

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

November 10, 2014

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State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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MVN-1998-01950-ETT

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WQC Application Number
WQC 141105-04

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), New Orleans District (CEMVN) 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 MAINTENANCE DREDGING, IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER, ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA

NAME OF APPLICANT: International Matex Tank Terminal Co. (IMTT) Attention: Ken Wink, 8641 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

LOCATION OF WORK: Along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River approximately 118.6 miles Above Head of Passes, at 11842 River Road, St. Rose, within St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

CORPS FILE CRONOLOGY: Maintenance dredging at this facility was originally authorized by Corps permit # SE (Mississippi River) 847 and most recently, a time extension for the maintenance dredging, was authorized by Corps permit # MVN-1998-01950-SE.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Continue maintenance hydraulic dredging from approximately 11.5 acres of non-vegetated Mississippi River bottoms abutting the facility and stockpiling the dredged materials in existing storage areas of the river batture at the location referenced above. No impacts to wetlands are proposed. No impacts to special aquatic sites are proposed and no mitigation is 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. CEMVN is hereby requesting concurrence with that determination from the FWS.

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 11.5 acres of EFH that may be utilized by various life stages of red drum 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.

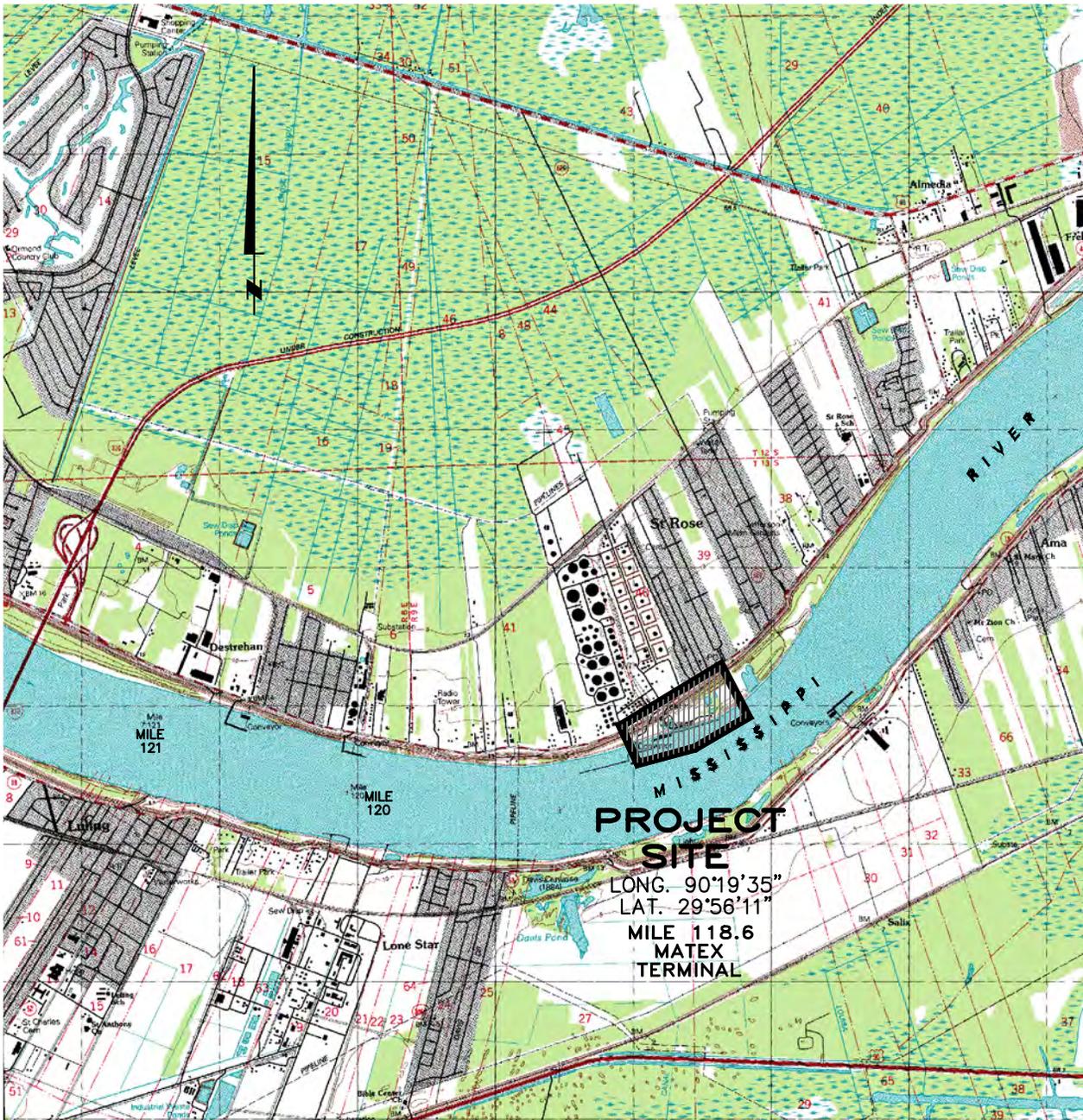
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not 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



