JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

February 18, 2013

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State of Louisiana
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Johnson
WQC Application Number
WQC # 131203-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers 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, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

PROPOSED PROP-WASHING IN IBERVILLE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Interstate Explorations, LLC, c/o C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, 5005 Riverway Drive, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77056.

LOCATION OF WORK: In the Atchafalaya Basin, near Bayou Sorrel, Section 98, T10S-R10E, approximately 1.8 miles west from Bayou Sorrel, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish, within the Atchafalaya Basin hydrologic unit (HUC 08080101), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to prop-wash approximately 11,250- feet of an existing oilfield canal for access to an existing slip. The slip will be cleaned out, and excavated for 12,131-cubic yards of material to be placed on and behind the existing spoil banks to change the shape of the slip. Approximately 1,528-cubic yards of rock will be deposited to facilitate the placement of a drilling barge and structures to process the Five Star Royalty Partners No.1 Well. A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact 1.09 acres of forested wetlands and temporarily impact 0.64 acres of forested wetlands. In addition 20.21 acres of temporary impacts will occur to water bottoms under Corps jurisdiction.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. An access route which has already been established will be used and a slip that is already in place will be utilized for this project. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **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**. 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. 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.

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 US 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 US 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.

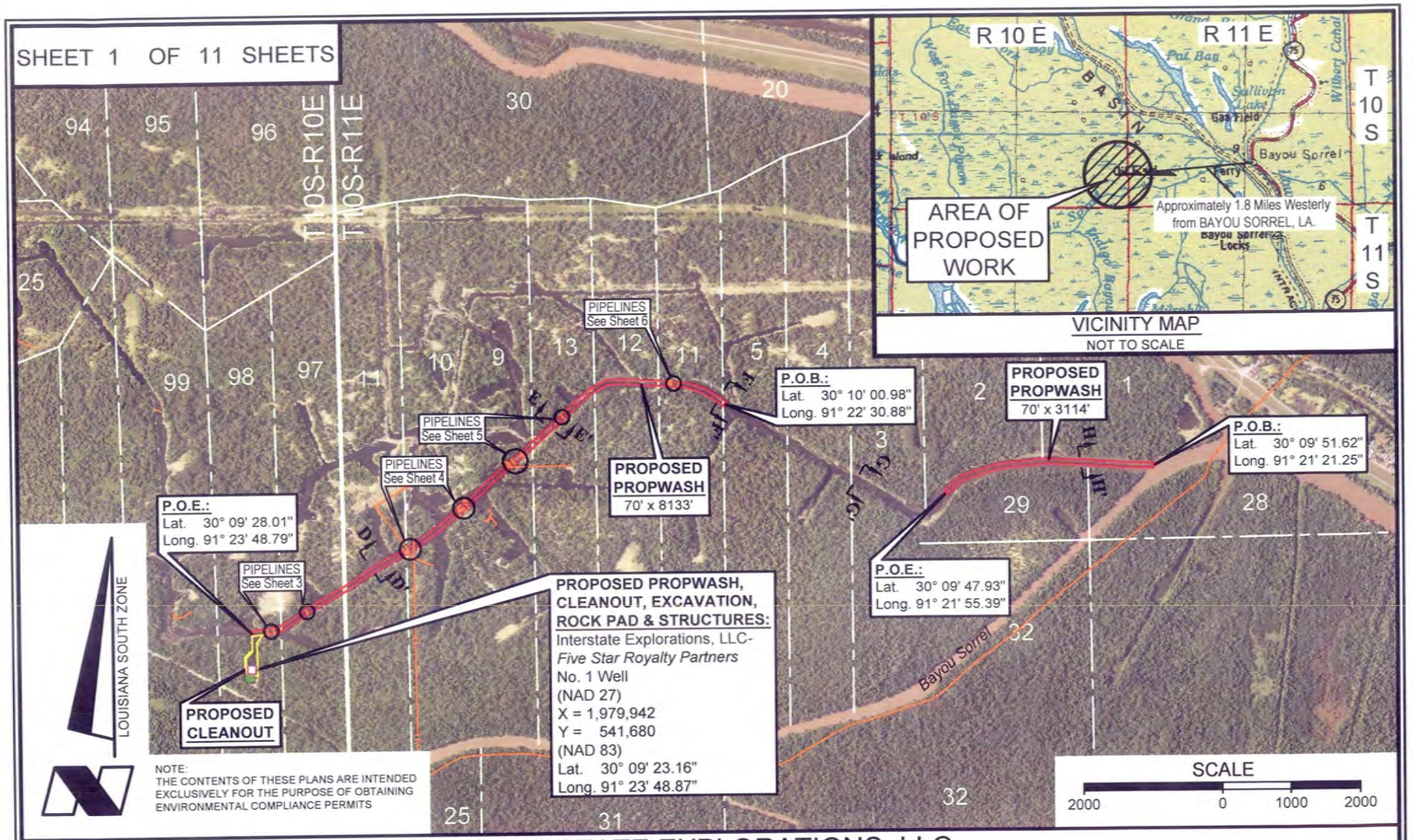
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to **n/a** acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid 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 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



