



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 60267  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

October 13, 2014

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SUBJECT: MVN-1998-00173-WMM

### **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).

### **TIME EXTENSION FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING IN THE WEST ST. MARY PORT CANAL AND THE GIWW IN ST. MARY PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, c/o Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc., Attn: Reid A. Miller, P.O. Box 223, Franklin, Louisiana 70538.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Off of the GIWW at the mouth of the West St. Mary Parish Port Harbor & Terminal District Canal, at 29°45'53"N, 91°45'31"W, in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings. (HUC 08080103- Vermilion River Watershed)

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Excavate approximately 59,375 cubic yards of native material to maintain access to existing port businesses. All dredged material will be disposed of on adjacent non-wet property. There are no proposed impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, therefore compensatory mitigation has not been proposed.

The comment period will close **15 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. 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 request. Letters must reference the applicant's name and the notice number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, to **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH.**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 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 Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or 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 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. Department of Interior 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 7.8 acre(s) 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 and 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.

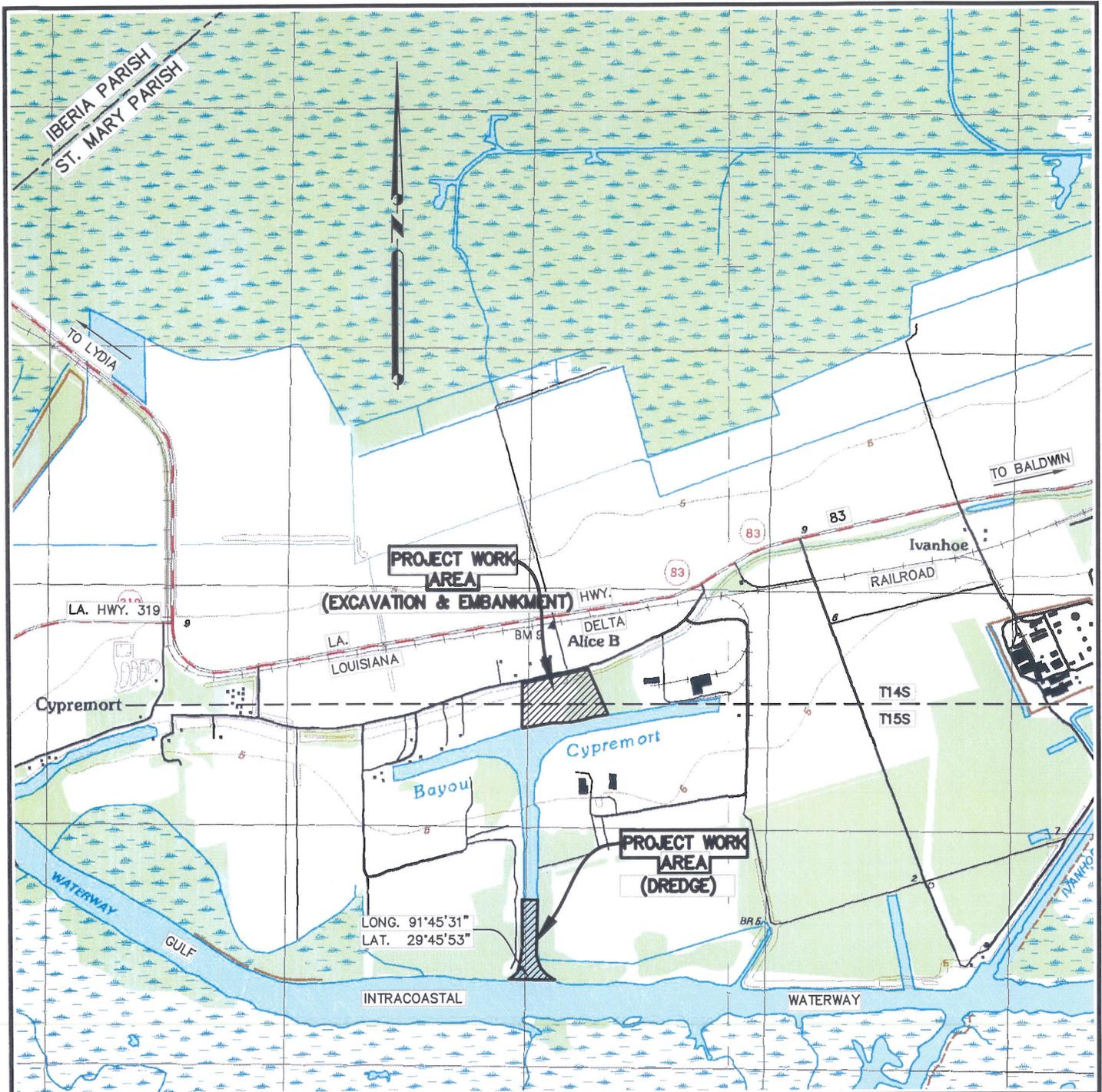
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

