

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC #190423-01

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 [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 LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

## **PROPOSED BULKHEAD CONSTRUCTION IN BAYOU LAFOURCHE**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Greater Lafourche Port Commission, 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, Louisiana 70345.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In Bayou Lafourche, in Port Fourchon, Louisiana, in Lafourche Parish, within the East Central Louisiana Coastal hydrologic unit (HUC 08090301), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to construct and maintain a bulkhead at an industrial waterfront site directly in front of the existing bulkhead that is nearing the end of its 40-year functional life. Approximately 7,083 cubic yards of stone/aggregate material will be hauled in from an upland area and fill waters of the United States to construct the bulkhead in Bayou Lafourche.

The applicant is claiming/stated that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. No impacts are proposed to occur on vegetated wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality 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 (take WQC language out if only Sec. 10). 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 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. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

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 0.154 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.

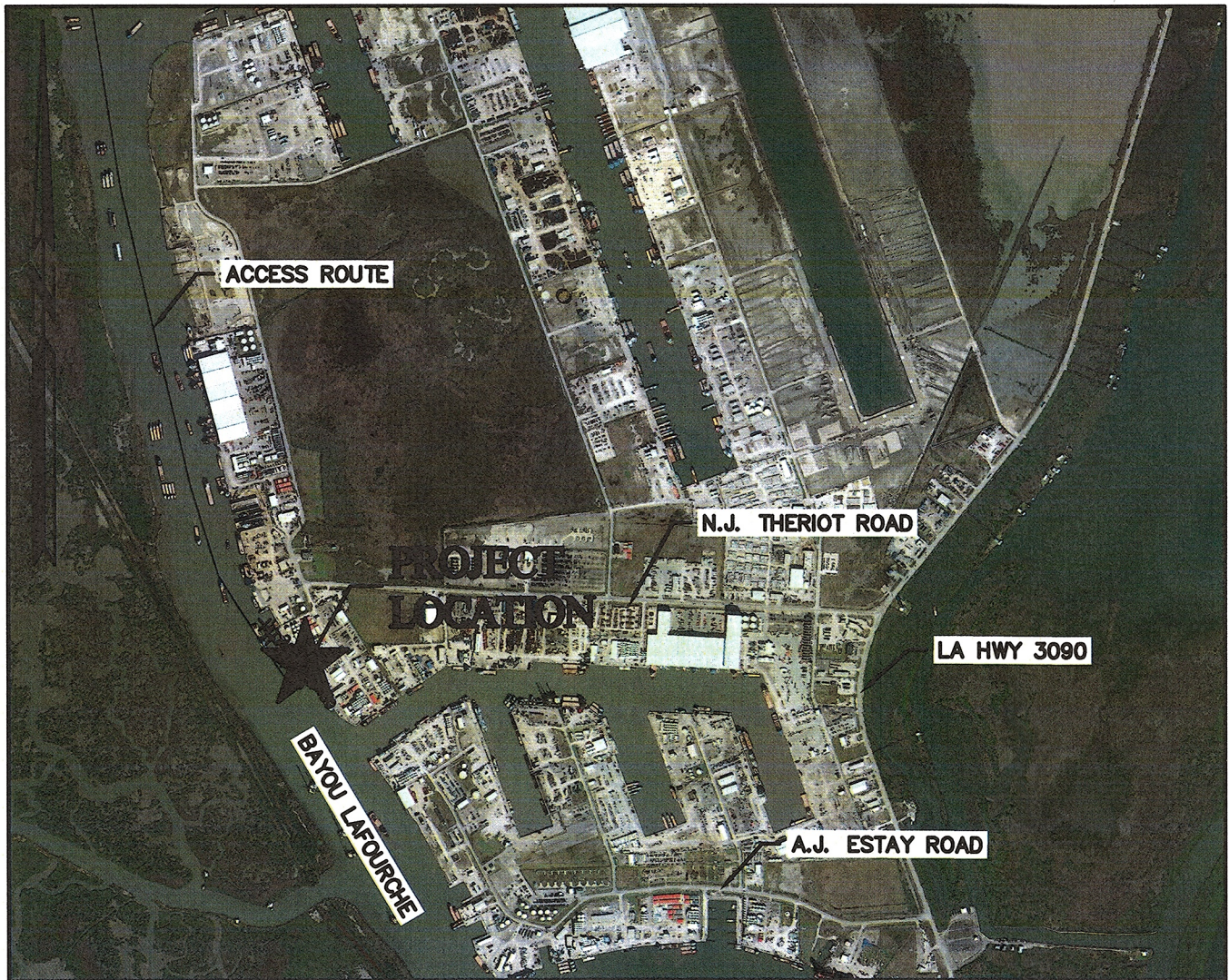
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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 (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P #20190374). 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures