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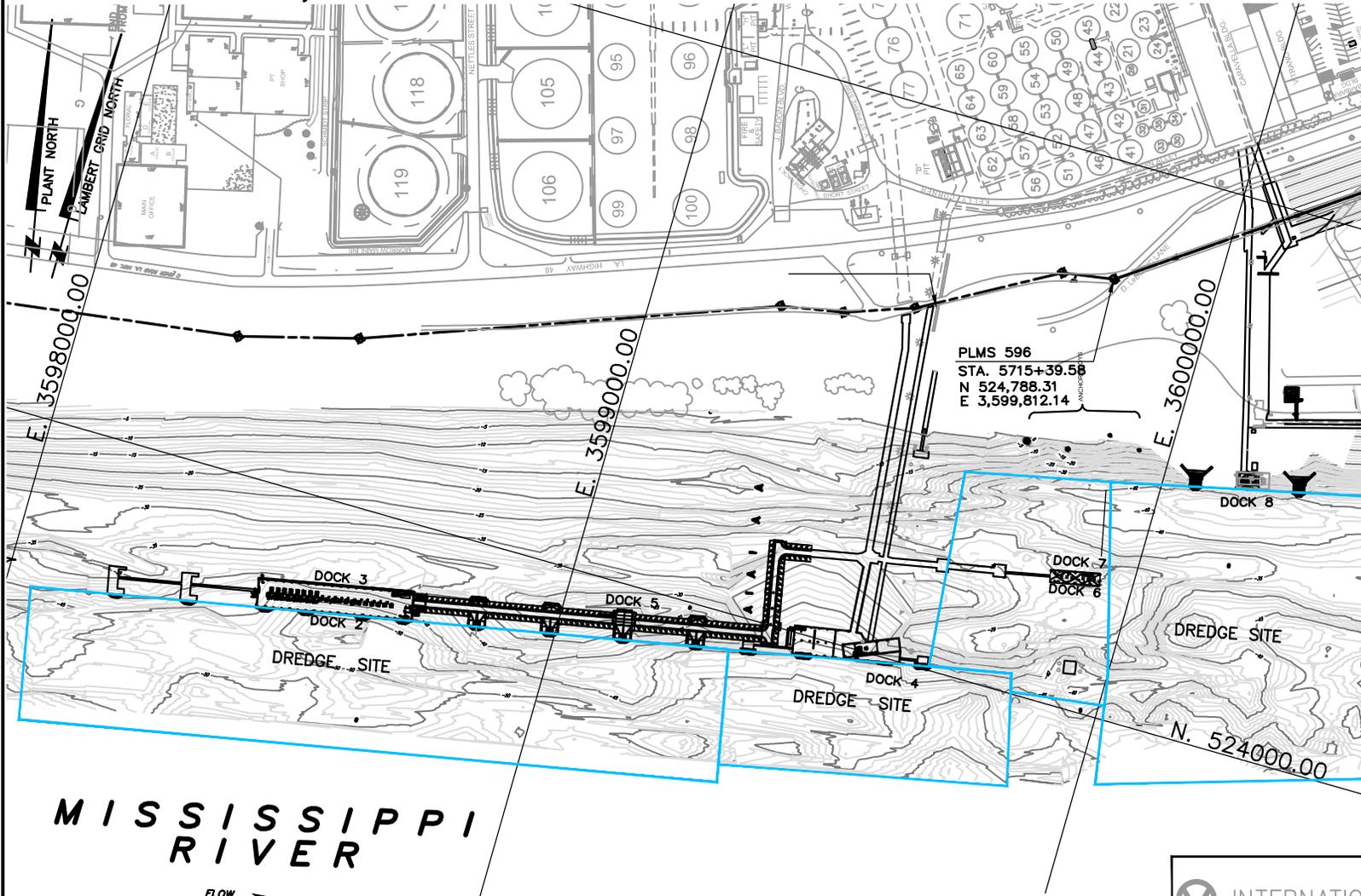
"The pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) may occur in water bodies this proposed project. The pallid sturgeon is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) and occur in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers in southern Louisiana, and the Red River. This species requires large, turbid, free-flowing riverine habitat and is adapted to living close to the bottom of large rivers with sand and gravel bars. Pallid sturgeon typically spawn from May-August, but successful reproduction has been severely reduced due to habitat modification. This includes the loss of habitat through the construction of dams that have modified flows, reduced turbidity and lowered water temperatures. The permittee must to take the necessary measures to avoid the breeding season and any degradation of water quality in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers. If you have any questions, please contact Beau Gregory at 337-491-2576.

No other impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated from the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas or scenic rivers are known at the specified site or within ¼ mile of the proposed project.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. LNHP reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. If at any time LNHP tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact The LA DNR biologist at 225-765-2643."

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<p align="center">Maintenance Dredging Permit Vicinity Map</p>	
<p>JOB. No. 44404000</p>	<p>DWG. No. 44404000-P-1</p>

St. Charles Parish, La.



IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITTED SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (811) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER



OVERALL SITE PLAN VIEW

EXISTING RIVER & BOTTOM CONTOURS FROM DATA PROVIDED BY MAINTENANCE DREDGING I, LLC APRIL 15, 2014 ELEVATIONS REPORTED IN N.A.V.D. '88

EXISTING BATTURE & LEVEE CONTOURS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELEVATION PROVIDE BY LANIER & ASSOC. ON PLMS 597 BEING 28.59' N.G.V.D.'29 CONVERTED TO 28.31' N.A.V.D.'88

