DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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June 30, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
Operations Division
Eastern Evaluation Section

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SUBJECT: MVN 2009-2142-EPP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to (**X**) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or ( ) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Dredging within the Mississippi River and stockpiling, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

NAME OF APPLICANT: Woodlands Borrow Pit, LLC, % Paul Hogan, Post Office Box 250, Des Allemands, Louisiana 70030.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located on the RDB of the Mississippi River, at about 50 miles above Head of Passes, at 22441 Highway 23, in Port Sulphur, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 29.582778/Longitude: -89.813056, Hydrologic Unit Code 08090100 – Lower Mississippi-New Orleans

CHARACTER OF WORK: Dredge and stockpile sand within an existing stockpile pit for resale. Project implementation will require the excavation and deposition of 3,000,000 cubic yards of sand.

The comment period will close **30 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons therefore, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request. Letters must reference the applicant's name and the subject number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH.

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.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 46.0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in 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 National Marine Fisheries Service.

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 water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section before a permit is issued.

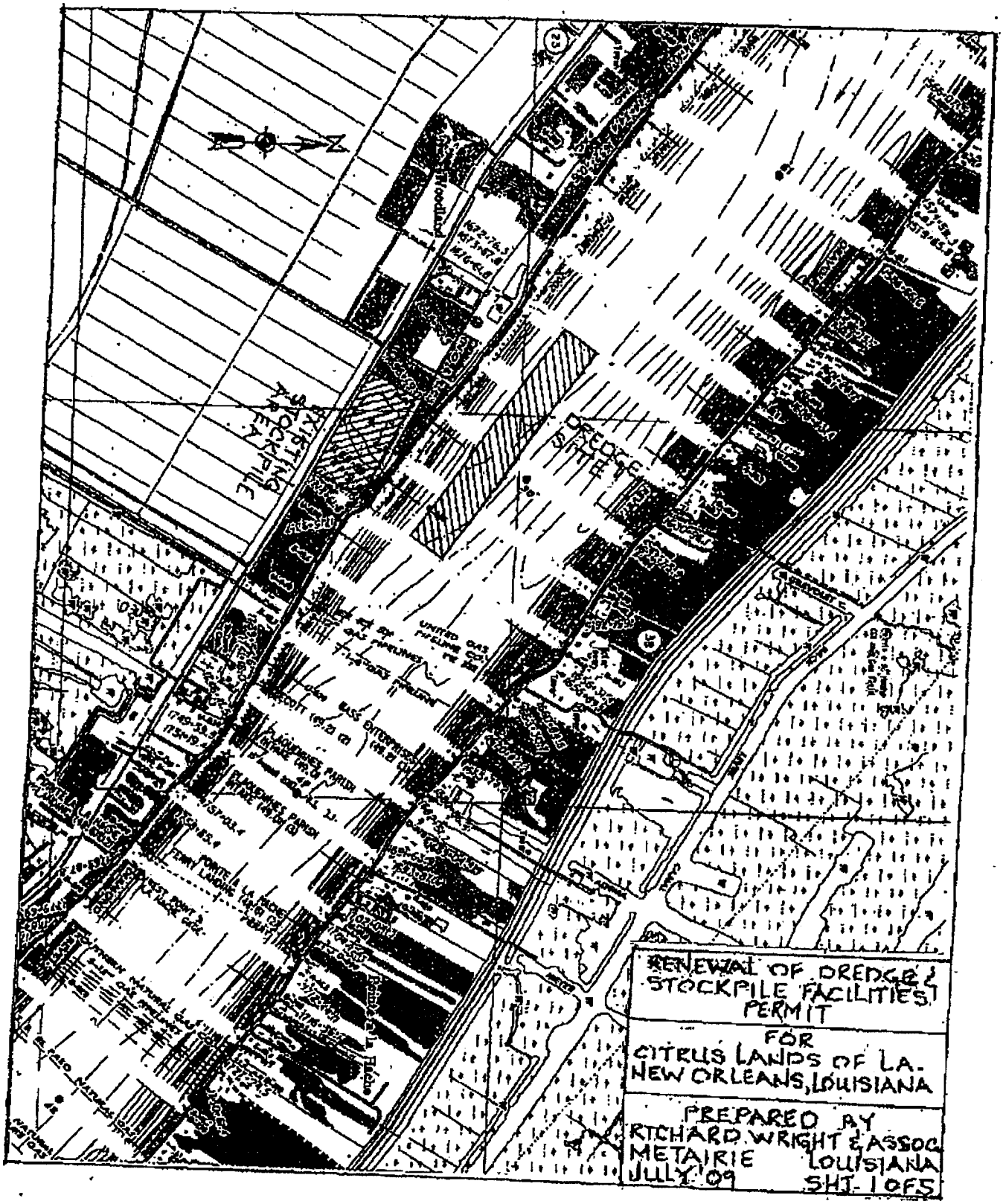
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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 received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