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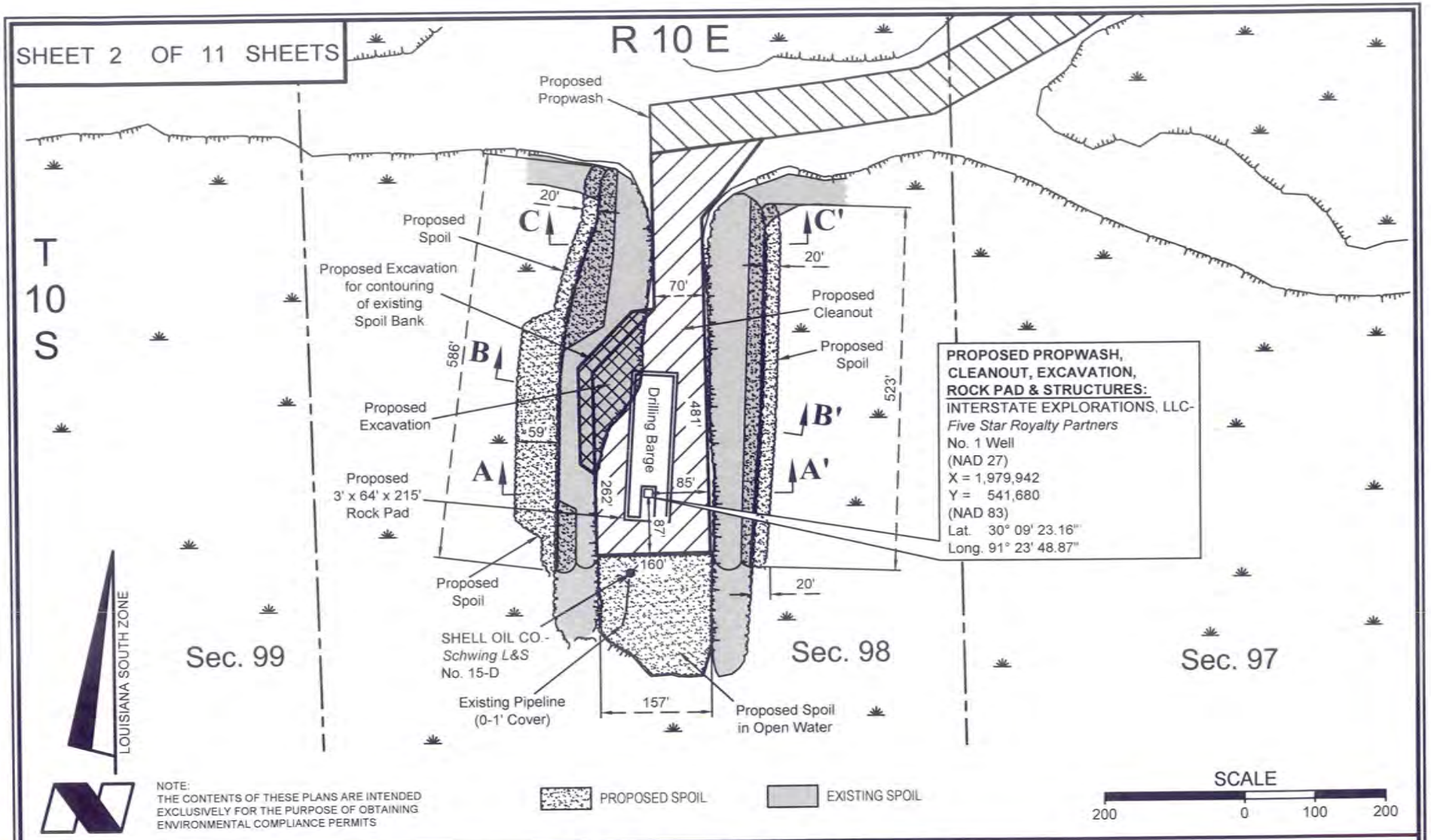