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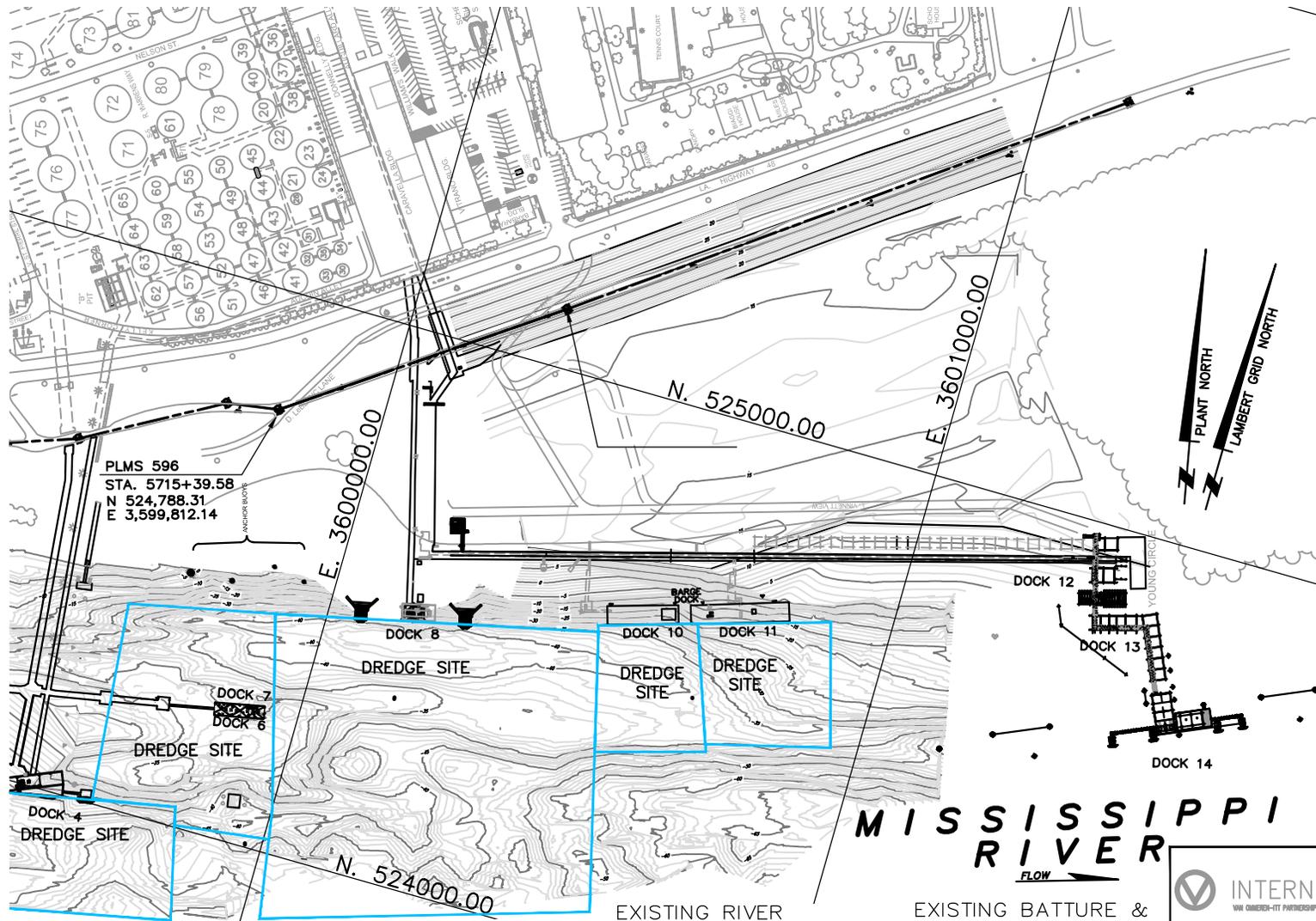
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 Dredging Plan 1 of 2

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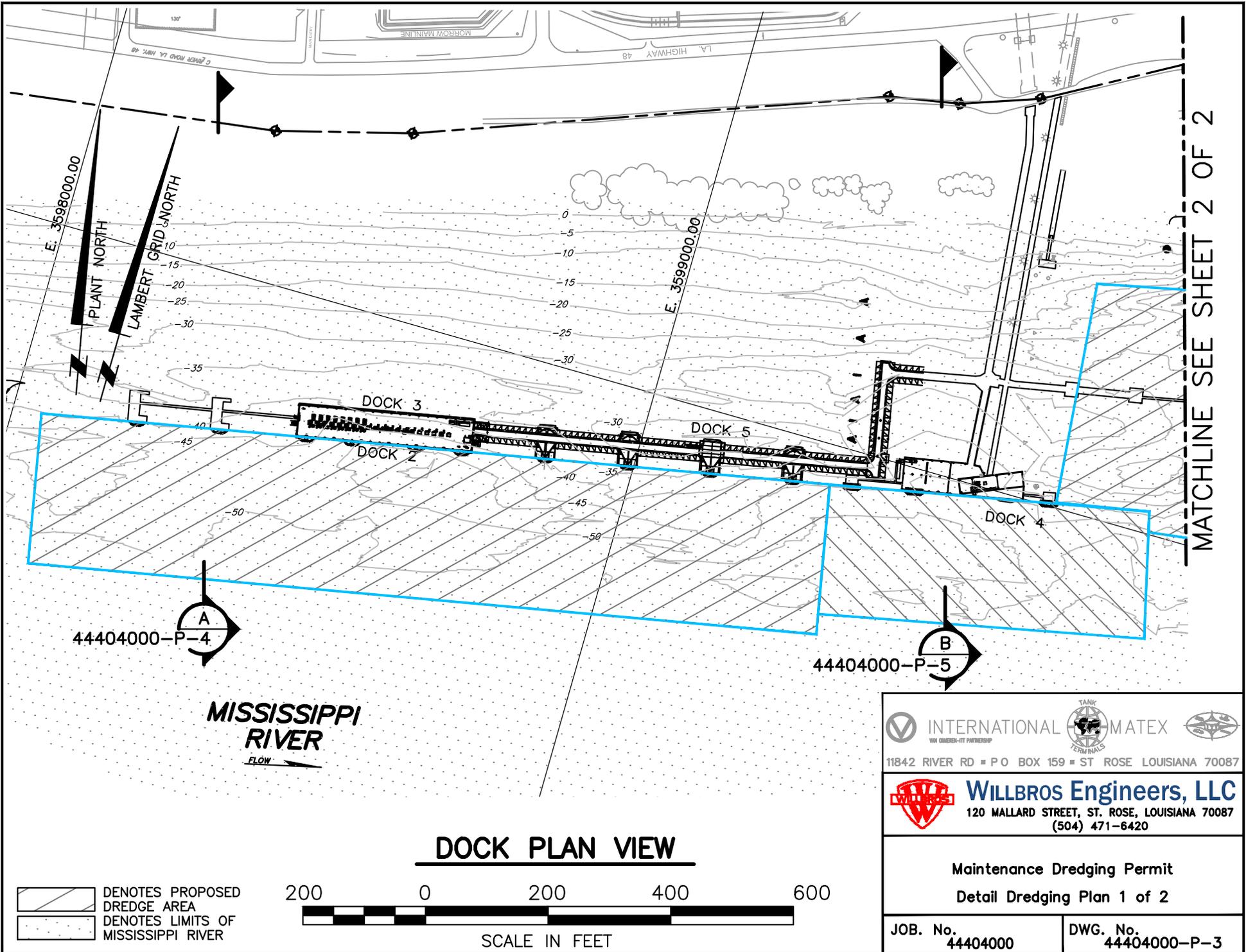


