

# PUBLIC NOTICE

December 21, 2020

United States Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
Regulatory Branch  
7400 Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

(504) 862-1577  
Project Manager  
Patricia Clune  
[Patricia.R.Clune@usace.army.mil](mailto:Patricia.R.Clune@usace.army.mil)  
MVN 1999-01382-CE

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. 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).

## **PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING IN THE GIWW IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Lhoist North America, formally known as Chemical Lime Company, c/o ESC, 5102 Castle Tower Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mississippi River-Atchafalaya River Section, along the north bank, (Latitude: 30.440730, Longitude: -91.224109) in Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish, within the Lower Grand hydrological unit (HUC 08070300), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to maintenance dredge an existing docking area. The proposed work is to be located within an area approximately 400 feet long and 100 feet wide, approximately 3,500 cubic yards of material will be removed. The dredged material will be deposited in an approved upland location.

The applicant has stated that the project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. No wetlands will be impacted.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **20 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 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**. 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.

### **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 the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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 Interior. Utilizing the Louisiana DKey within the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system, developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed 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 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. 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

Enclosure

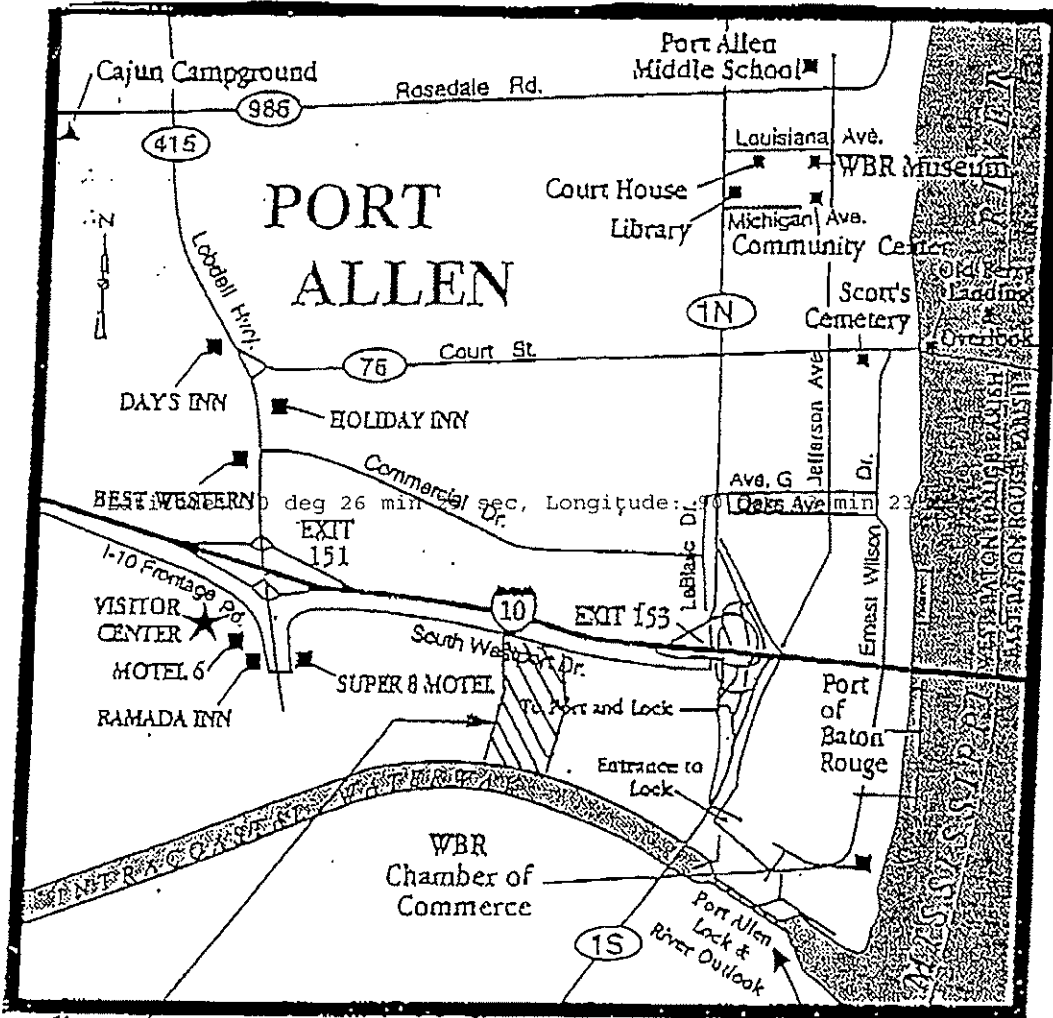
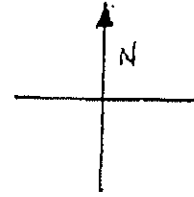
Drawing 1 - Site Location Map

Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application  
Lhoist North America

VICINITY MAP

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

MAP FROM PREVIOUS DREDGING APPLICATION



SITE LOCATION

PORT ALLEN LOCKS

LOCATION: APPR. 1.0 MILE WEST OF PORT ALLEN LOCKS  
ON THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY  
1785 SOUTH WESTPORT DRIVE, PORT ALLEN, LA

Latitude: 30 deg 26 min 29 sec, Longitude: 90 deg 13 min 23 sec

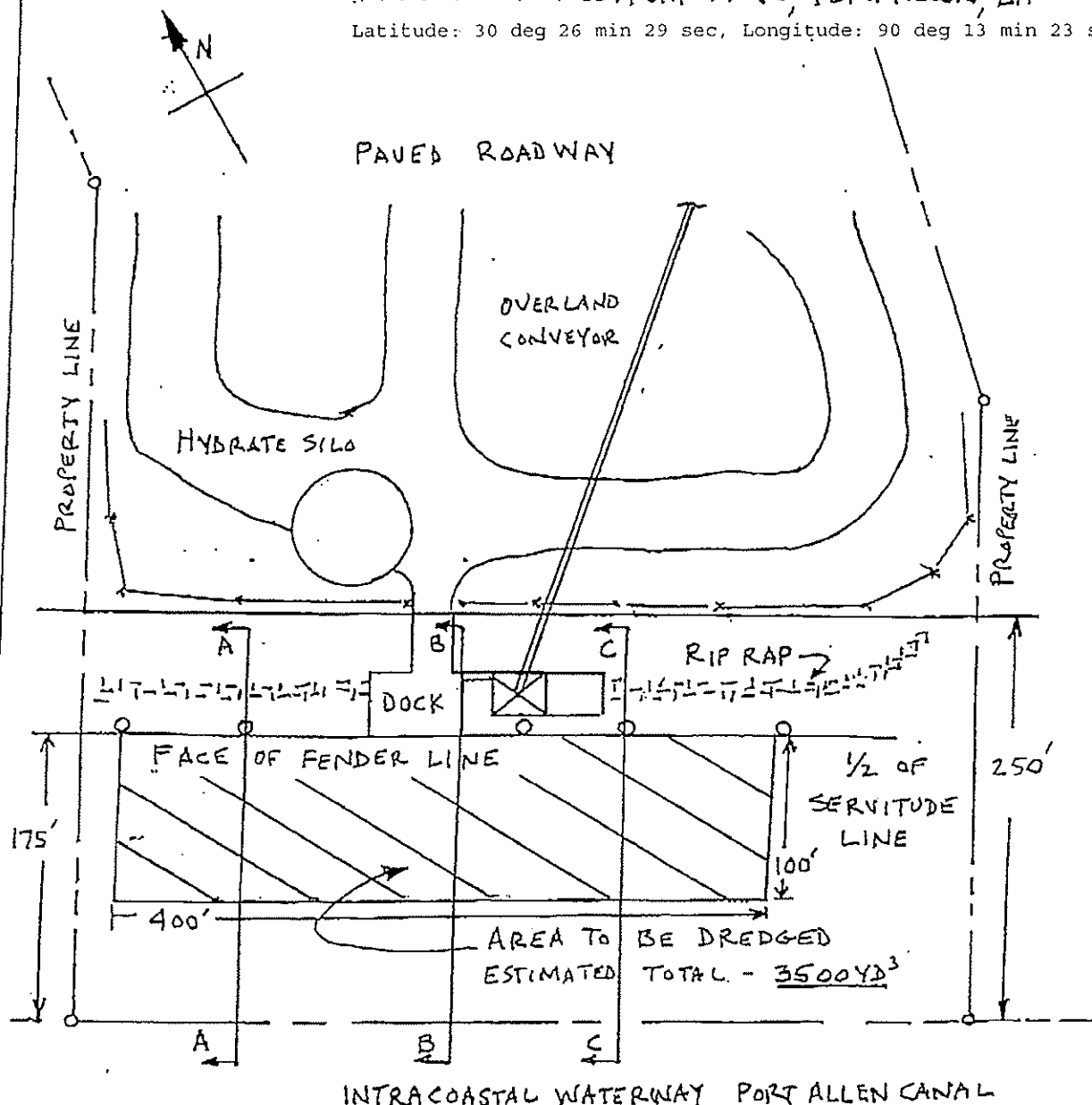
**Drawing 2 - Plan View of Planned Dredging Area adjacent to Lhoist Unloading Dock**

**Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application  
Lhoist North America**

Drawing from previous dredging application.