Darrell S. Barbara  
Chief, Western Evaluation Section



### VICINITY MAP

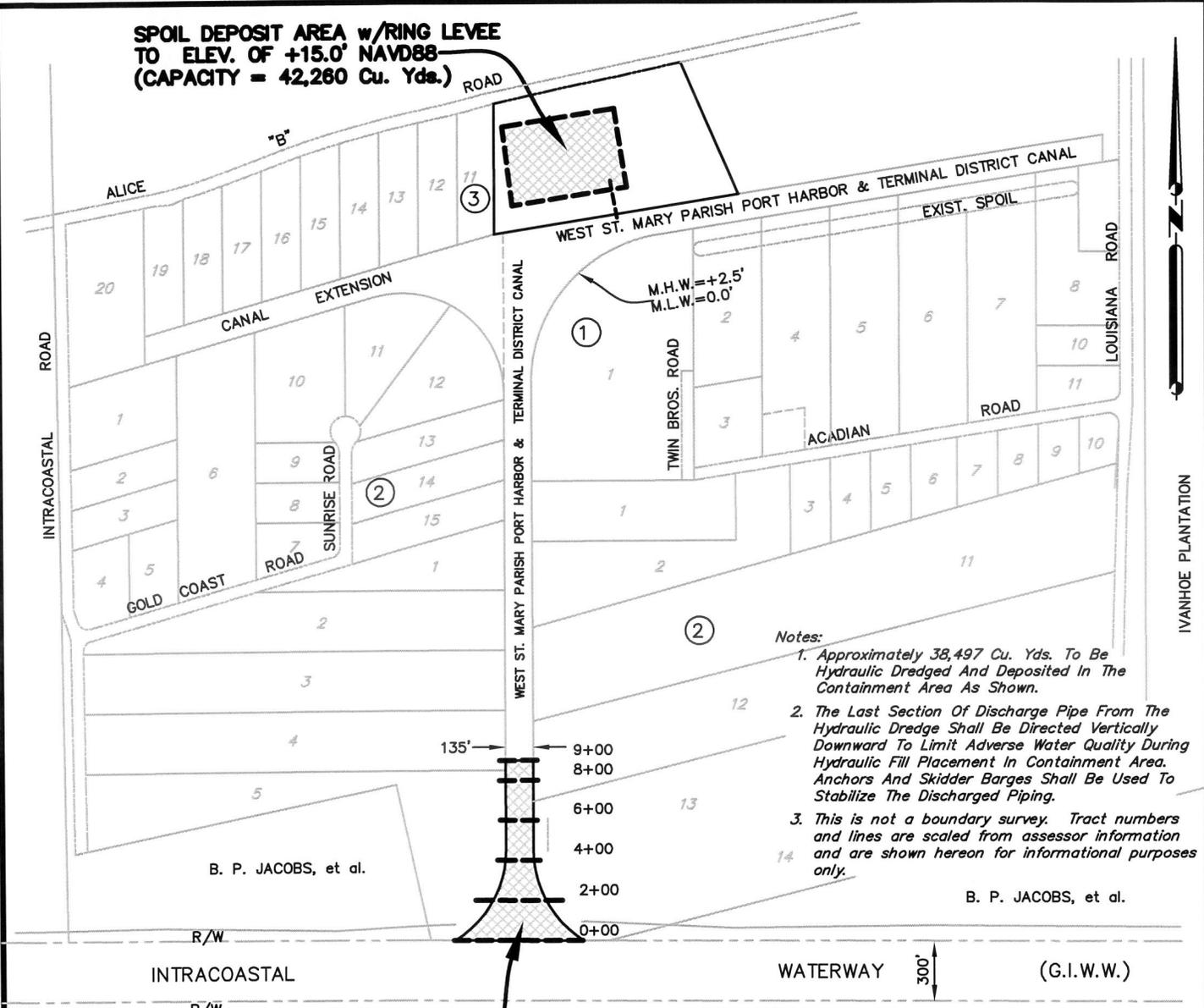
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2000' 1000' 0' 2000'