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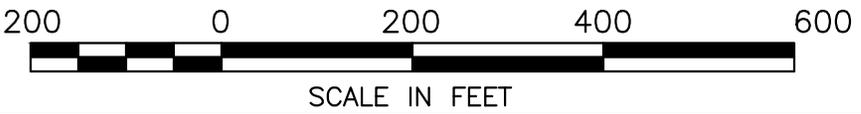
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MISSISSIPPI RIVER
FLOW

DOCK PLAN VIEW

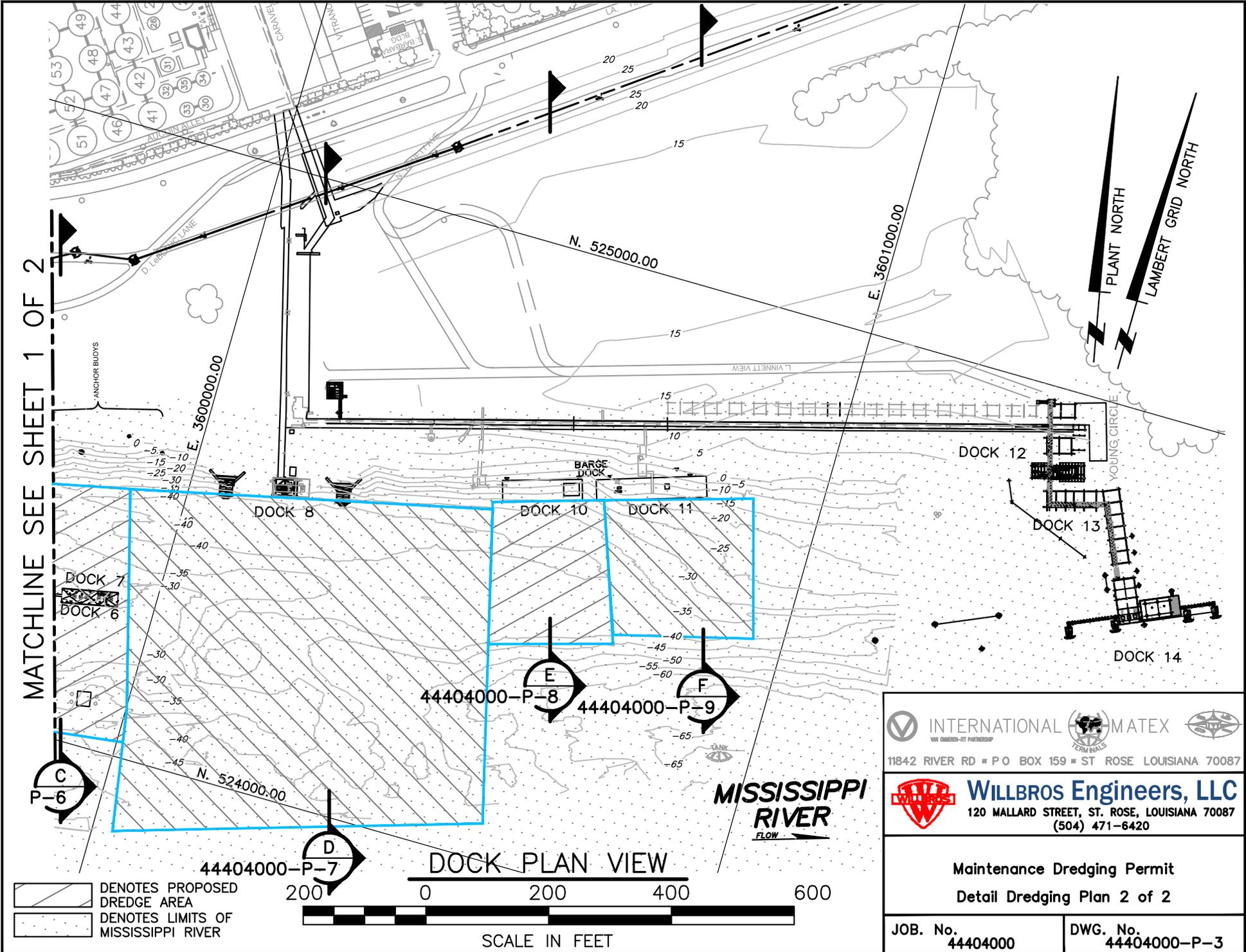
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 DENOTES LIMITS OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER