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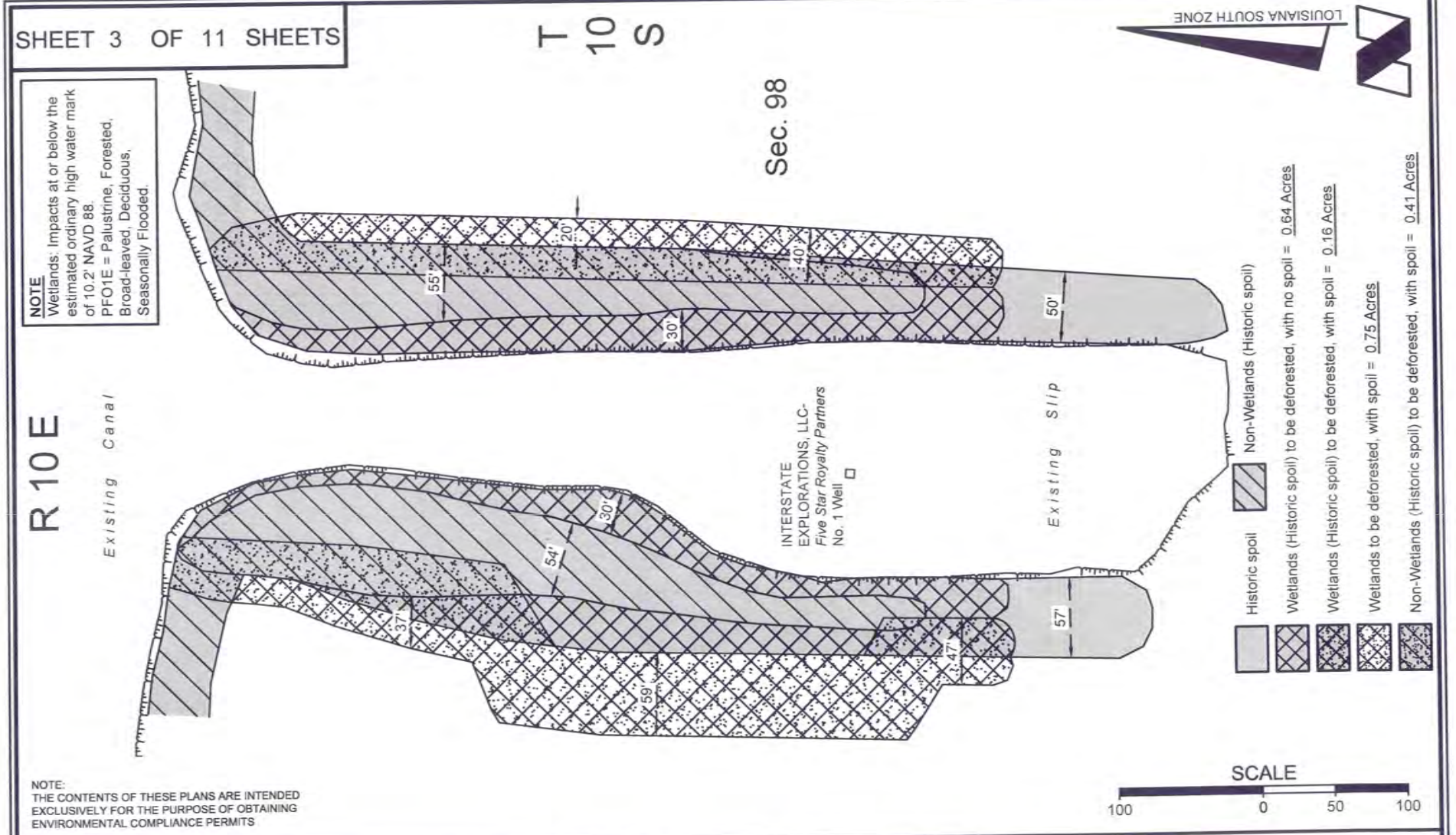

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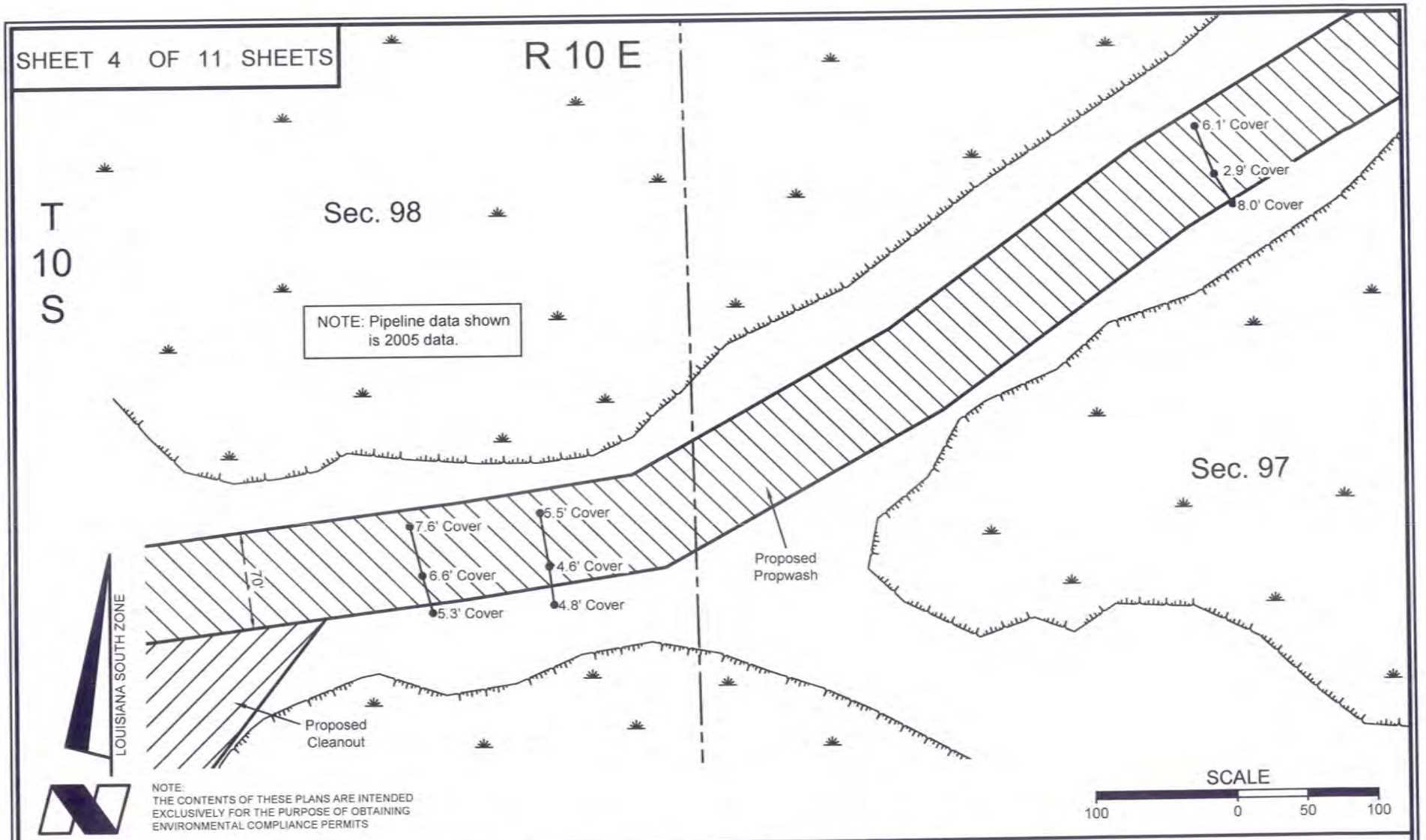