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

Enclosures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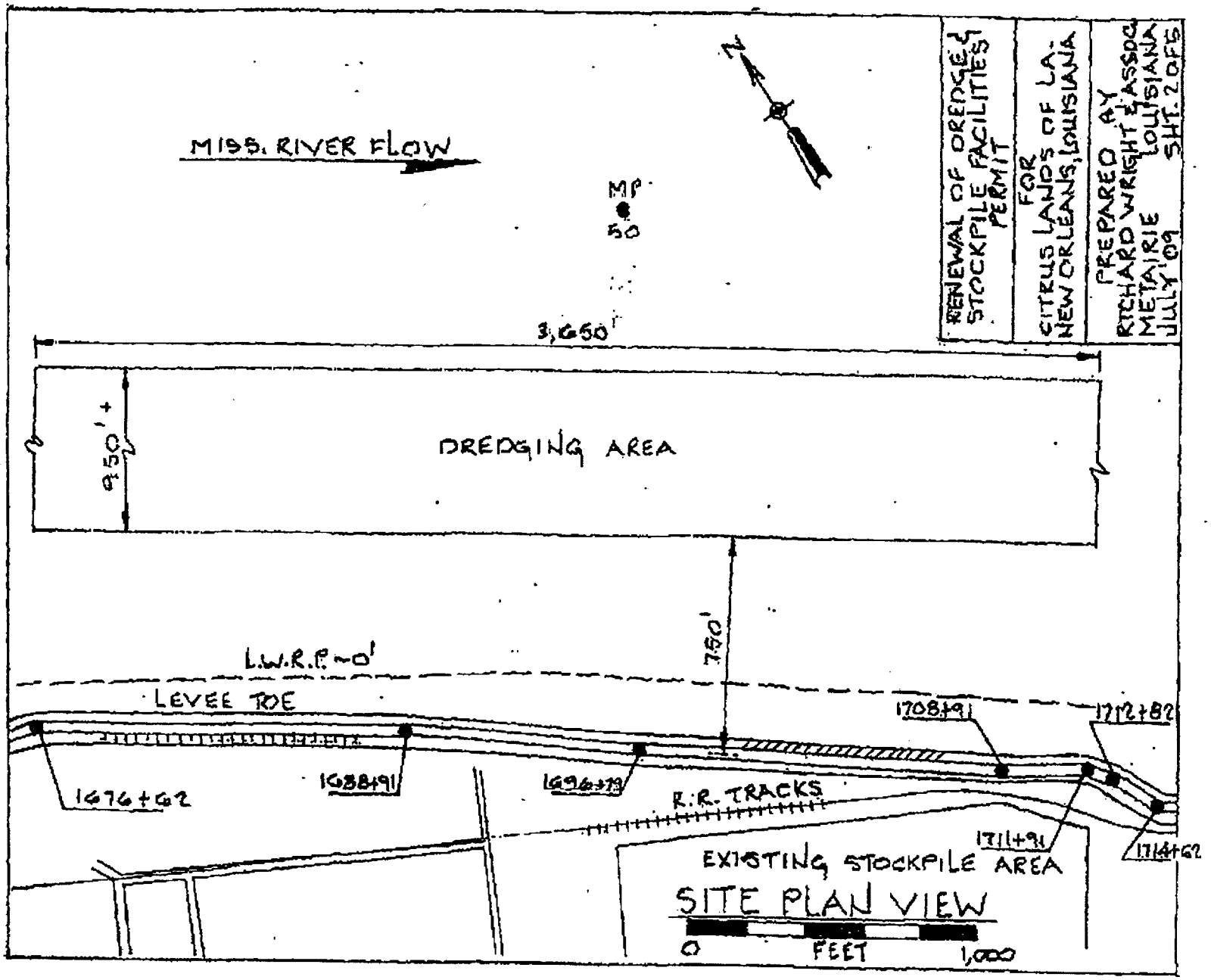
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MISS. RIVER FLOW
MP 50
3,650'
950'±
DREDGING AREA
750'
L.W.R.P. ~0'
LEVEE TOE
1676+62
1688+91
1696+79
1708+91
1712+82
1711+91
1714+62
R.R. TRACKS
EXISTING STOCKPILE AREA
SITE PLAN VIEW
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FEET
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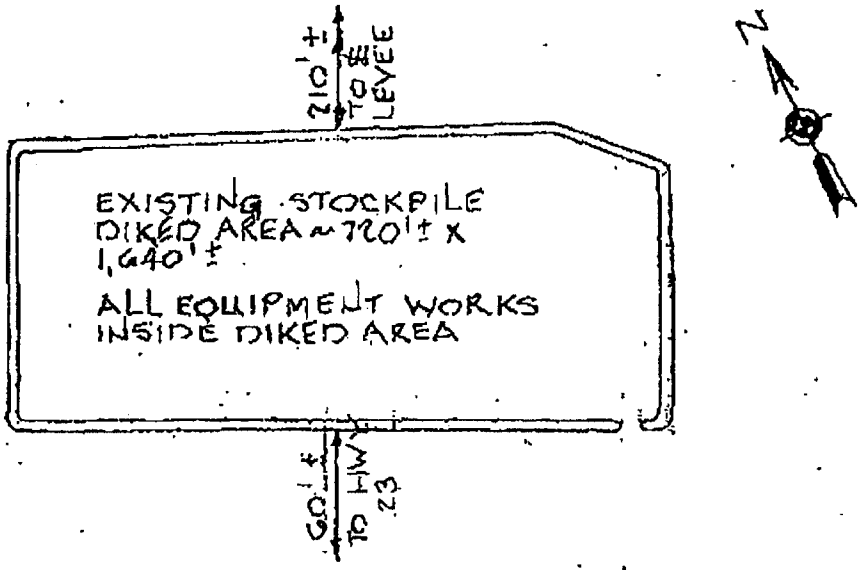