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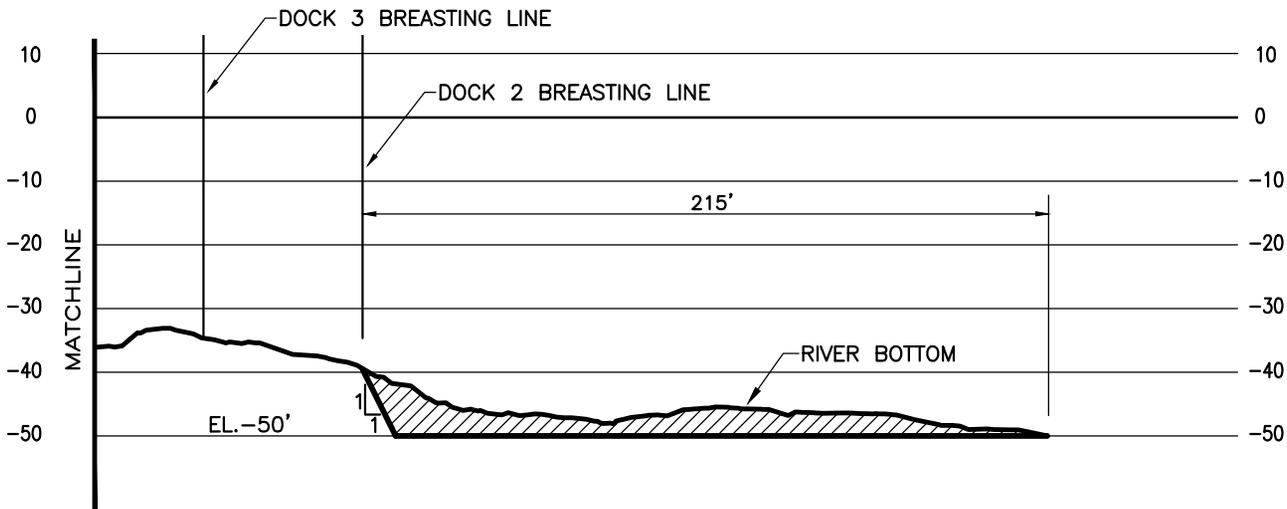
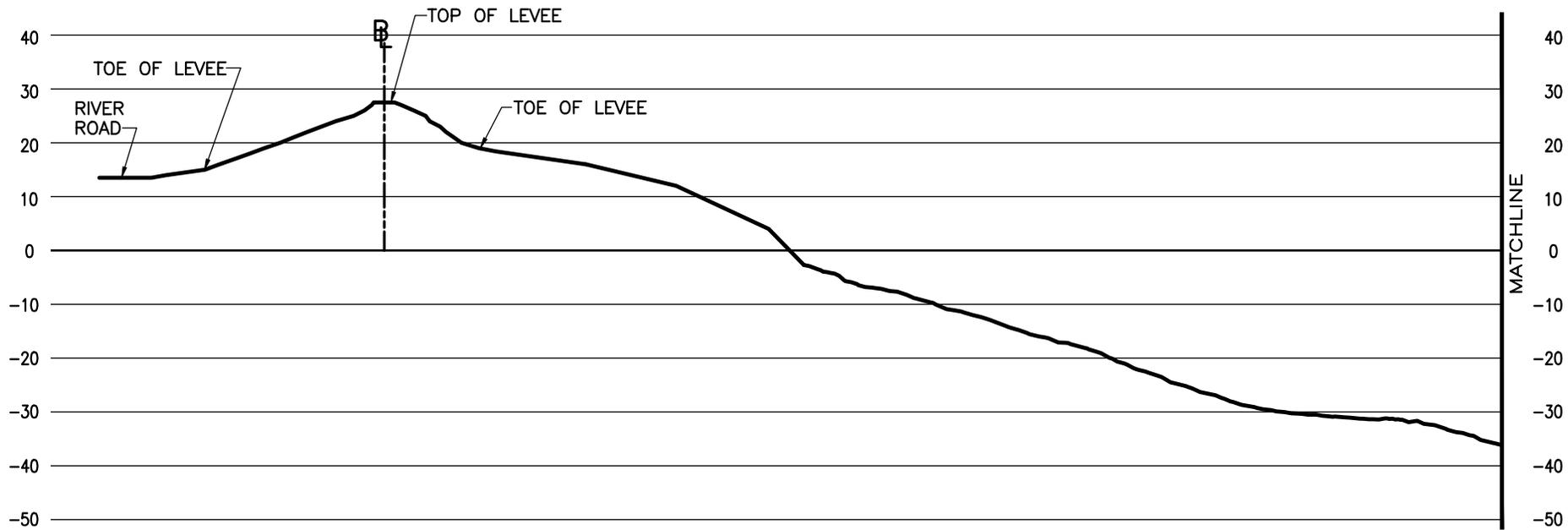
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 DENOTES EXISTING CONDITIONS
