



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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

**September 14, 2015**

Operations Division  
Central Evaluation Section

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SUBJECT: MVN-1997-00005-CD

### **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);

### **MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING SHIP DOCK CONFIGURATION IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** BASF Corporation, c/o CDI Corporation, Attn: Justin Ittamann, 4041 Essen Lane, Suite 100, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Within the Mississippi River Basin, in the Lower Mississippi River – Baton Rouge hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, mile marker 183.8, near Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested authorization to install and maintain a 45-foot x 29-foot dock safety unit structure within the footprint of an existing structure. No wetlands will be impacted by the proposed activity.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **30 days** from the date of this 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 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.**

## 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. 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 not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed activity is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee 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 0 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.

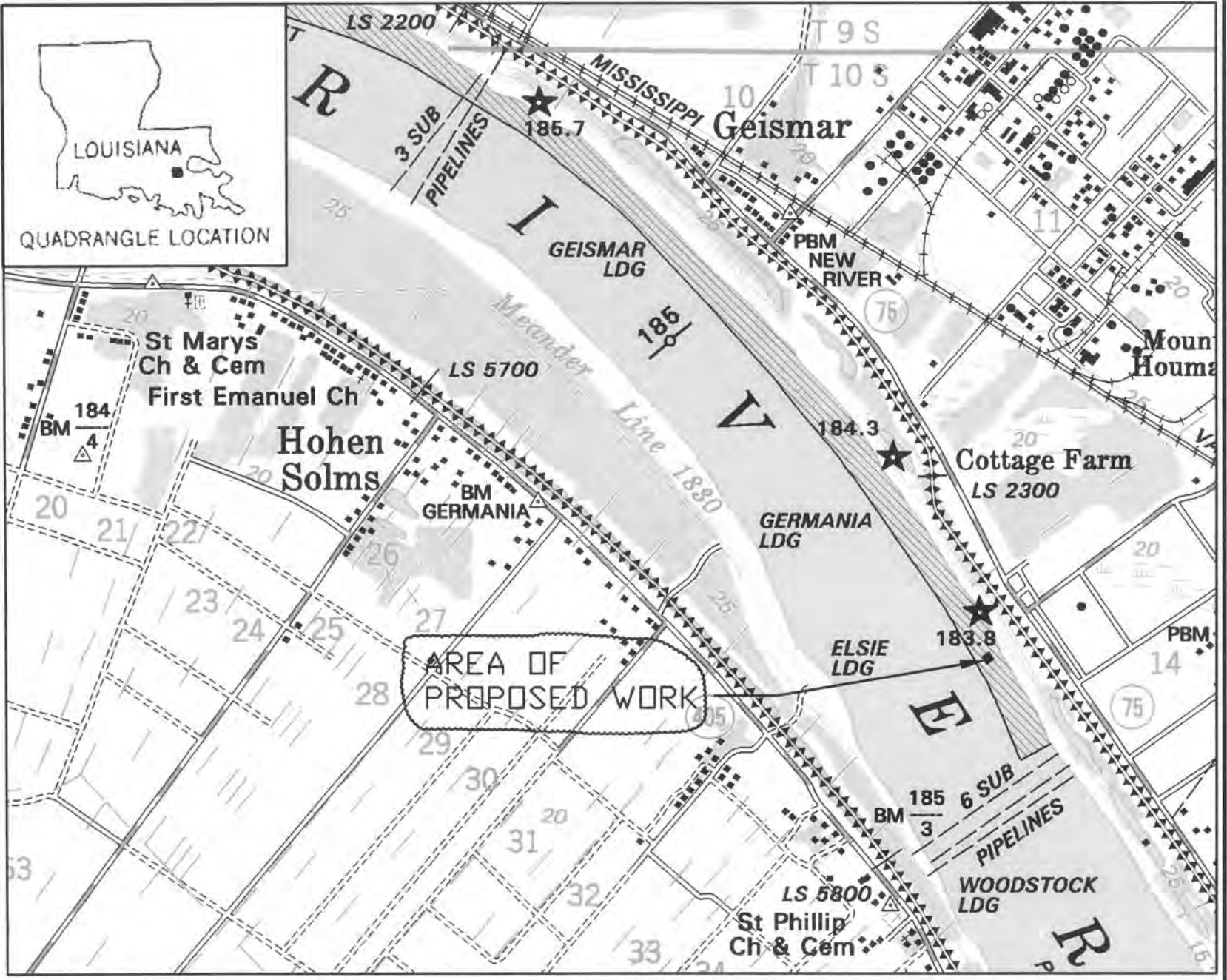
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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



VICINITY MAP

1"=2000'



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PROPOSED FACILITY IS LOCATED IN SECTIONS 14, T10S-R14E ASCENSION PARISH  
 LAT: 30° 11' 10.4" LONG: 91° 00' 49.1"



PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO BASE SHIP DOCK FOR IMTT GEISMAR METHANOL FACILITY  
 MISSISSIPPI RIVER, RIVER MILE 183.8 A.H.P.  
 ASCENSION PARISH, GEISMAR, LOUISIANA



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MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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(RIVER ROAD)

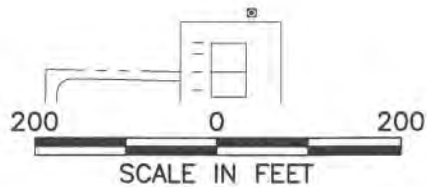
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DOCK SAFETY UNIT STRUCTURE  
FOR WORK IN THIS AREA  
SEE SHEET 3



**SITE PLAN**

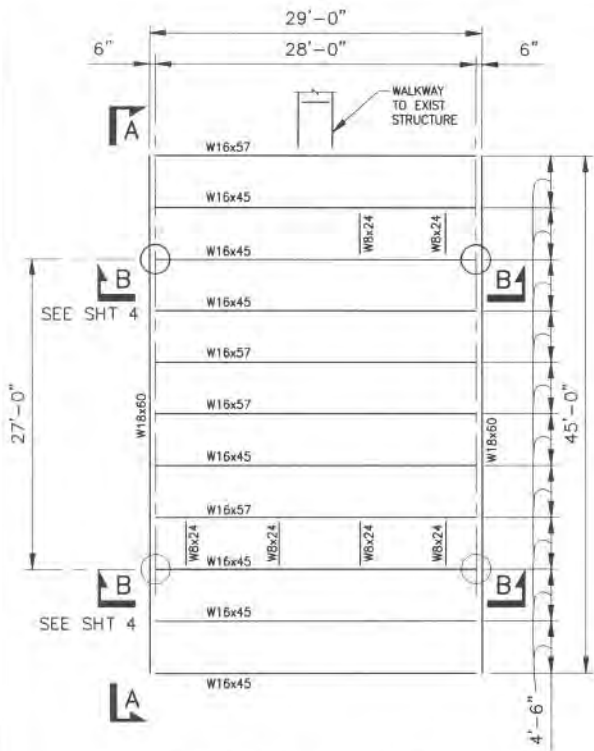
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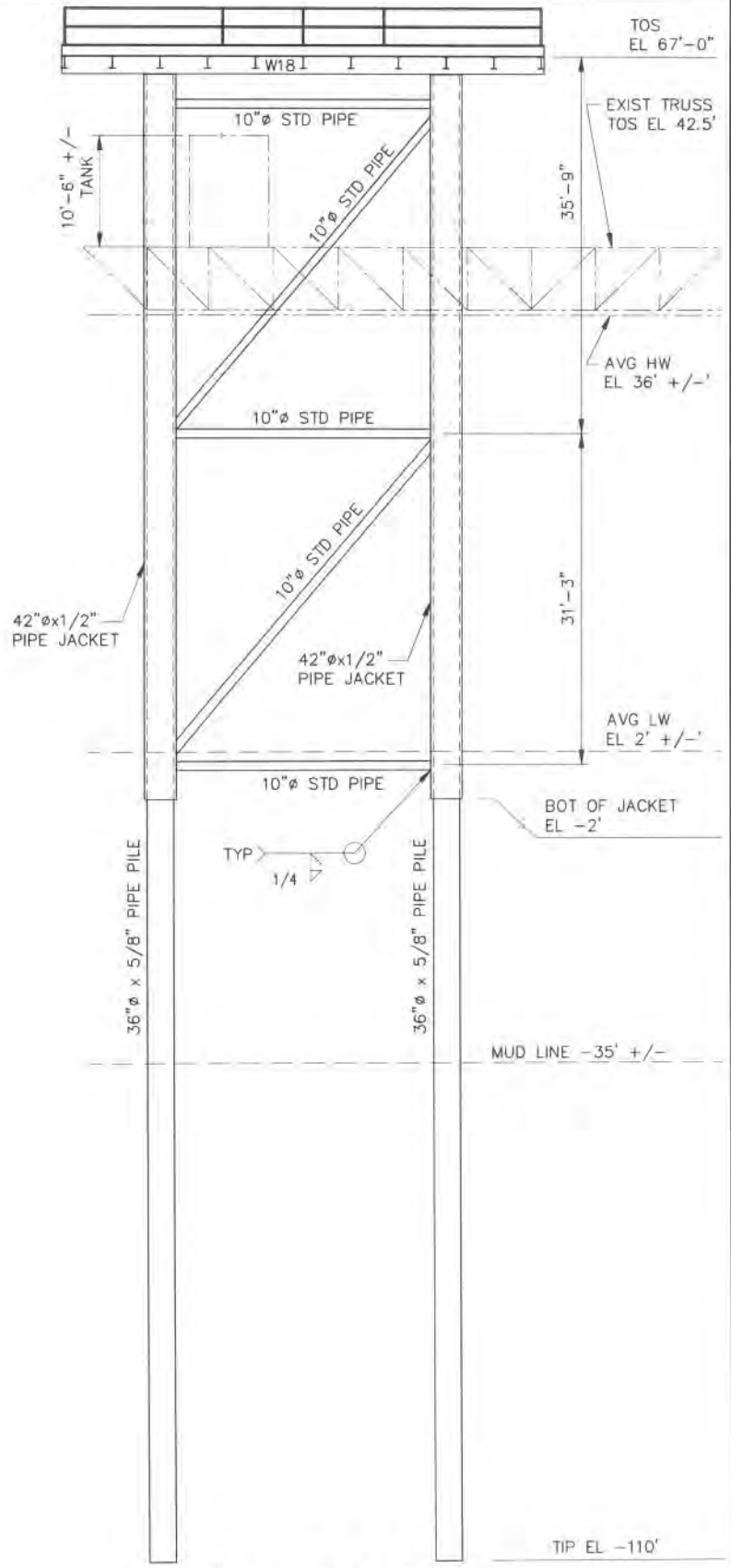