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ON: PORT CANAL  
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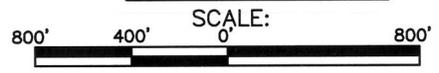
**SPOIL DEPOSIT AREA w/RING LEVEE  
TO ELEV. OF +15.0' NAVD88  
(CAPACITY = 42,260 Cu. Yds.)**



- Notes:**
1. Approximately 38,497 Cu. Yds. To Be Hydraulic Dredged And Deposited In The Containment Area As Shown.
  2. The Last Section Of Discharge Pipe From The Hydraulic Dredge Shall Be Directed Vertically Downward To Limit Adverse Water Quality During Hydraulic Fill Placement In Containment Area. Anchors And Skidder Barges Shall Be Used To Stabilize The Discharged Piping.
  3. This is not a boundary survey. Tract numbers and lines are scaled from assessor information and are shown hereon for informational purposes only.

**AREA TO BE HYDRAULIC DREDGED  
TO ELEV. OF -14.0' NAVD88  
(APPROX. 38,497 Cu. Yds.)  
(4.3 ACRES)**

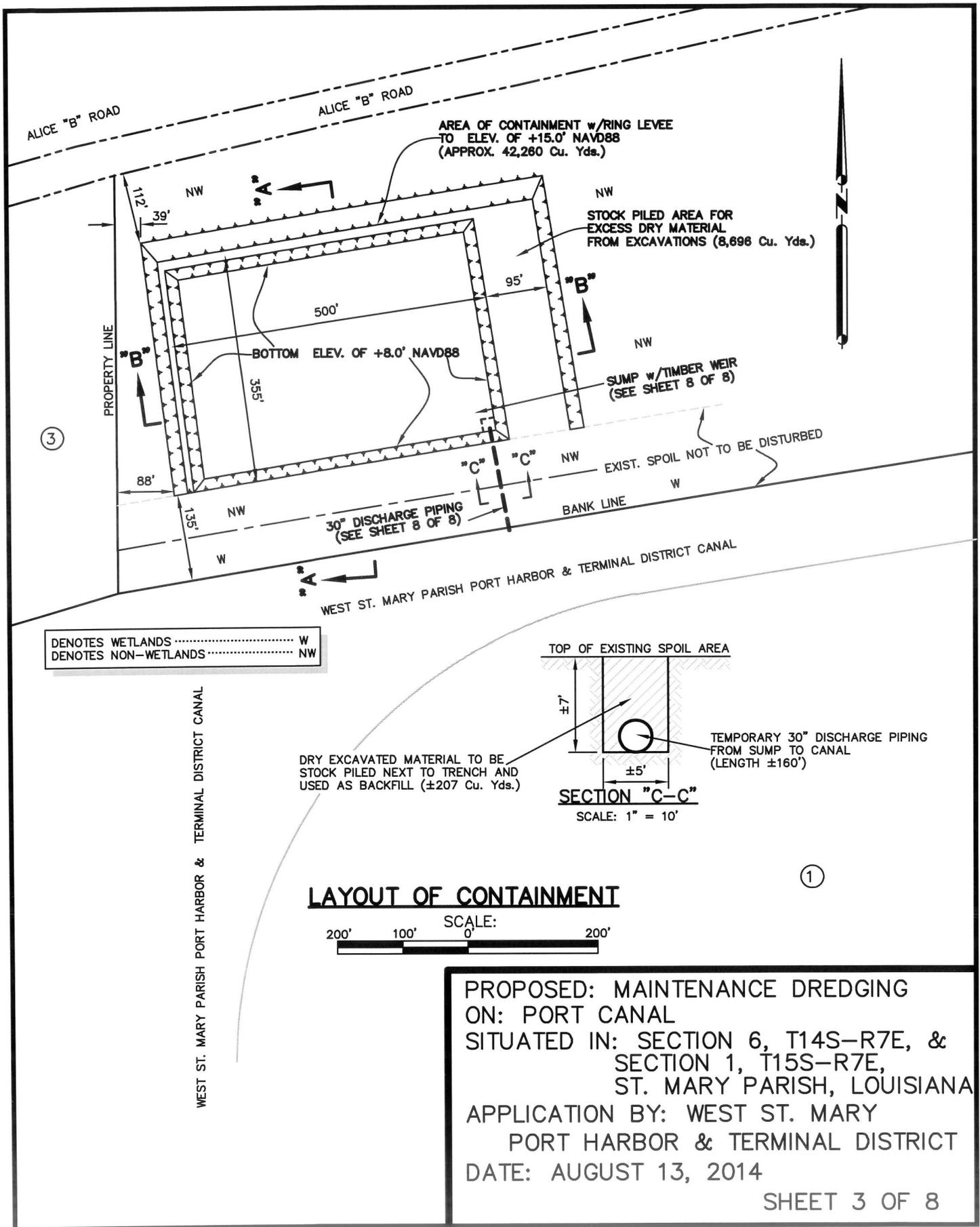
**LOCATION MAP**



**DREDGE = 38,497 CY (4.3 AC)  
RING LEVEE EMBANKMENT = 11,975 CY (1.6 AC)  
EXCAVATION DRY MATERIAL = 20,878 CY (3.5 AC)  
STOCK PILE MATERIAL = 8,903 CY (1.1 AC)**

- ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:**
- ① TWIN BROTHERS MARINE
  - ② COASTAL LANDS CO.
  - ③ TOM NHAT VONG

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DENOTES WETLANDS ..... W  
 DENOTES NON-WETLANDS ..... NW

DRY EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO BE STOCK PILED NEXT TO TRENCH AND USED AS BACKFILL (±207 Cu. Yds.)

TOP OF EXISTING SPOIL AREA

±7'

TEMPORARY 30" DISCHARGE PIPING FROM SUMP TO CANAL (LENGTH ±160')

±5'

