredge operations proposed; therefore, the Corps determined that the project, as proposed, is “not likely to adversely affect” the pallid sturgeon.

This notice initiates the EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would result in temporary adverse impacts to 28.9 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum, blue crab and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action may have temporary adverse impacts on EFH or federally managed fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

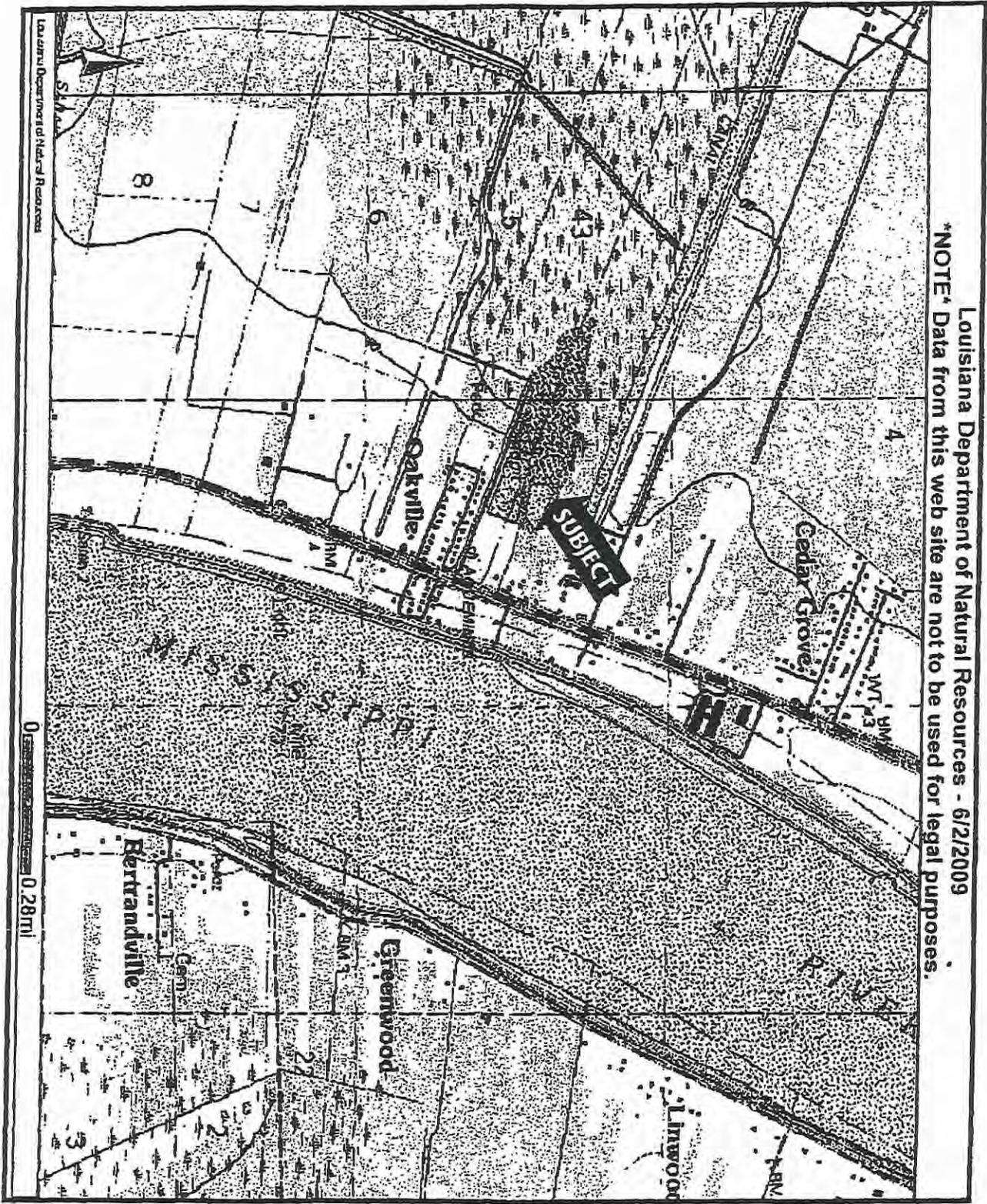
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources - 6/2/2009
NOTE Data from this web site are not to be used for legal purposes.