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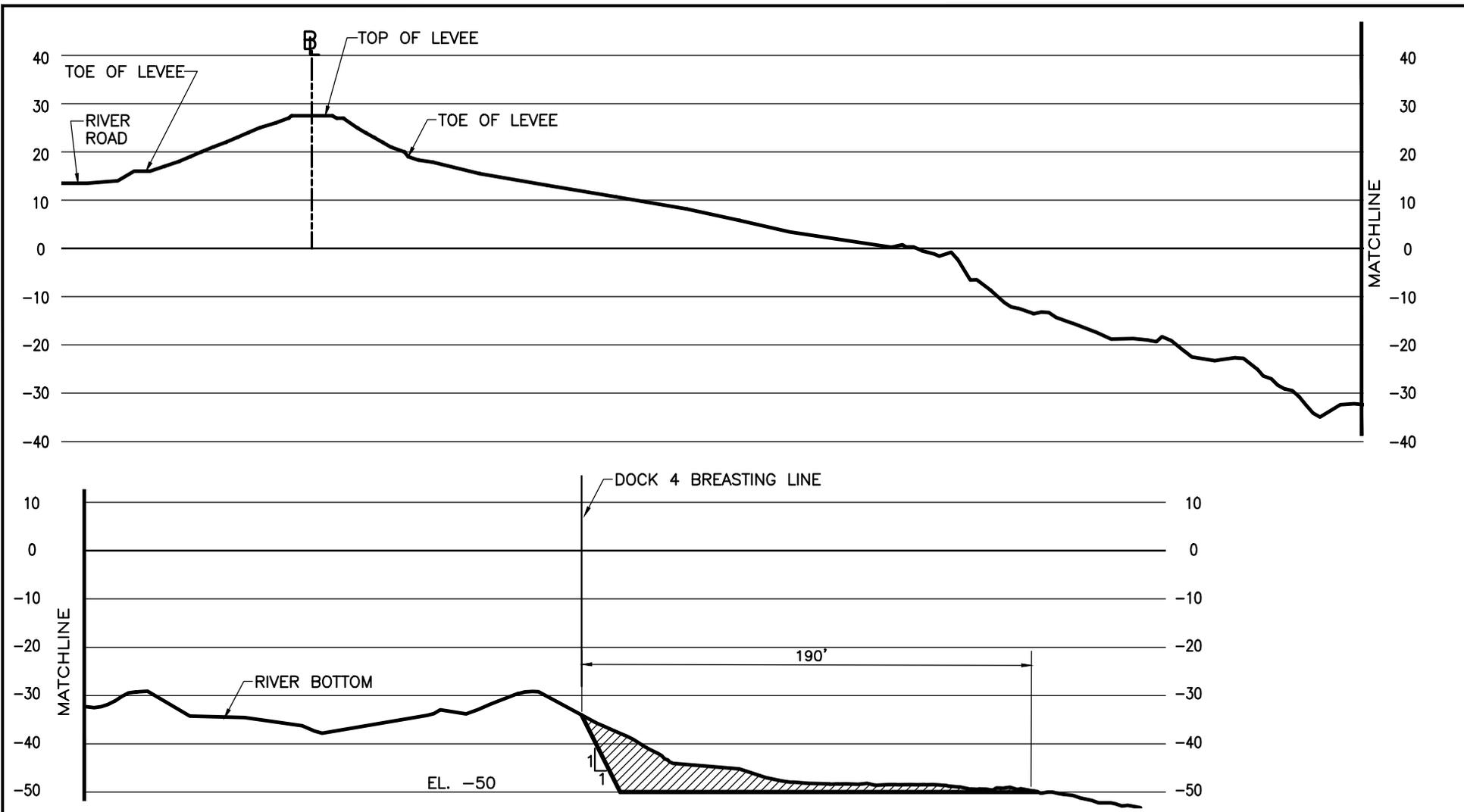
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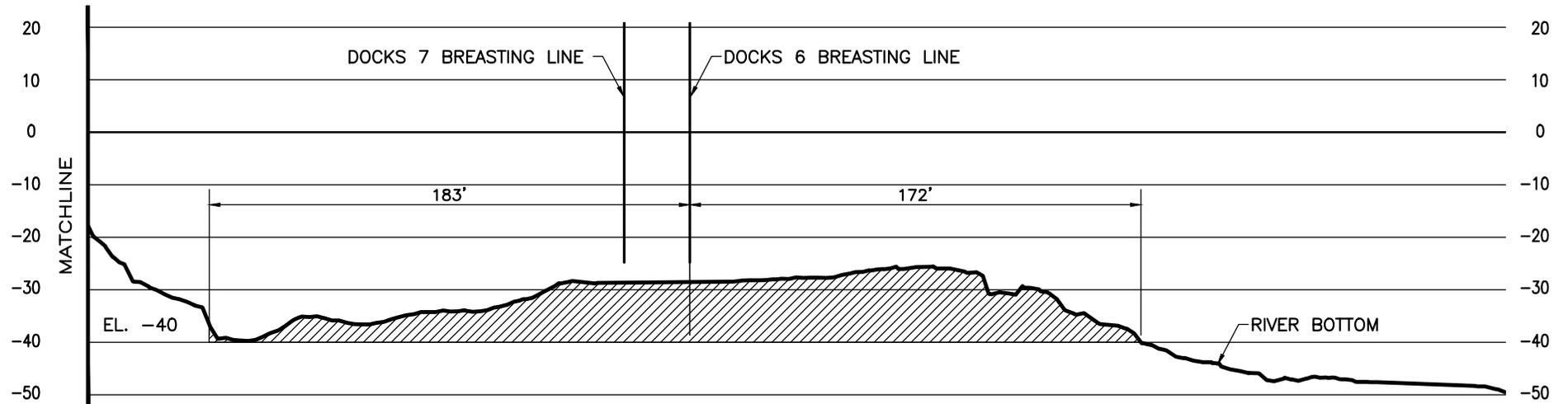
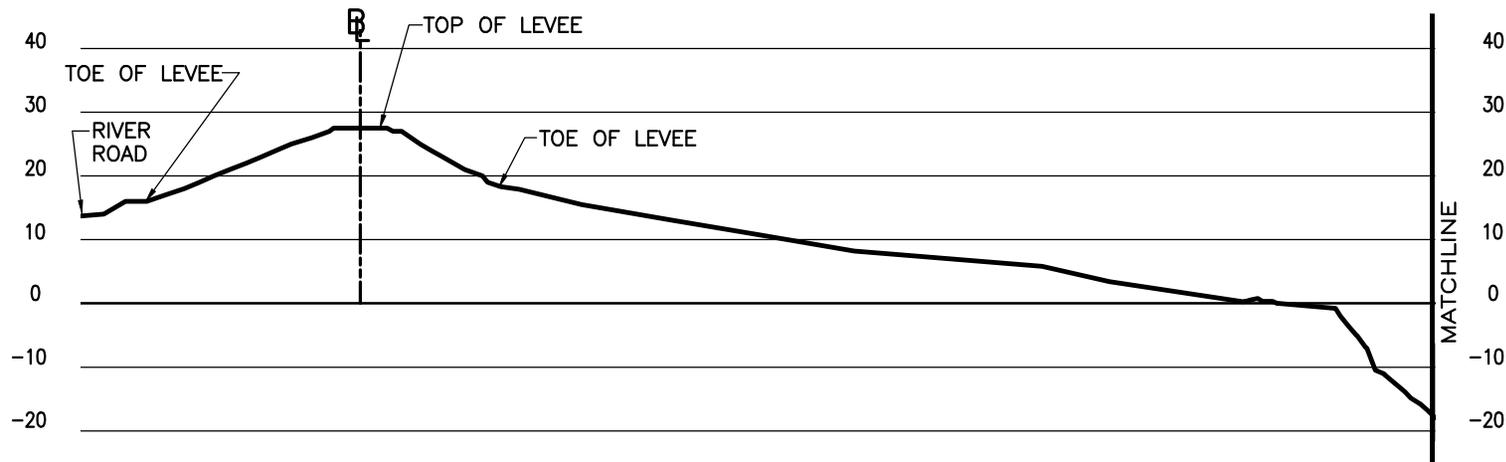