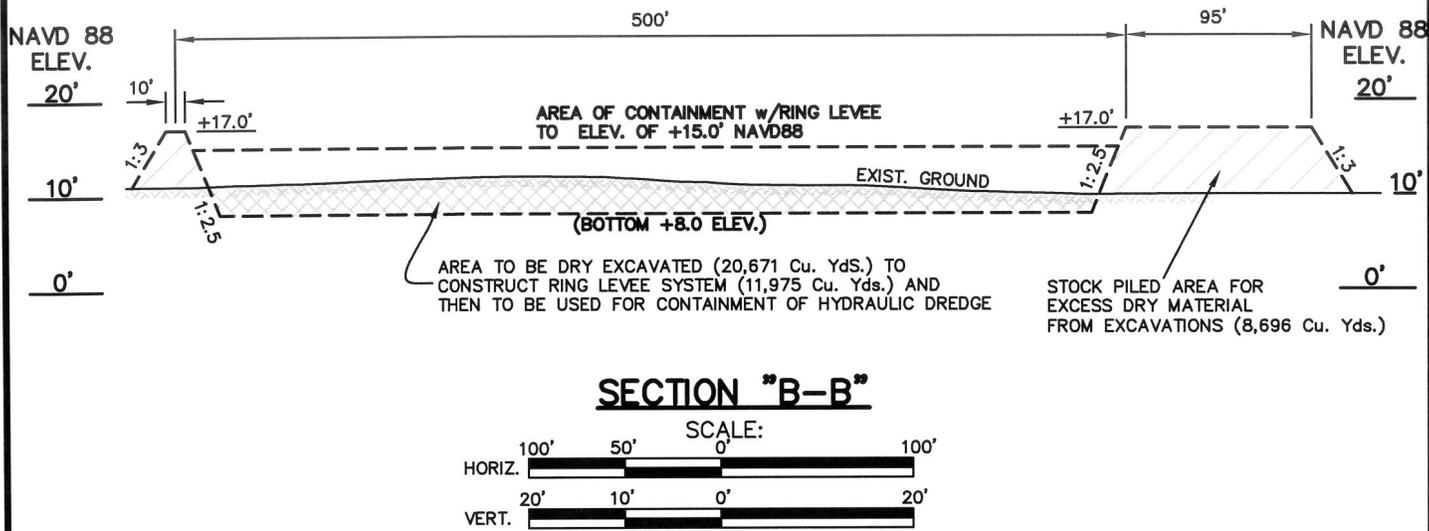
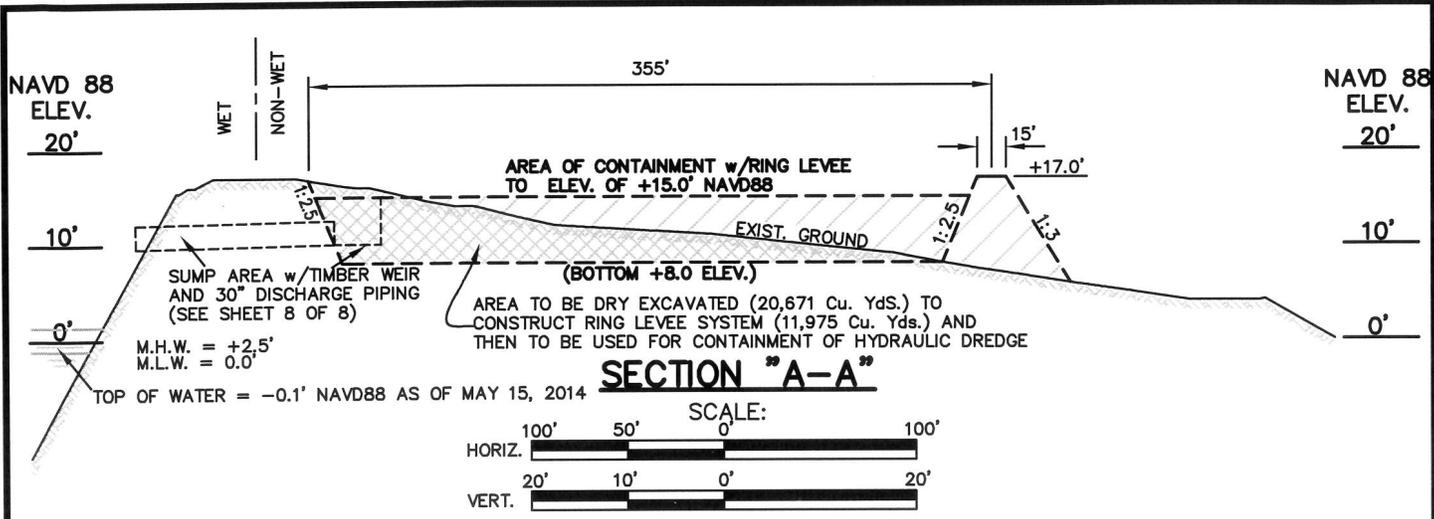
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SCALE: 1" = 10'