Miss. River

LEVEE

Dredge Discharge Line

11214 LA HWY 23

S 21°47'16" W

337.02 143.40 286.80 089.82

EXISTING DREDGE PIPELINE

600.00

N 68°20'29" W

EXISTING BERMS

700.00 BERM

SAND PIT

700.00 BERM

SECT. 4

SECT. 43

N 21°47'16" E

EXISTING BERM

INDUSTRIAL PIPE INC

Settling Box
Existing
Settling Box

EXISTING VIEW BOX

SCALE 1" = 30'



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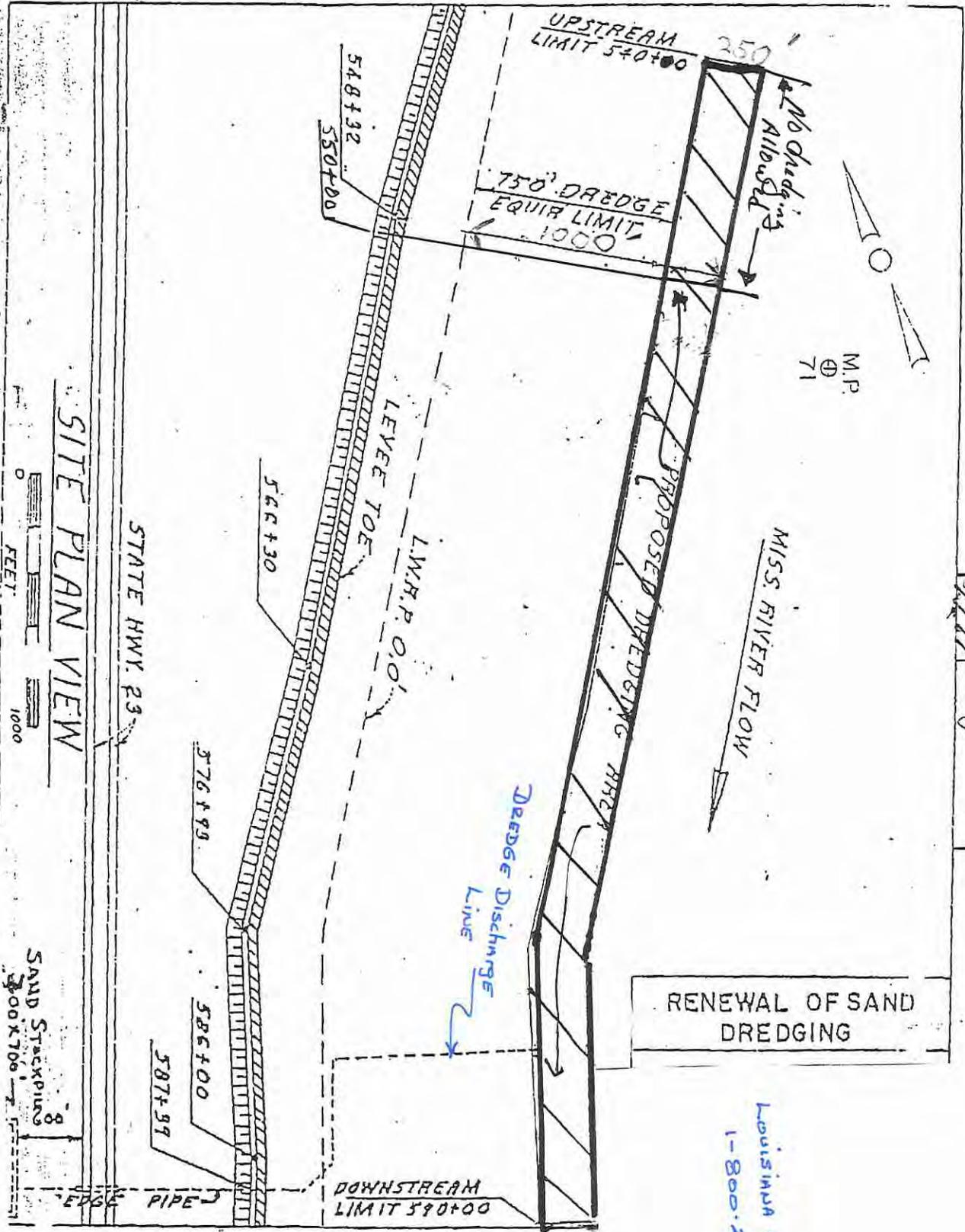
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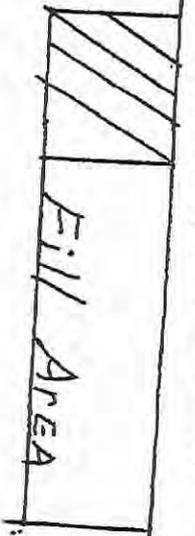