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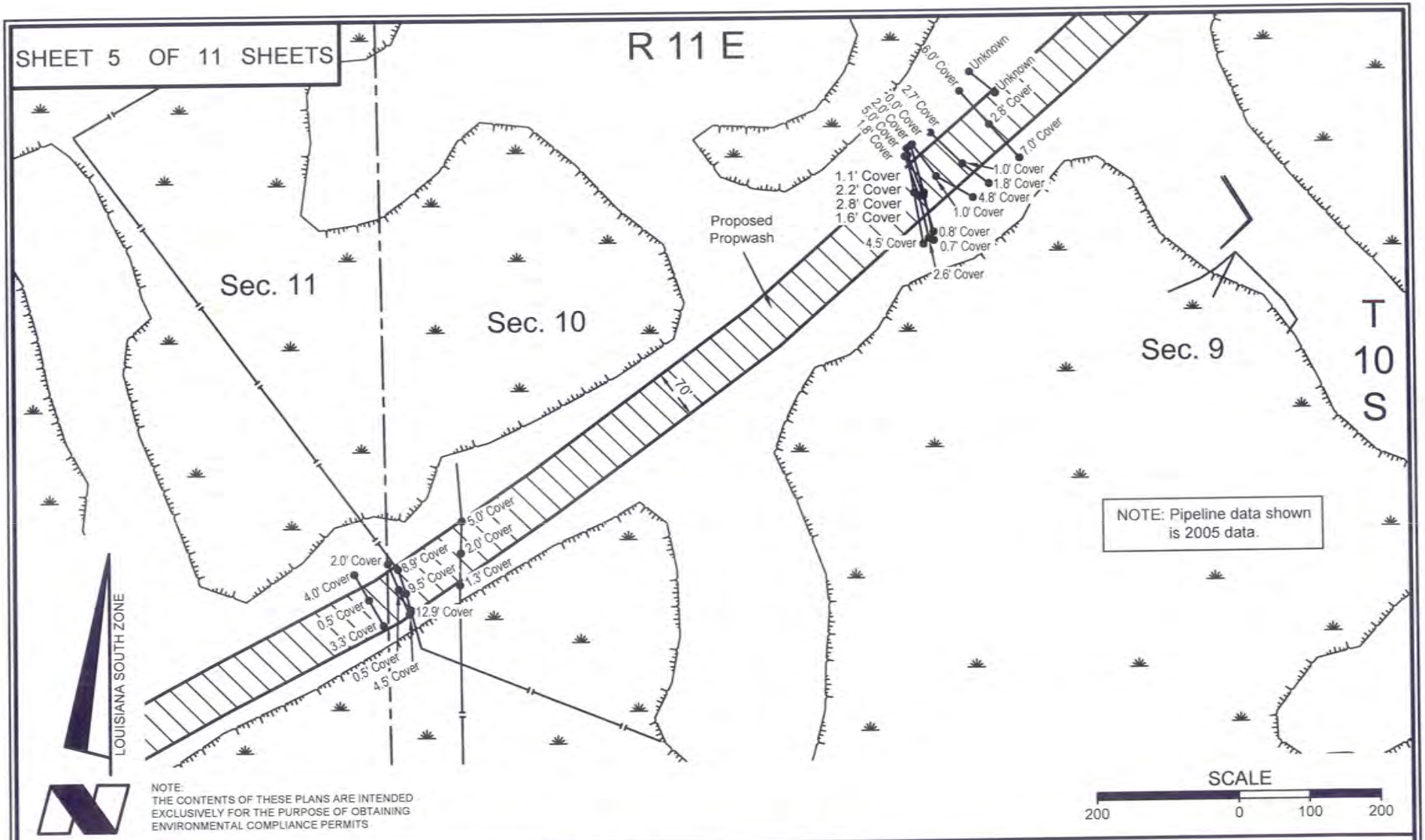