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

LOCATION: APPROX. 1.0 MILE WEST OF PORT ALLEN LOCKS  
ON THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY  
1785 SOUTH WESTPORT DRIVE, PORT ALLEN, LA  
Latitude: 30 deg 26 min 29 sec, Longitude: 90 deg 13 min 23 sec



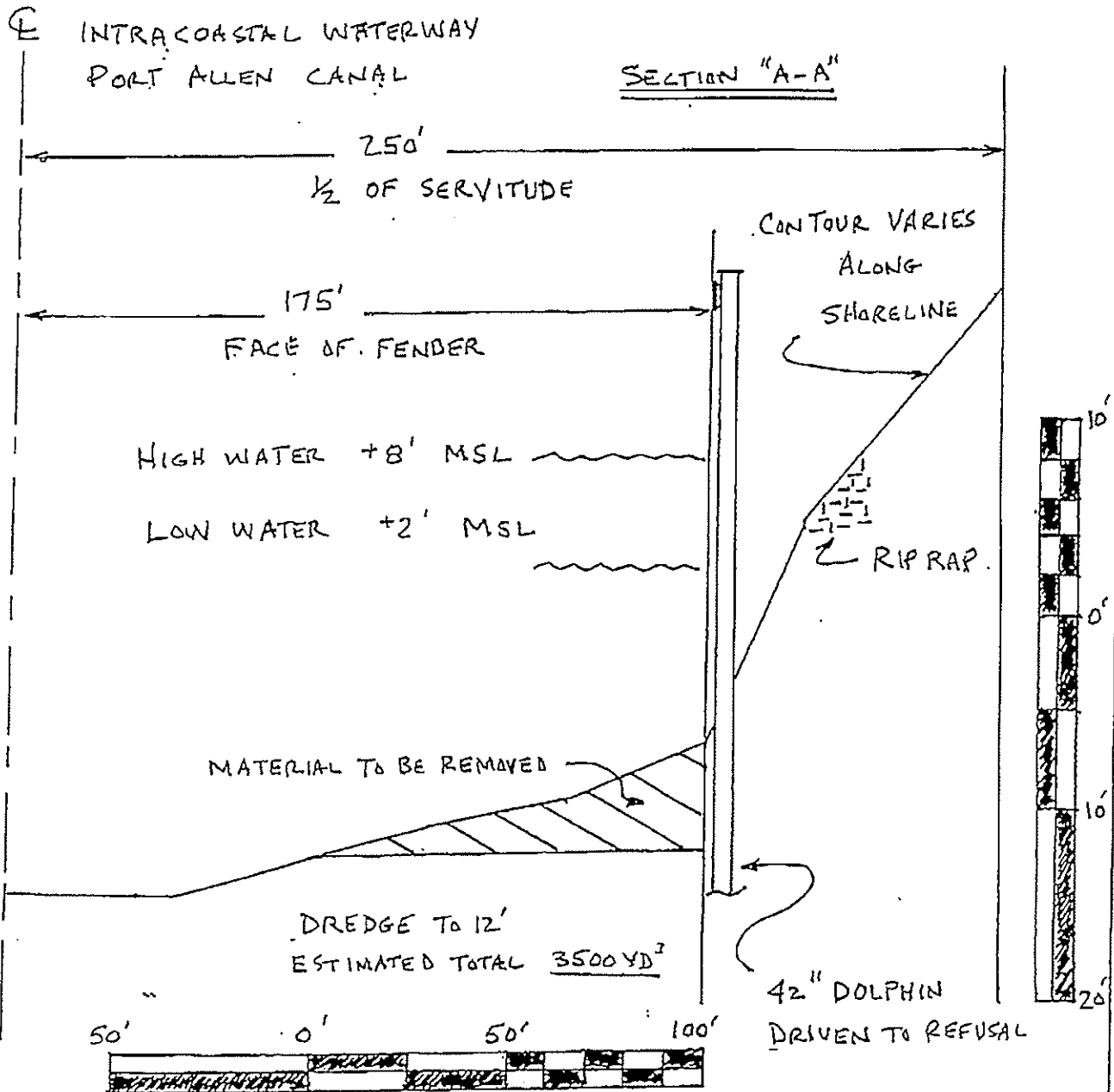
DREDGED MATERIAL IS COMPOSED OF NATURAL SEDIMENT

DREDGING WILL BE PERFORMED WITH CRANE BARGE, SECONDARY BARGE, AND BOAT BY CONTRACTORS

**Drawing 3 - Cross-Section A-A' View of Planned Dredging Area adjacent to Lhoist Unloading Dock**

**Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application  
Lhoist North America**

Drawing from previous dredging application.