**LAYOUT OF CONTAINMENT**

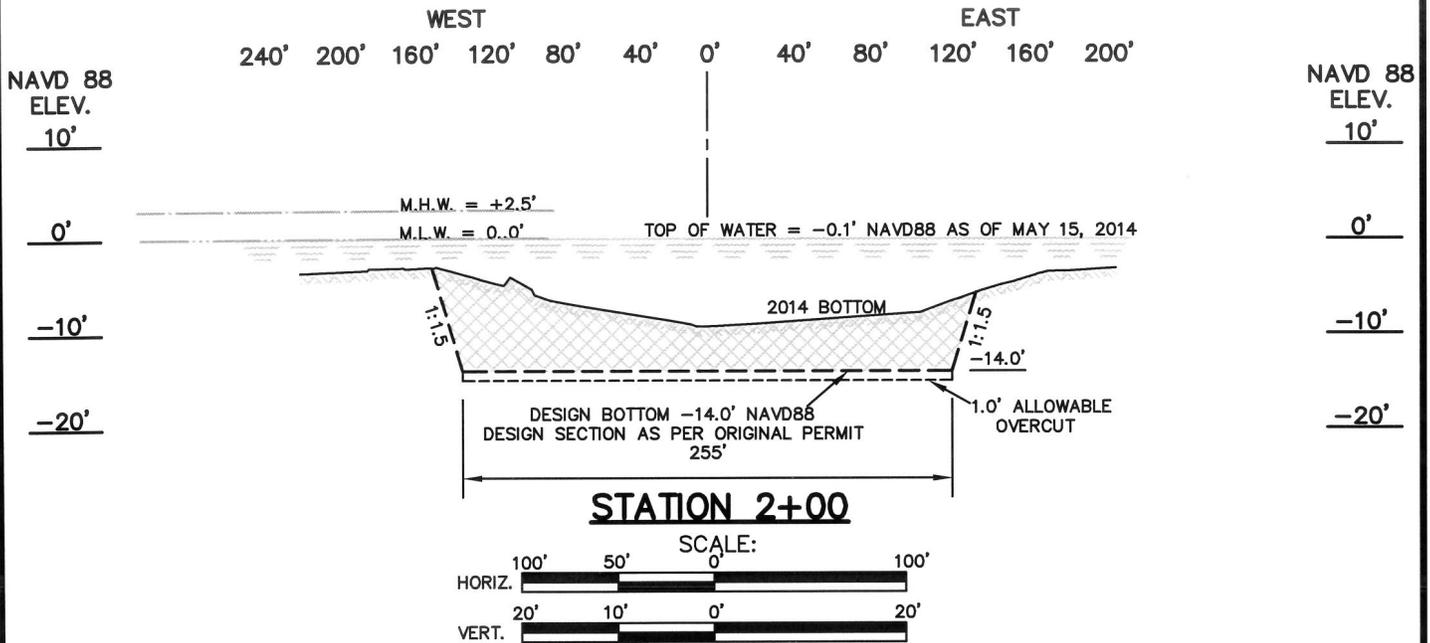
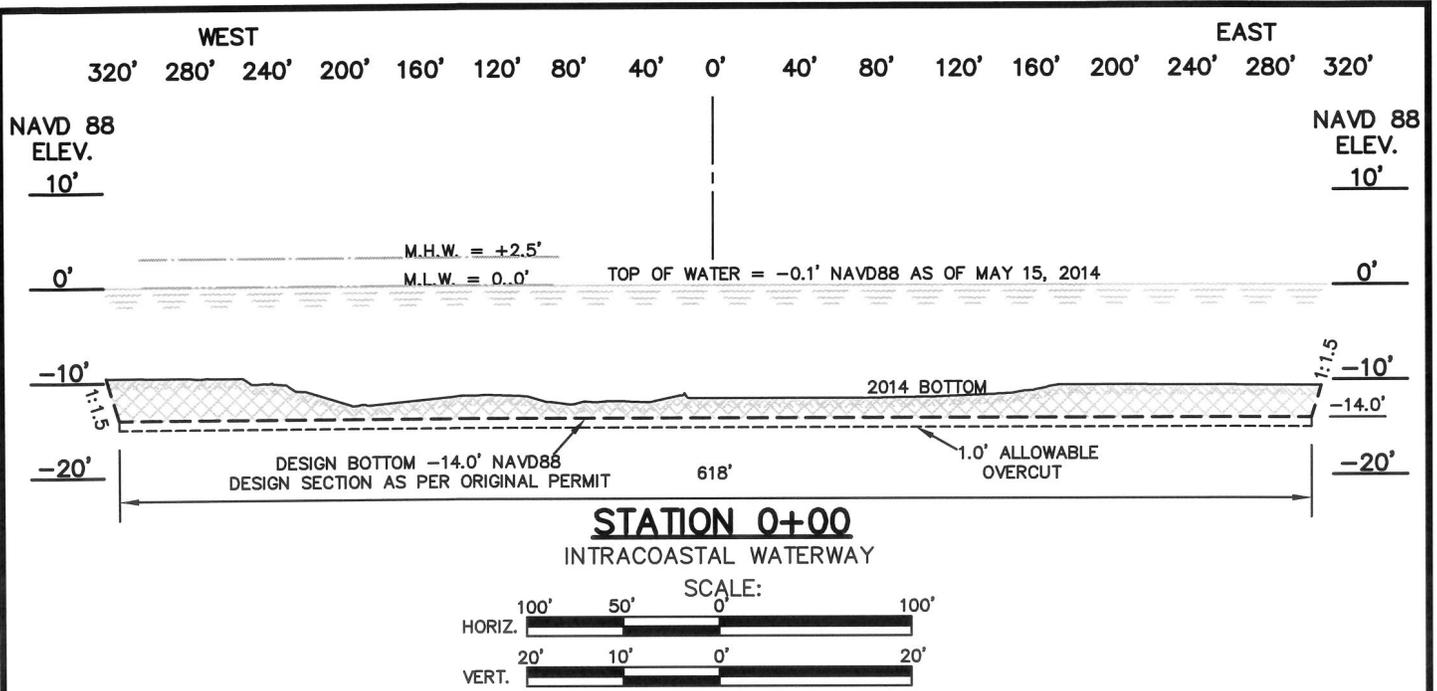
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NAVD 88  
ELEV.