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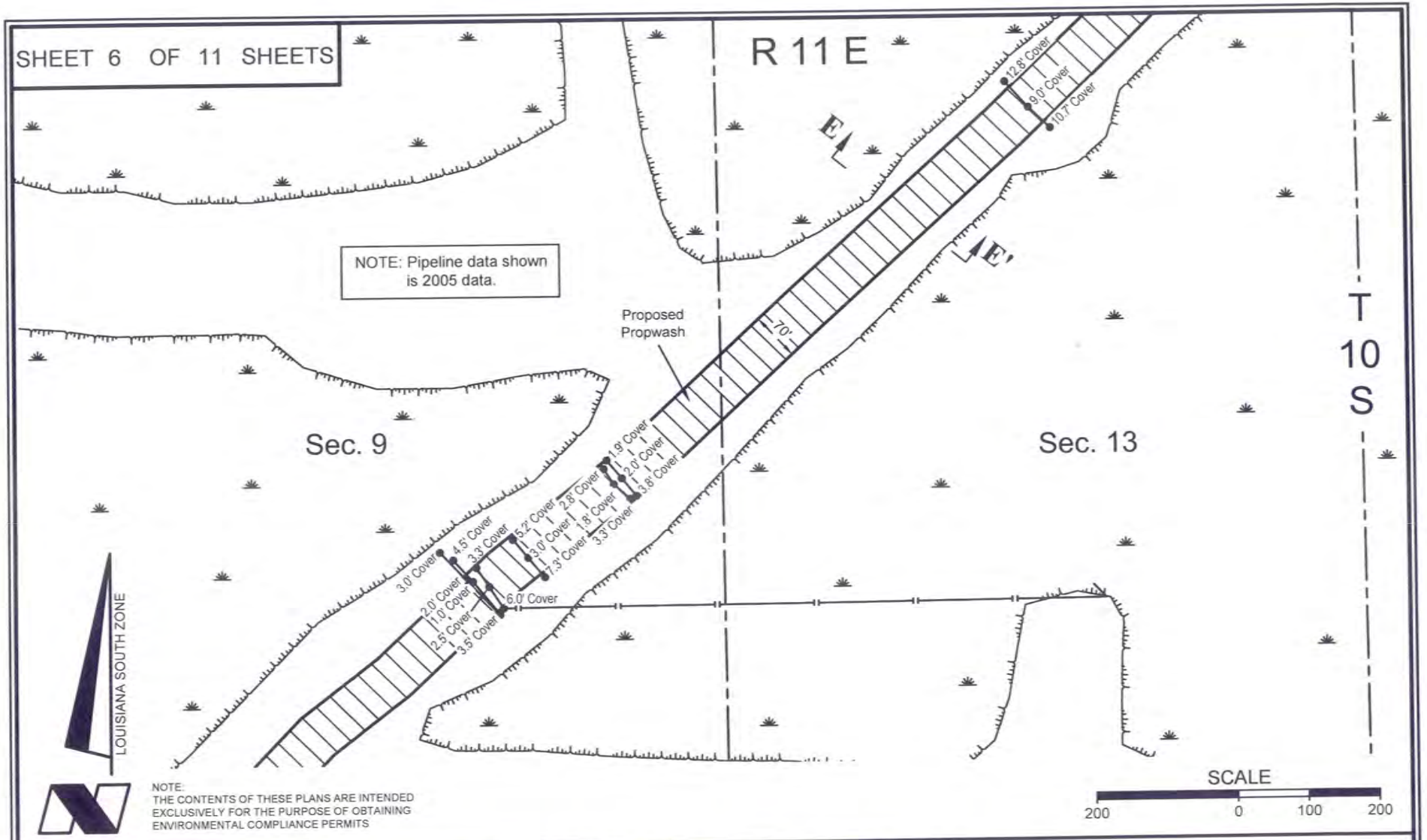

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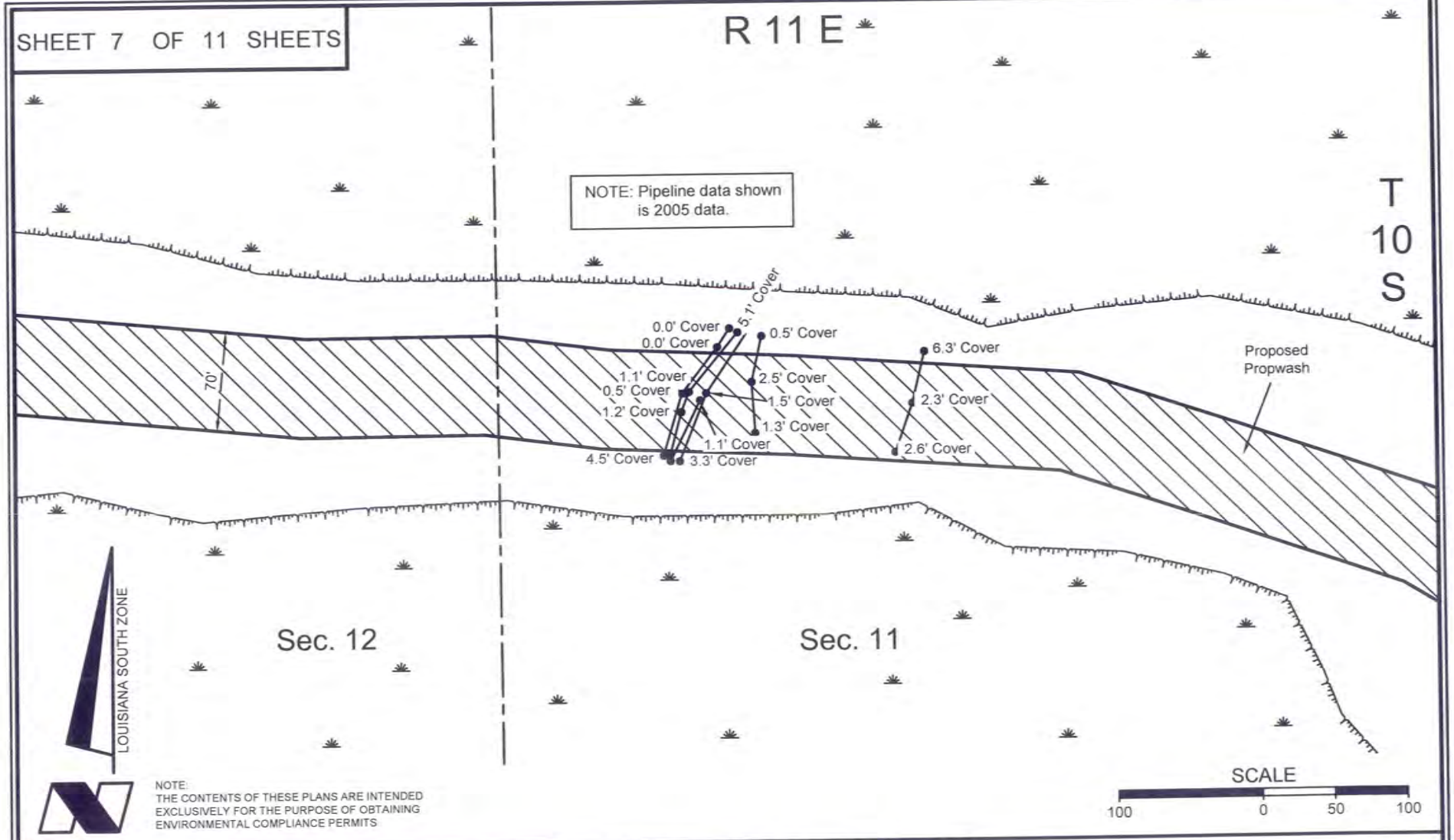