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**PLAN @ TOS EL 67'-0"**  
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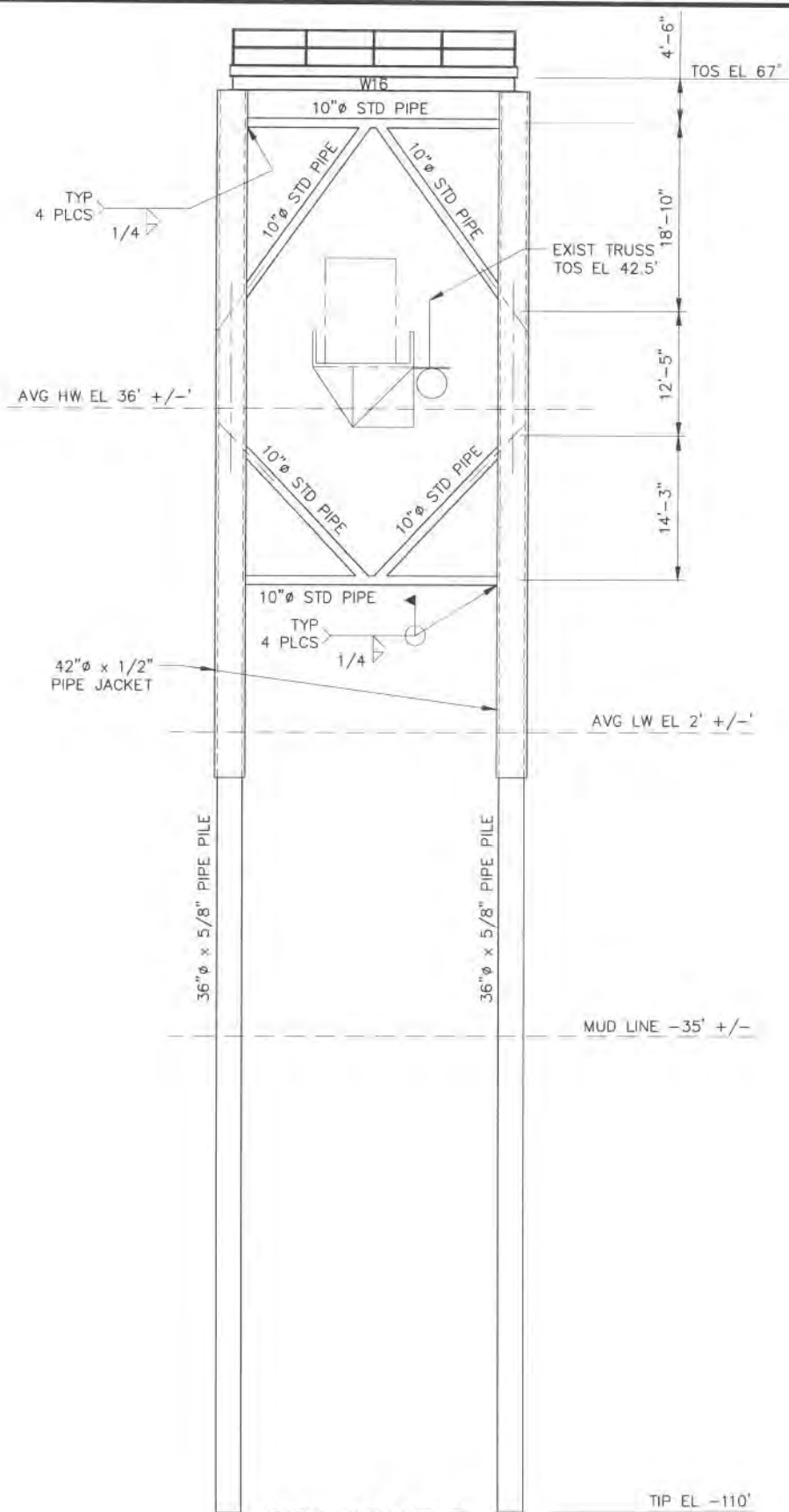


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