10'

80' WEST 40' 0' 40' EAST 80'

NAVD 88  
ELEV.

10'

0'

M.H.W. = +2.5'  
M.L.W. = 0.0' TOP OF WATER = -0.1' NAVD88 AS OF MAY 15, 2014

0'

-10'



-10'

-20'

DESIGN BOTTOM -14.0' NAVD88  
DESIGN SECTION AS PER ORIGINAL PERMIT

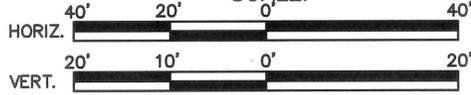
1.0' ALLOWABLE  
OVERCUT

-20'

131'

**STATION 4+00**

SCALE:



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10'

80' WEST 40' 0' 40' EAST 80'

NAVD 88  
ELEV.

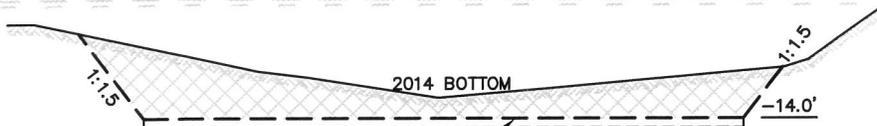
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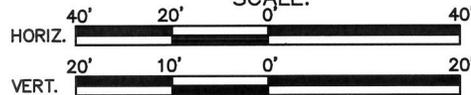
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125'

**STATION 6+00**

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0'

-10'

1:1.5

2014 BOTTOM

1:1.5

-10'

-20'

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OVERCUT

-20'

125'

**STATION 8+00**

SCALE:

HORIZ. 40' 20' 0' 20' 40'

VERT. 20' 10' 0' 10' 20'

NAVD 88  
ELEV.

10'