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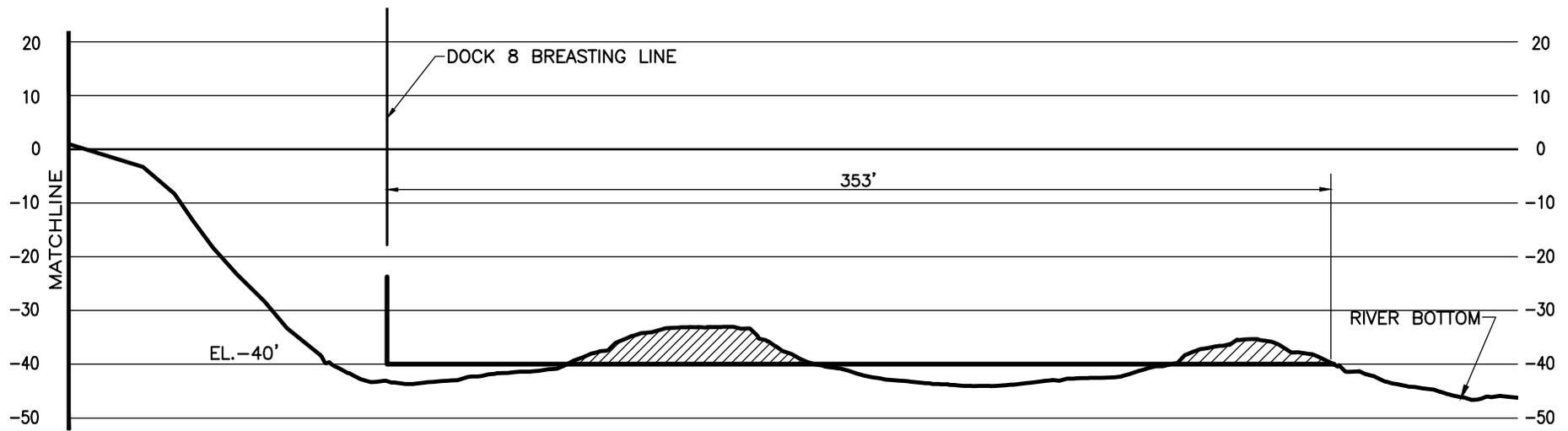
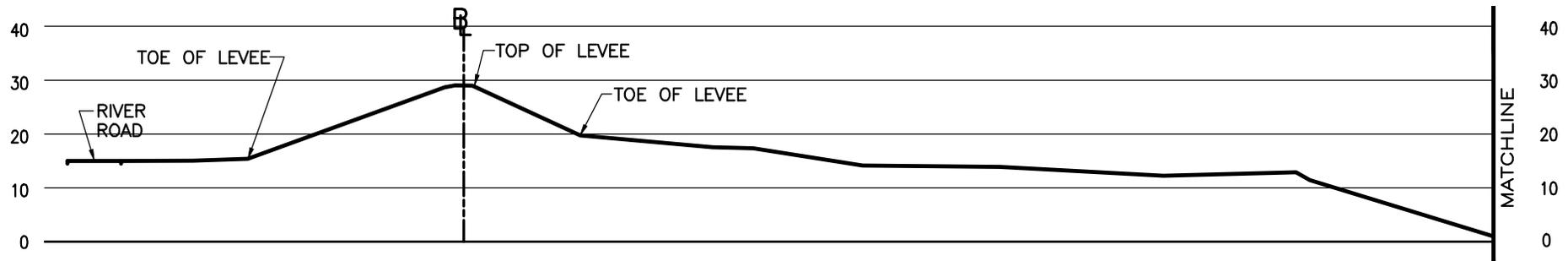
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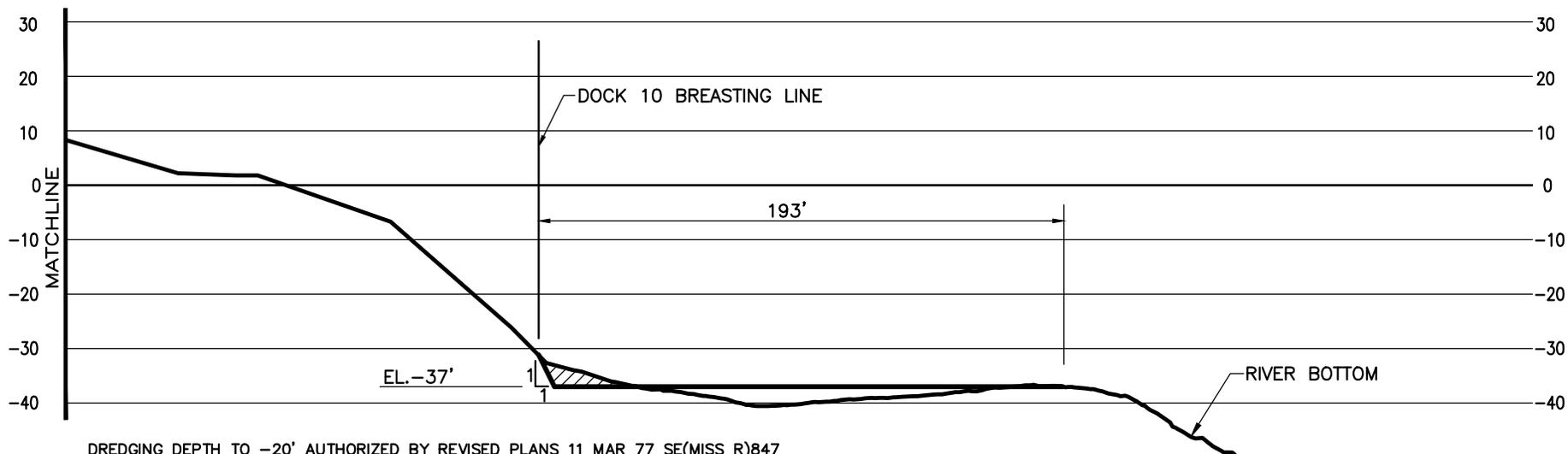