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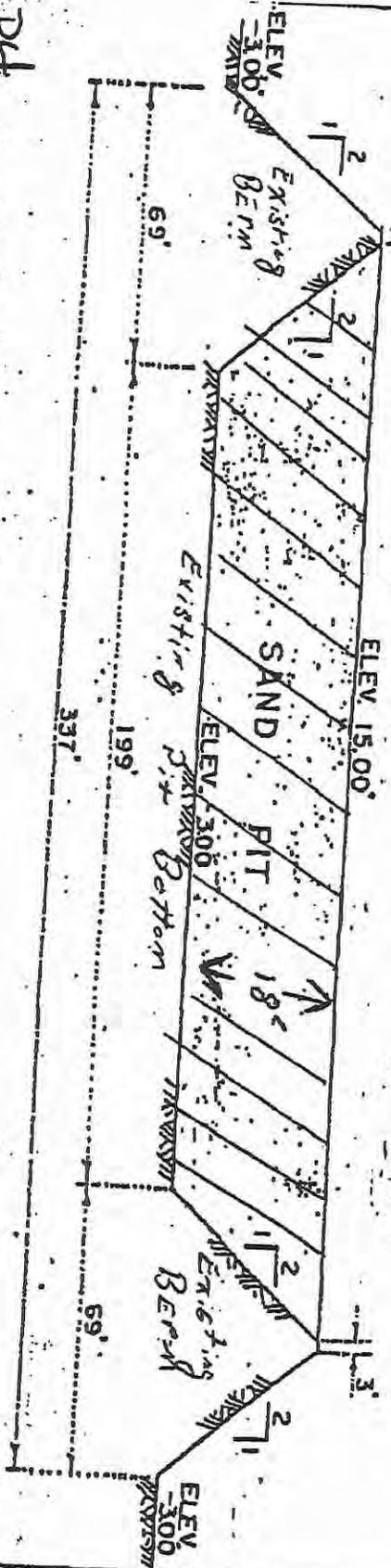
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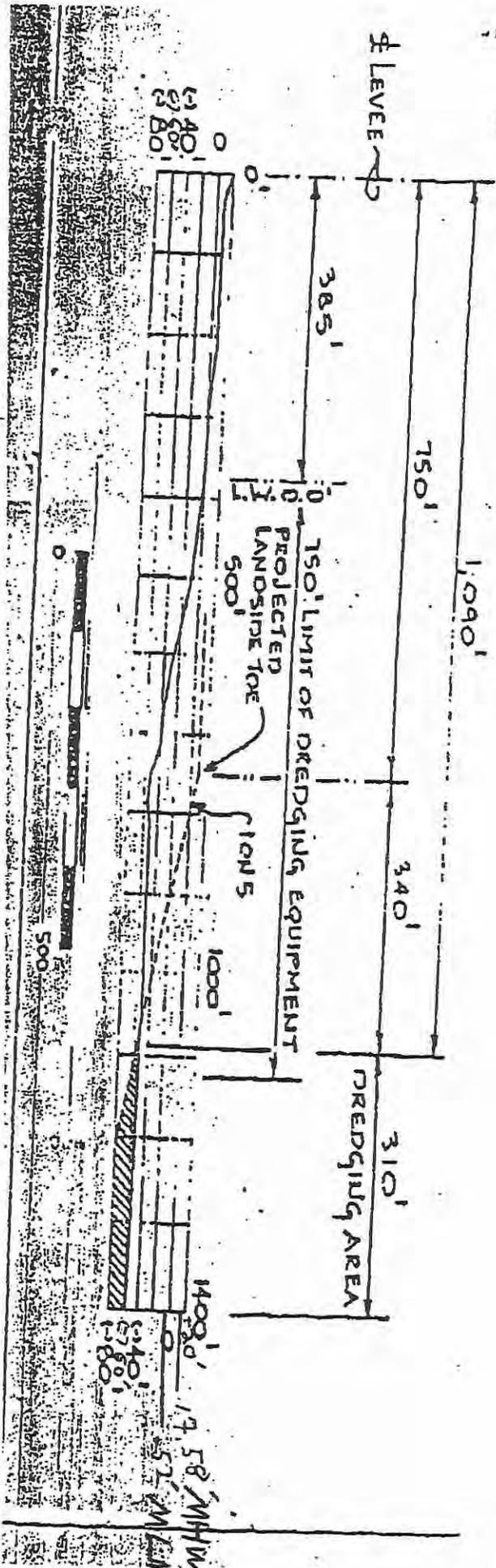
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Pit



CROSS SECTION OF SAND PIT

SCALE 1" = 40' Horizontal
 1" = 20' Vertical



17.58' MEAN HIGH WATER
 -.52' MEAN LOW WATER

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Typical Section
 DREDGE