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NAVD 88  
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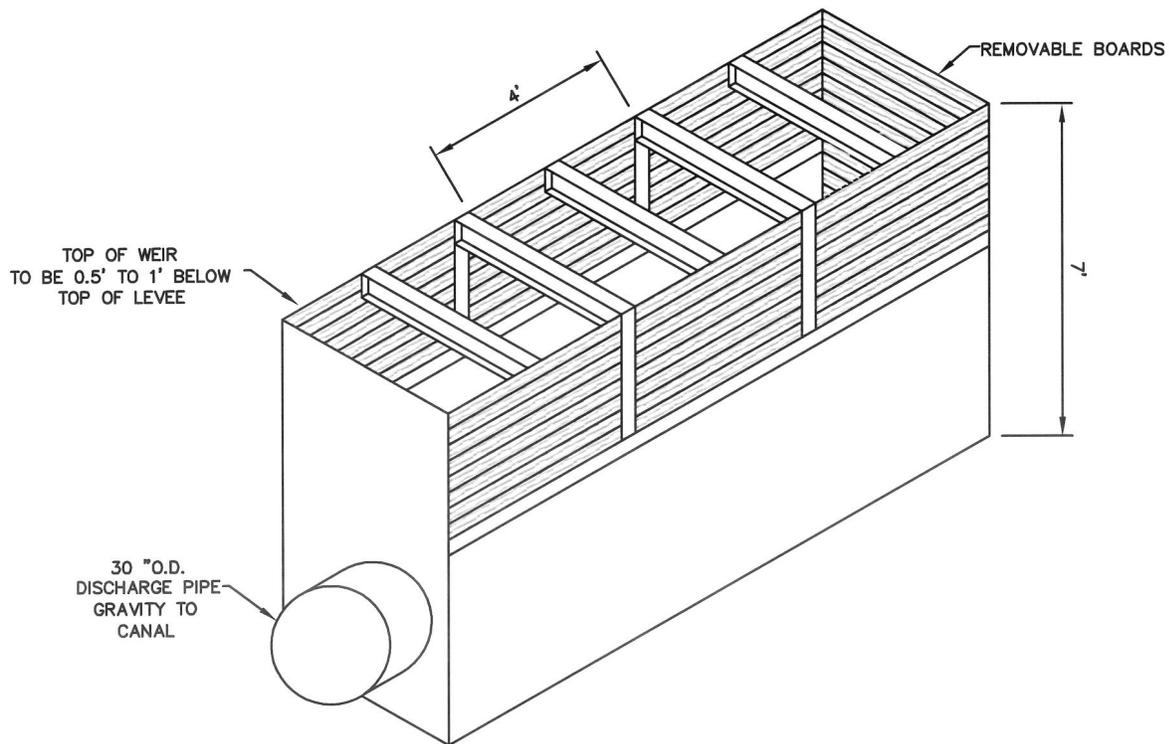
**STATION 9+00**

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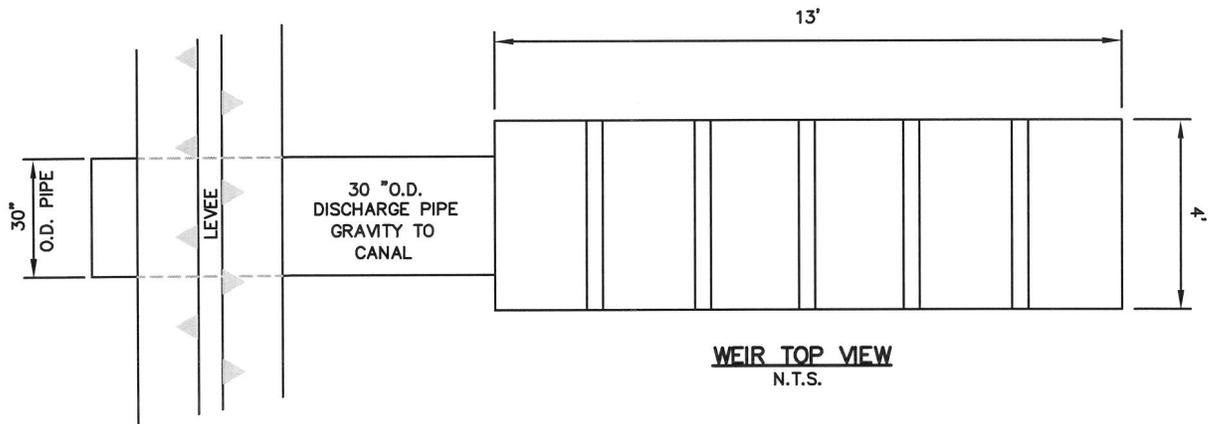
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**WEIR ISOMETRIC VIEW**  
N.T.S.



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