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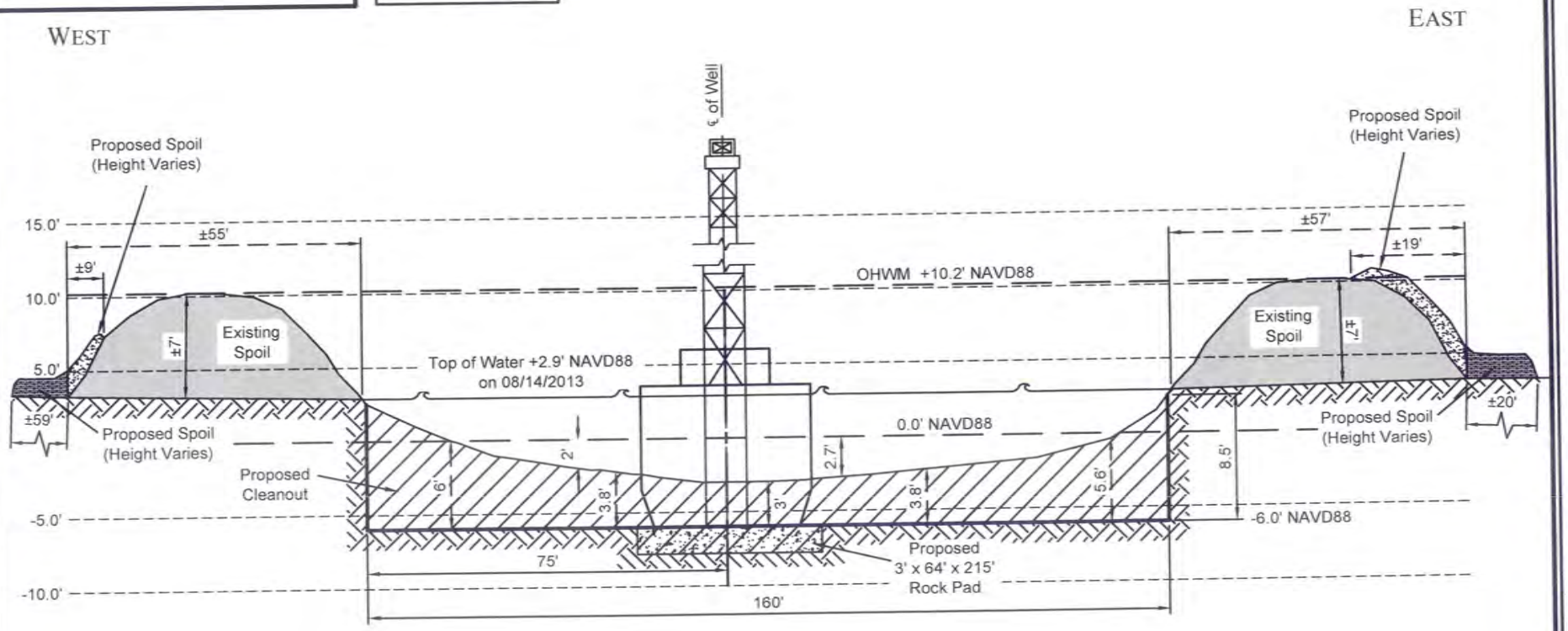

