



US Army Corps
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New Orleans District

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment EA #567 titled "Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program, Barataria Bay Waterway at Jefferson Parish, Louisiana"

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN), has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment EA #567 titled "**Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program, Barataria Bay Waterway at Jefferson Parish, Louisiana**" which is available for your review. This public notice is being posted per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council of Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1506.6, Public Involvement and the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 in accordance with provisions of Title 33 CFR Parts 336.1(b)(1) and 337.1, which establish policy, practices, and procedures to be followed on Federal actions involving the disposal of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (application of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA guidelines). Notice is hereby given that the CEMVN has applied for a 401 Water Quality Certification to place fill material in the narrow corridor of wetlands that separate Bayou Perot and Bayou Rigolettes in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The applicant is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The purpose of the proposed action discussed in EA #567 is to maximize beneficial use of dredged material from operation and maintenance (O&M) of the federally-authorized Barataria Bay Waterway in the vicinity of Jefferson Parish, LA. Evaluation of the proposed action includes application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through 40 CFR 230.

Location of Work The proposed action is located in Jefferson Parish, LA

Description of Work The proposed action (TSP) assessed in EA #567 involves placement of dredged material from the Barataria Bay Waterway federal channel to create approximately 75 acres of fresh-intermediate marsh in Jefferson Parish.

Public Involvement The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. Copies of EA #567 and supporting documents are available at <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Louisiana-Coastal-Area/Beneficial-Use-of-Dredged-Material/> or upon request.

Comments concerning this 401 application can be filed with the Water Permits Section within 30 days of this notice to the following address: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Permits Division P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313 Attn: Elizabeth Hill. A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The 30-day public review for EA #567 and CWA Section 404(b)(1) will begin on February 7, 2019 and end on March 9, 2019. Interested parties may express their views on the proposed action. All comments postmarked on or before the expiration of the comment period for this notice will be considered. Comments may be submitted to Daniel Meden by emailing _daniel.c.meden@usace.army.mil, by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Regional Planning and Environmental Division South; PDS-C; 7400 Leake Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118-3651 to request a copy.