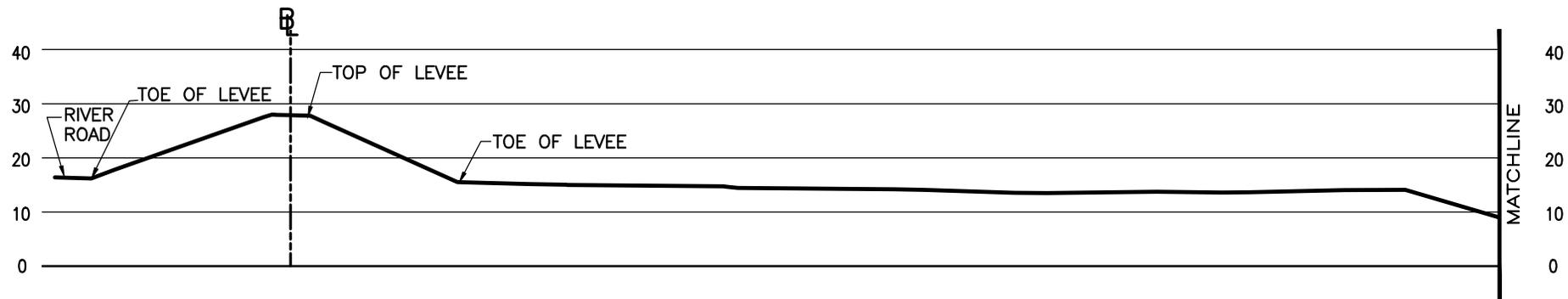
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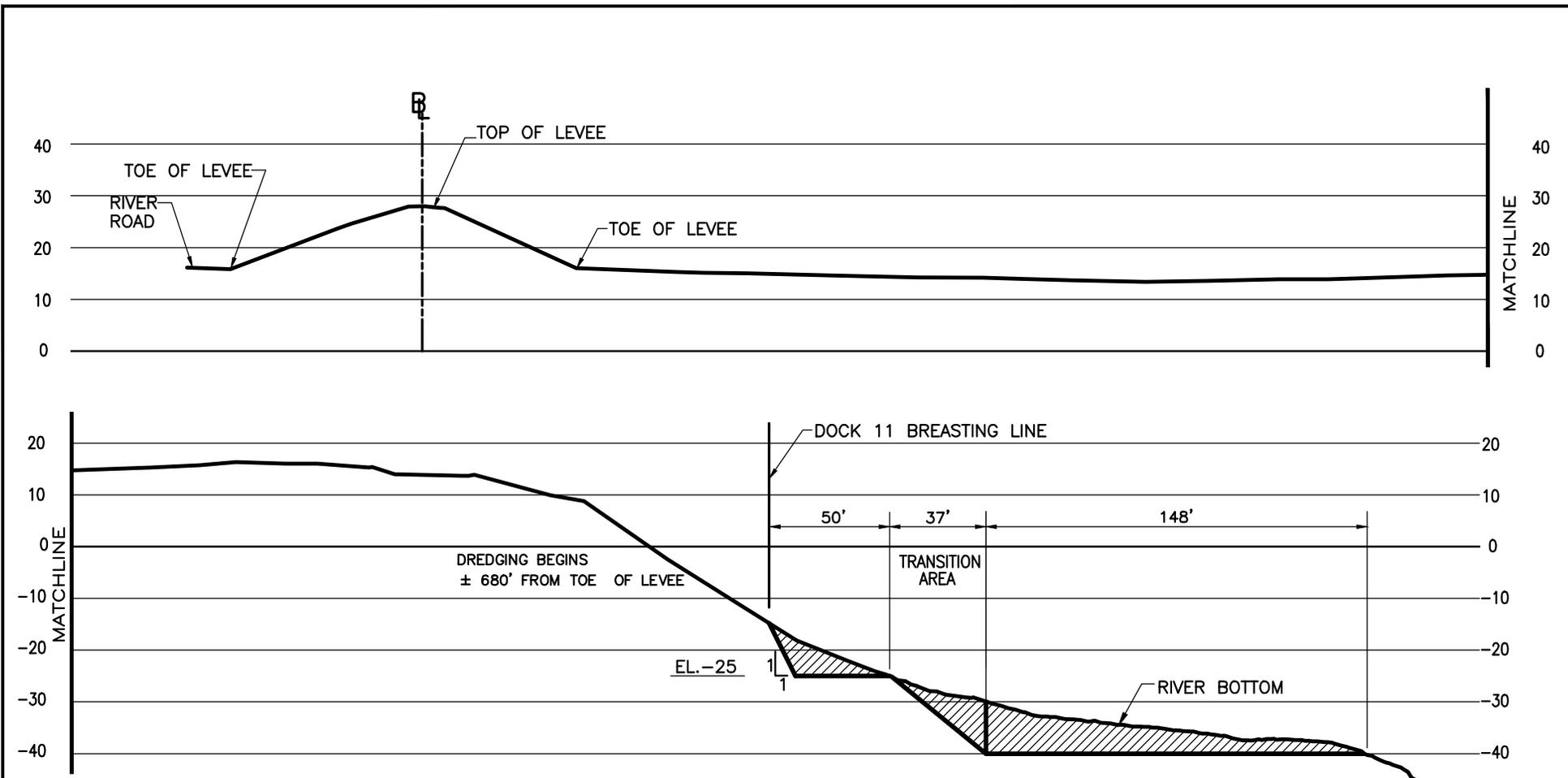
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