**VICINITY MAP**  
1" = 2000'

**SCALE: 1" = 2000'**



**APPLICANT:** GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

**PROPOSAL:** BULKHEAD & FILL

**LOCATION:** PORT FOURCHON, LOUISIANA

**LATITUDE:** 29° 07' 22" N

**LONGITUDE:** 90° 12' 52" W

**ESTIMATED LINEAR FOOT OF BULKHEAD:** ±1,342 FEET

**ESTIMATED FILL VOLUME:** 7,083± CU. YD.

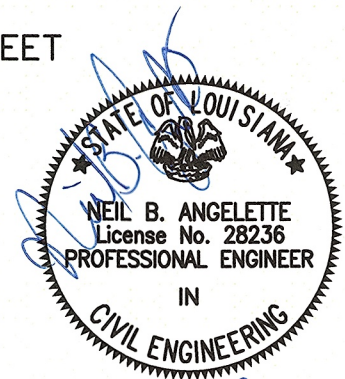


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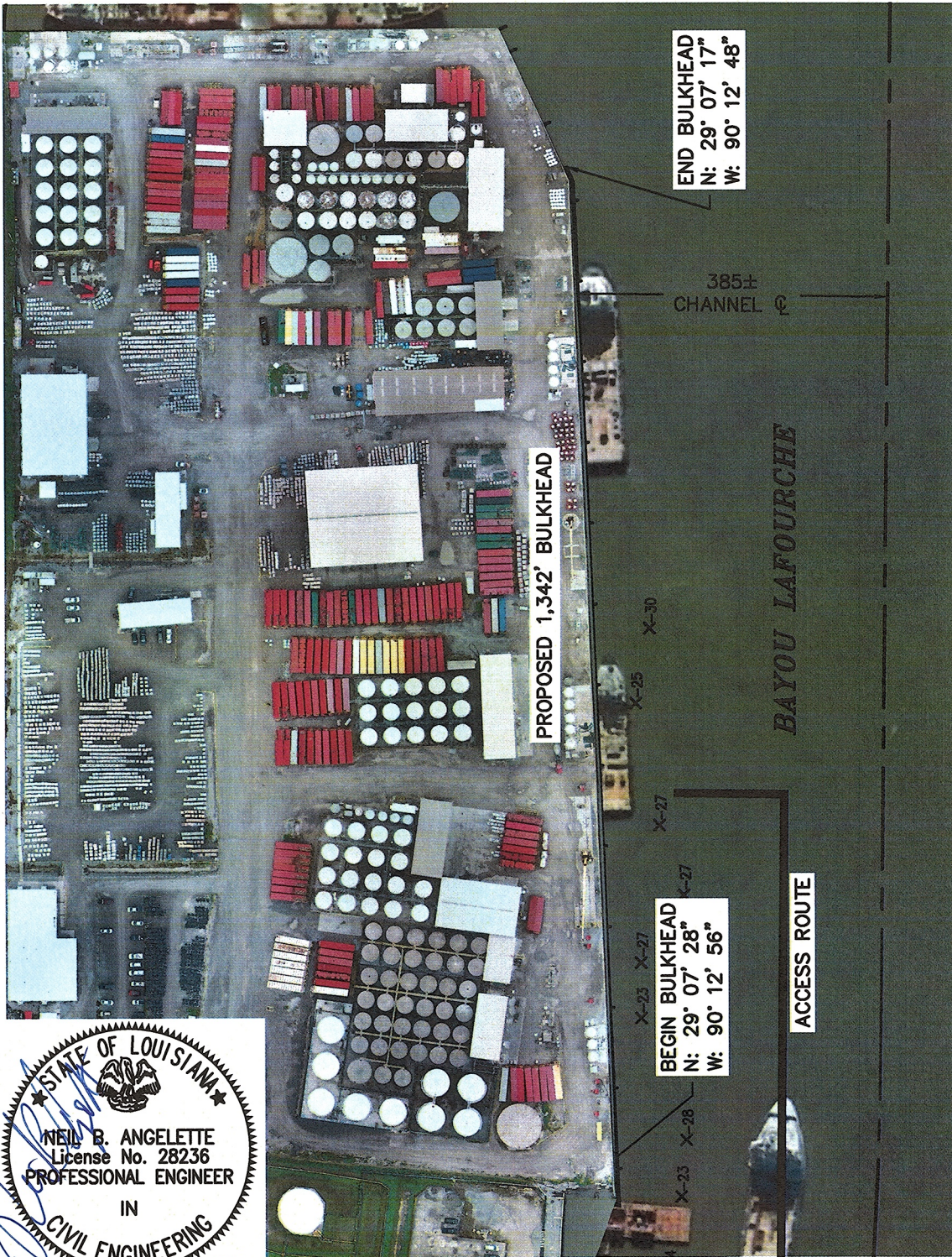
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**SITE PLAN**  
SCALE: 1" = 200'



NOTE: CONTRACTOR SHALL USE  
A BARGE MOUNTED CRANE AND  
A TUG WITH A DRAFT OF 8'.