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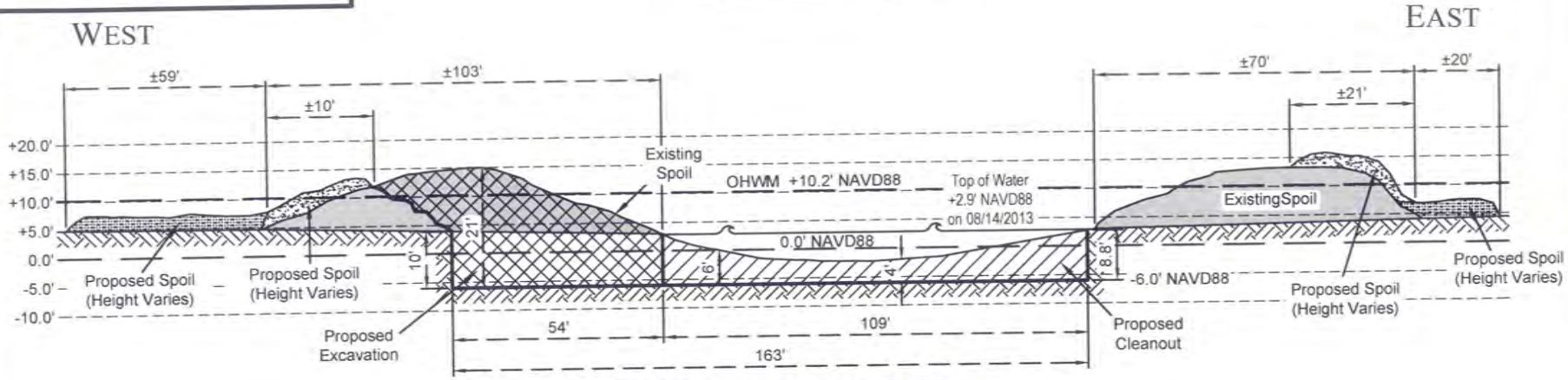

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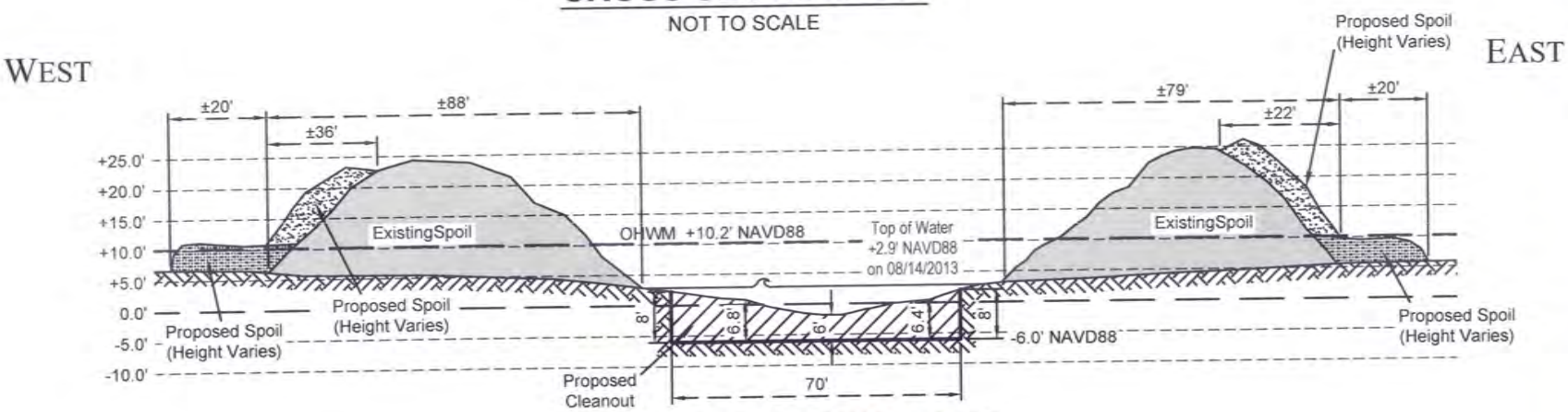

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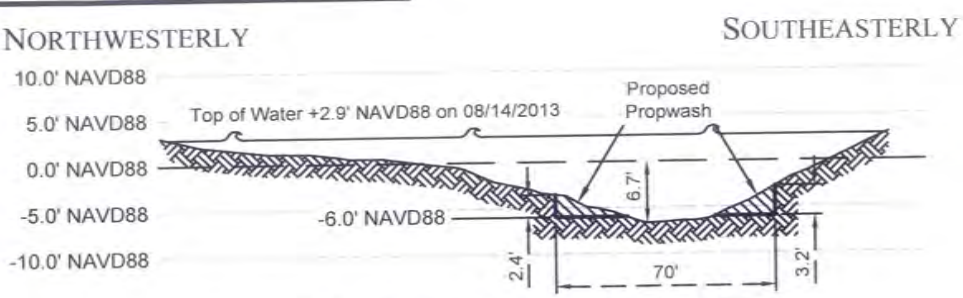

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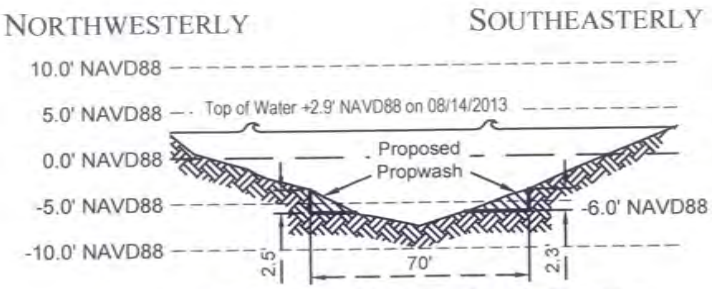

