

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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State of Louisiana
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WQC Application Number
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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 pursuant to:
[] 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).

CLEAR, GRADE AND FILL FOR A WELL PAD EXPANSION IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Hilcorp Energy Company, c/o Enercon Services, Inc., Attn: Jenny Pluhar, 5850 San Felipe Street, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77057.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located North of Hooper Road, in Central, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish, Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Hydrologic Unit Code 08070202, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, install and maintain fill for the expansion of the existing Barber et al #1 location to drill the Komodo West and Komodo South prospect wells. An existing road will be used to access the proposed expansion site. The expansion will require the placement of approximately 1,549 cubic yards of native fill material that will be excavated on site and used to create a ring levee around the perimeter of the well pad. An existing drainage ditch will be re-routed around the perimeter of the pad and will be located outside of the proposed ring levee. Two layers of 6-inch boards will be placed on the proposed well pad area to bring the elevation up to the height of the existing adjacent well pad. This work will impact approximately 3.9 acres of jurisdictional bottomland hardwood wetland habitat. The applicant proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank within the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 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**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. 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 application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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 n/a 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, 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.

John M. Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Section

Enclosure



VICINITY MAP

GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=8,333'



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REFERENCE MAPS:

USGS 'BATON ROUGE', LA & 'NEW ROADS', LA-MISS 1: 1,000,000 QUADRANGLE MAPS.

PROPOSED WELL LOCATION

KOMODO PROSPECT WELLS SOUTH & WEST

SECTION 1, T6S-R1E; COMITE FIELD

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA

APPLICATION BY: HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY

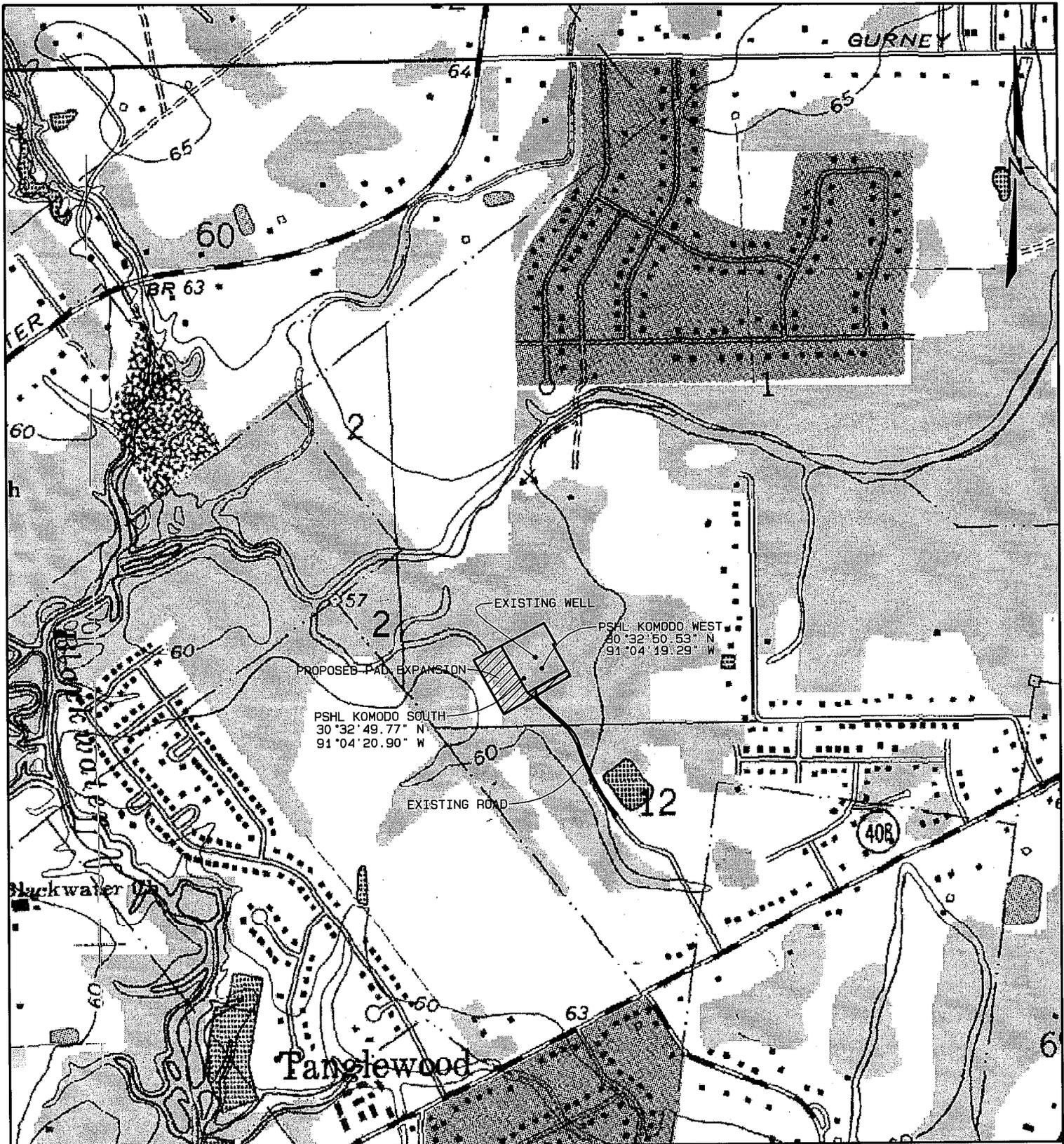
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LOCATION MAP

GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=1,000'



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REFERENCE MAP:

USGS 'COMITE', LA 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE MAP.