**Drawing 4 - Cross-Section B-B' View of Planned Dredging Area adjacent to Lhoist Unloading Dock**

**Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application  
Lhoist North America**

Drawing from previous dredging application.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY  
PART ALLEN CANAL

SECTION "B-B"

250'  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  OF SERVITUDE

175'  
FACE OF FENDER

HIGH WATER +8' MSL

LOW WATER +2' MSL

EXISTING DOCK

RIP RAP

MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED

DREDGE TO 12'  
ESTIMATED TOTAL 3500 YD<sup>3</sup>



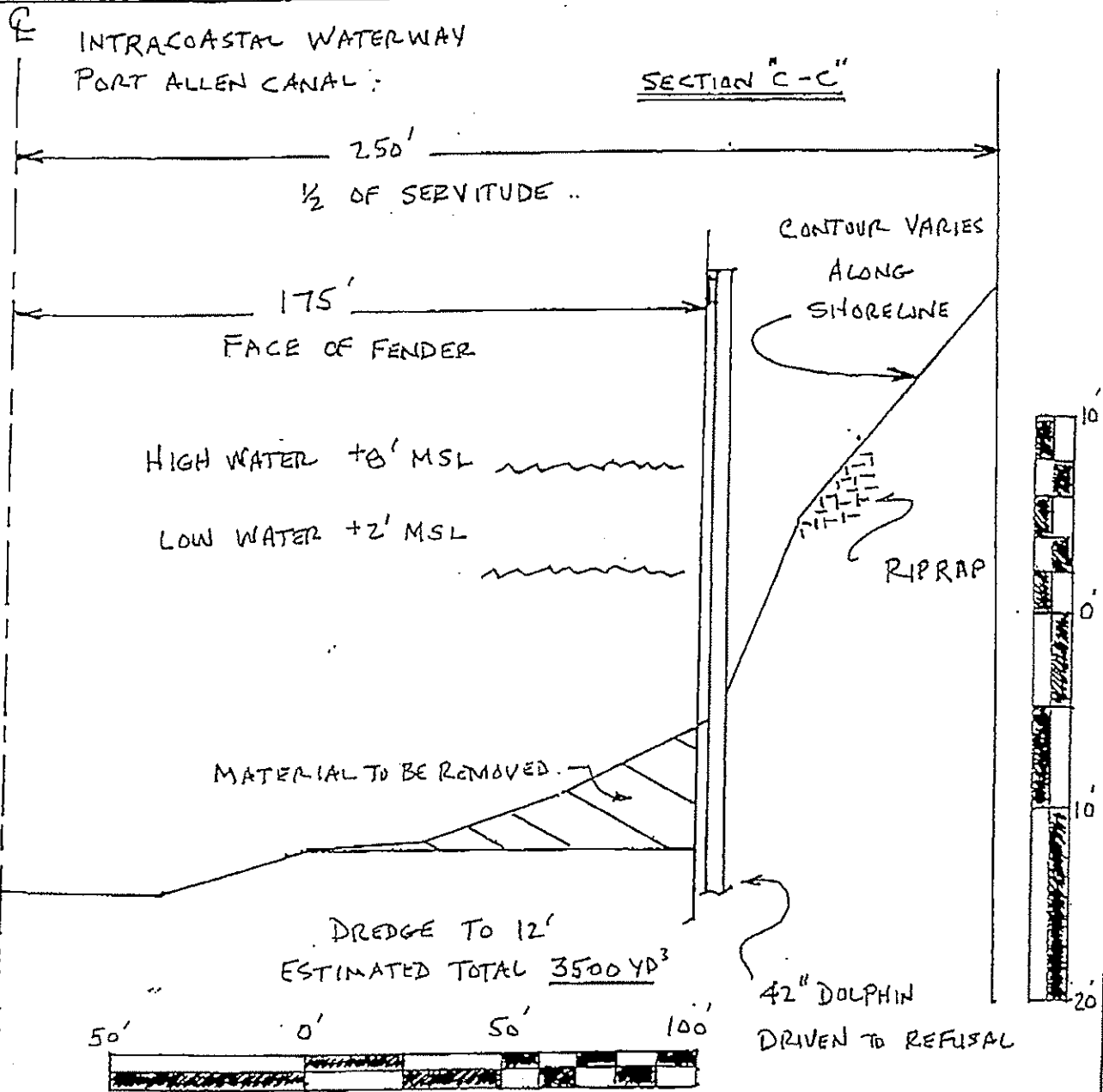
PIPE PILES  
DRIVEN TO REFUSAL



**Drawing 5 - Cross-Section C-C' View of Planned Dredging Area adjacent to Lhoist Unloading Dock**

**Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application  
Lhoist North America**

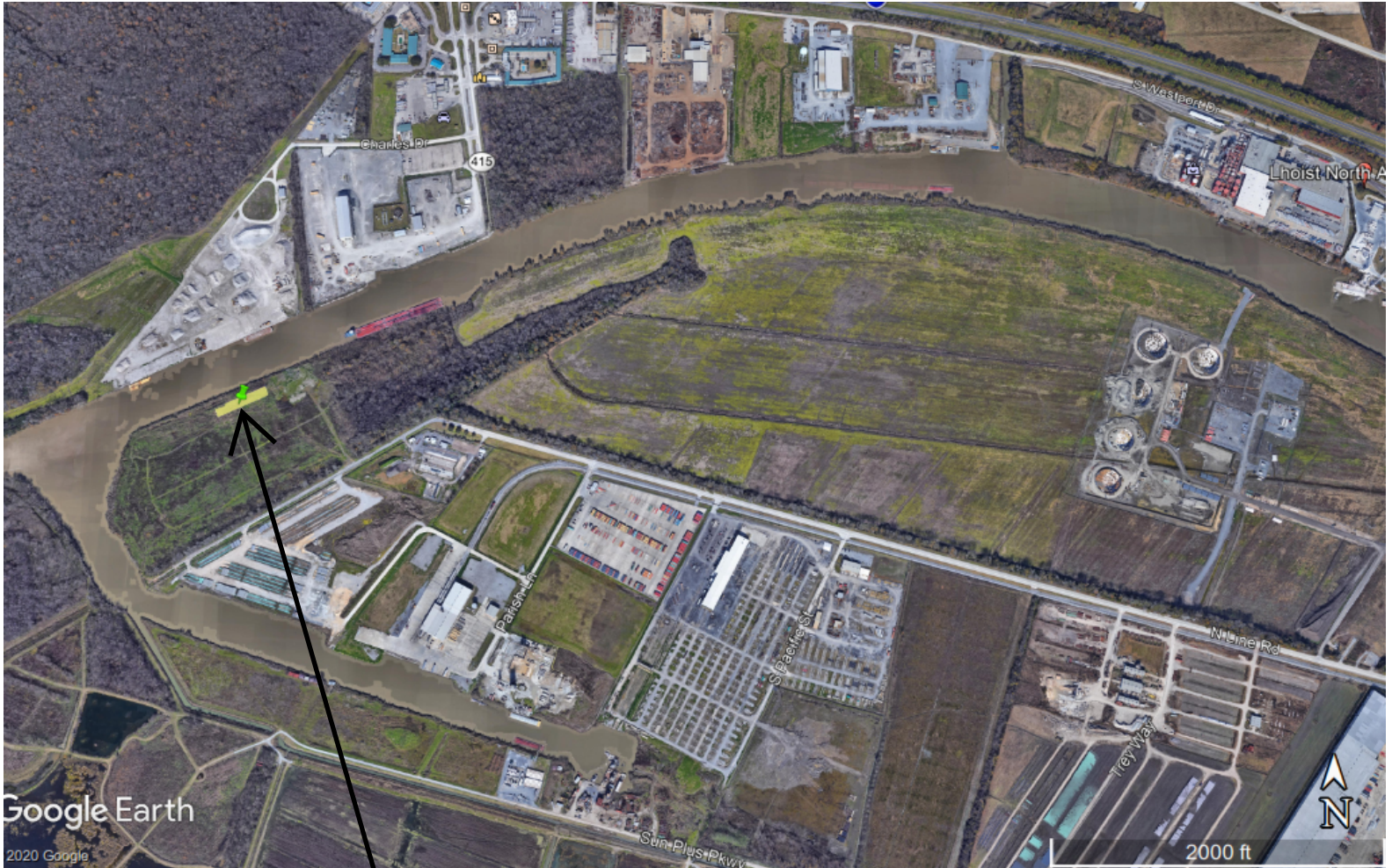
Drawing from previous dredging application.





# Drawing 6 - Proposed Disposal Site for Dredged Materials

## Proposed Maintenance Dredging Application Lhoist North America



**Proposed Disposal Site**



**West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana**