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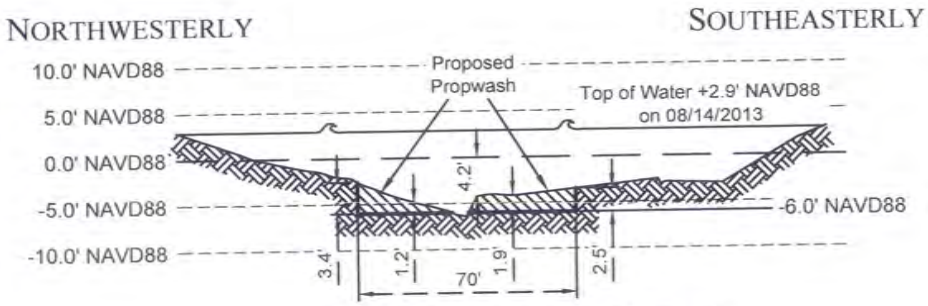

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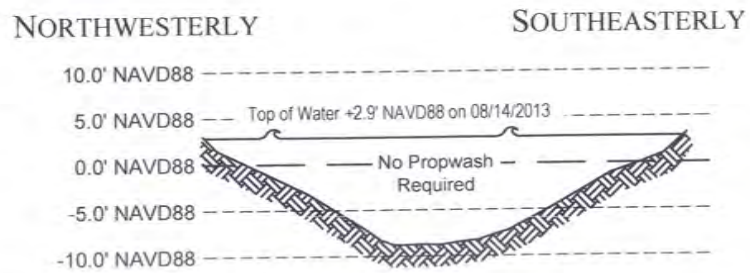

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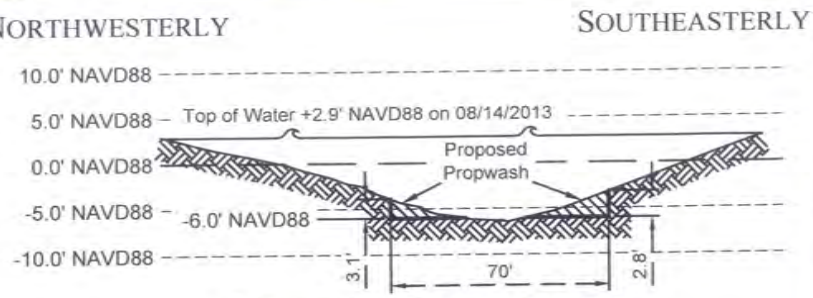
EXCAVATION REQUIRED	7,676 Cu. Yds.
CLEANOUT REQUIRED	12,131 Cu. Yds.
PROPWASH REQUIRED	29,038 Cu. Yds.
ROCK REQUIRED	1,528 Cu. Yds.
CLEANOUT	1.67 Acres
PROPWASH	18.00 Acres
EARTHEN FILL IN OPEN WATER	0.54 Acres



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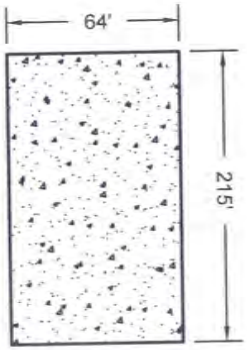

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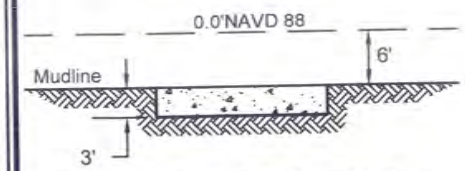

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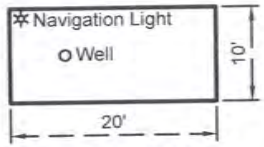

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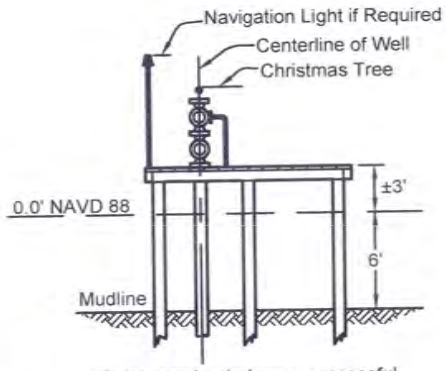

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TYPICAL 10'x 20' WELL PROTECTOR PLATFORM

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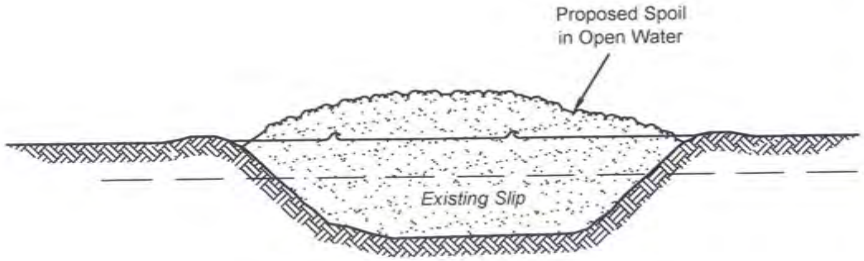

TYPICAL SPOIL IN OPEN WATER

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NOTES:

1. Known pipeline crossings within the access channel will be flagged, fully marked and GPS coordinates will be provided for all marine transportation units. At crossings with less than 2' of cover, vessel operators will be advised to reduce speed to avoid unintended impacts to the buried lines.
2. In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permittee 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.
3. Structures will also be marked/lighted in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

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