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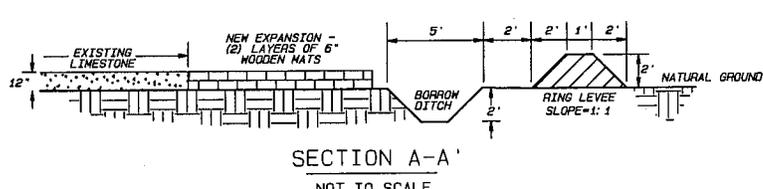
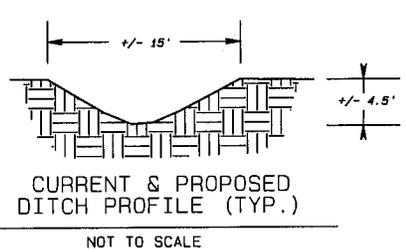
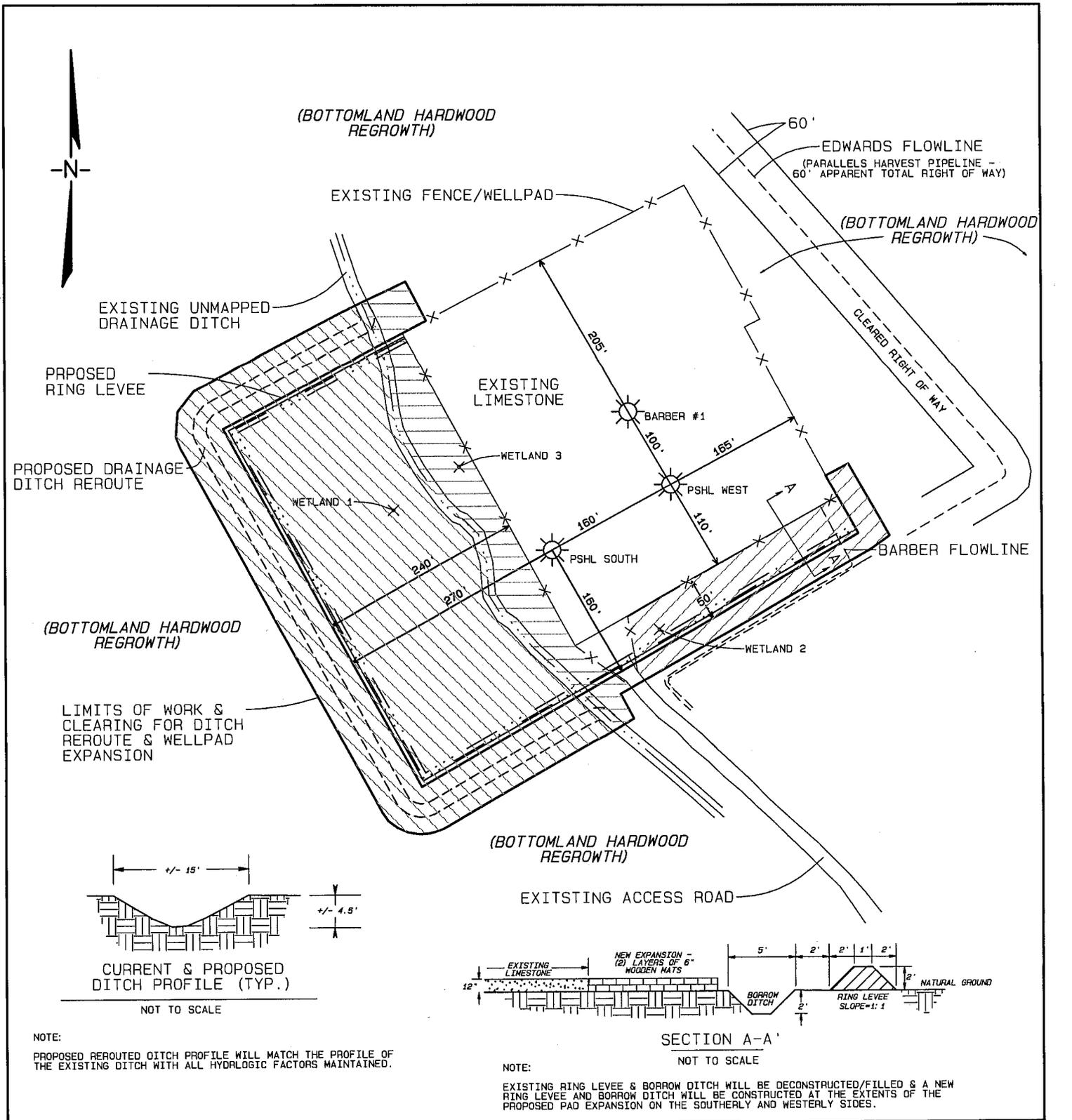
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NOTE:
PROPOSED REROUTED DITCH PROFILE WILL MATCH THE PROFILE OF THE EXISTING DITCH WITH ALL HYDROLOGIC FACTORS MAINTAINED.

PLAN

GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=150'

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VOLUME & AREA NOTES:

1. Excavated Volume (Ring Levee) Volume: 194 Cu. Yds.
2. Excavated Volume (Ditch Reroute) Volume: 1,355 Cu. Yds.
3. Wetland 1: Area: 148043.57 Sq. Ft. (3.399 Acres)
4. Wetland 2: Area: 24733.06 Sq. Ft. (0.568 Acres)
5. Wetland 3: Area: 28437.48 Sq. Ft. (0.654 Acres)

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