**SCALE: 1" = 200'**



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**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

SITE PLAN

FOURCHON, LOUISIANA

LAFOURCHE PARISH



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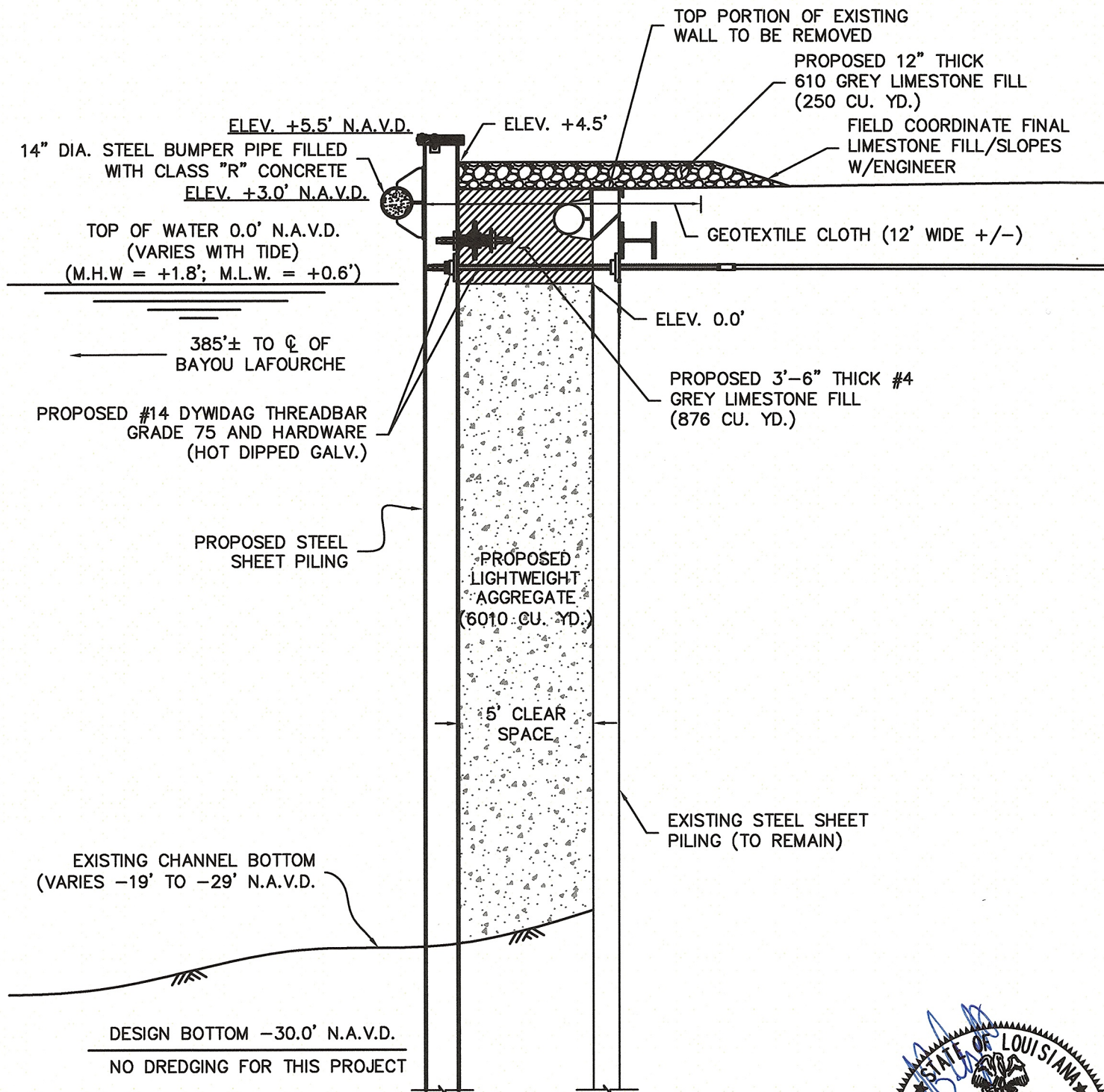
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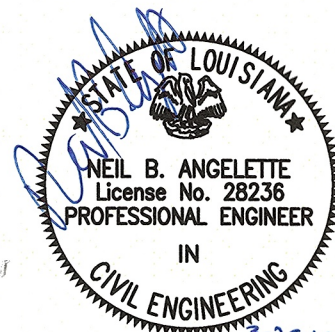
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## TYPICAL BULKHEAD SECTION

3/16" = 1'-0"



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TYPICAL SECTION

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