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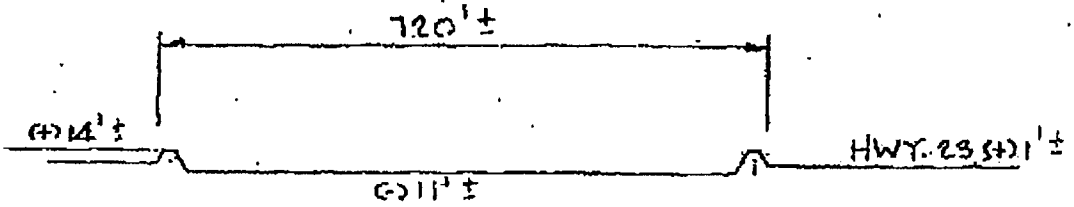

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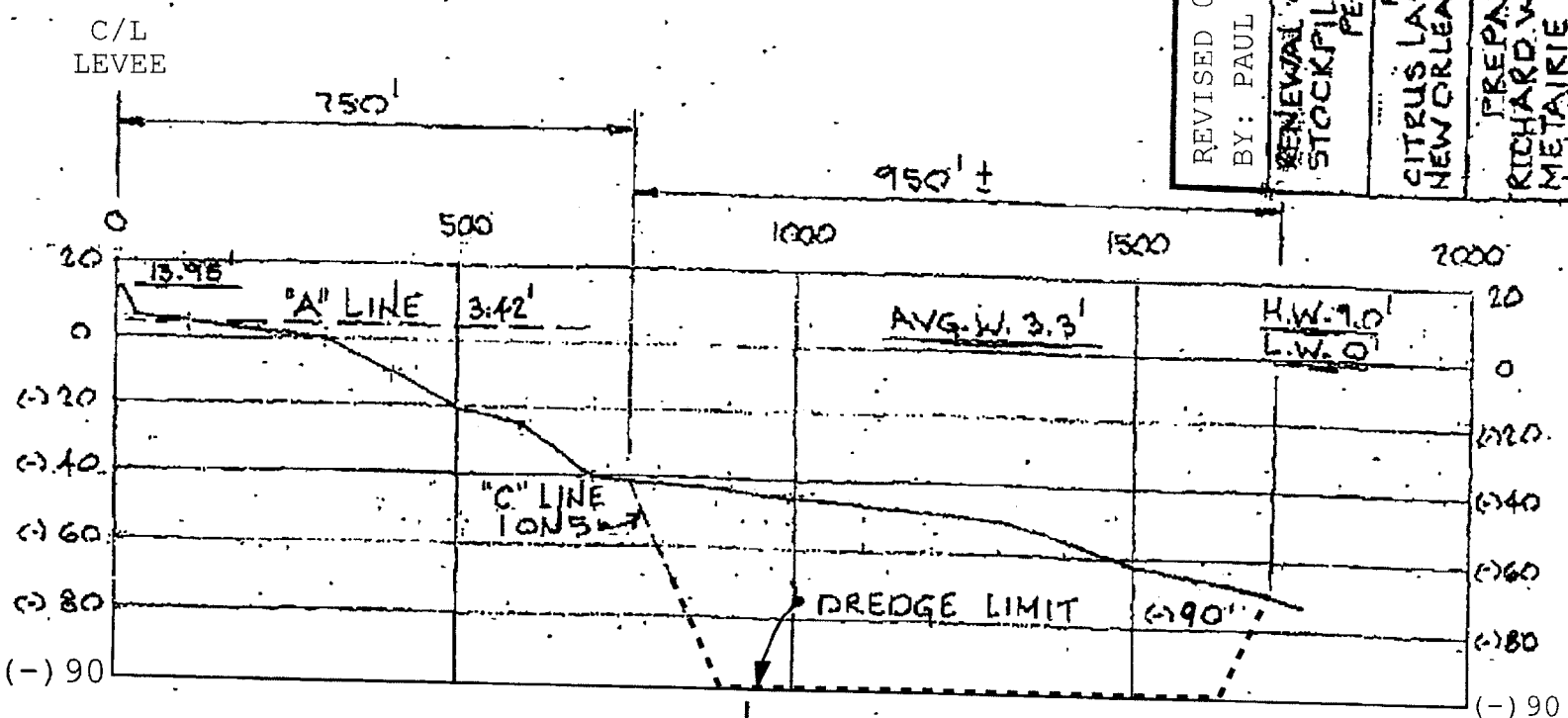
A & C LINES PER CORPS OF ENGINEERS
STANDARD DRAWING H-8-45755



SECTION @ STA. 1669+65
SCALE: HORIZ. 1" = 250', VERT. 1" = 100'

NOTE: "A" LINE = PROJECTED LANDSIDE GROUND SURFACE

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As-built drawings will be submitted within 30 days of completion of this project to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, P. O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, and to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487

All structures, facilities, well and pipelines/flowlines occurring in open water areas or in oilfield canals or slips shall be removed within 120 days of abandonment or the facilities for the herein permitted use unless prior written approval to leave such structures in place is received from the Coastal Management Division. This condition does not preclude the necessity for revising the current permit or obtaining a separate Coastal Use Permit, should one be required.

Structures must also be marked/lighted in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permitted shall contact the Louisiana One Call System (1-800-272-3020) a minimum of 48 hours prior to the commencement of any excavation (digging, dredging, jetting, etc.) or demolition activity.

The pallid sturgeon is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act and is confined to the Miss. & Atchafalaya Rivers in southern La. The species requires large, free-flowing riverine habitat and is adapted to living close to the bottom of large, shallow rivers with sand and gravel bars. The sturgeon typically spawns from July-August, but successful reproduction has been reduced due to habitat modification including loss of habitat through the construction of dams that modify flow, reduce turbidity, and lower water temperatures. Necessary measures will be taken to avoid the breeding season and degradation of water quality in the Miss. River.

The long-tailed weasel is considered rare in La. The species is found in habitats usually near water. Habitats include brush land, open woodlands, field edges, riparian grassland, swamps & marshes. Dens are in abandoned burrows of other mammals, rock crevices, brush piles, stump hollows or spaces amoung tree roots. Research indicates that the weasel may be sensitive to agriculturally induced fragmentation of habitat, showing the importance of maintaining landscape connectivity for the conservation of this species.

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