

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

March 11, 2019

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

State of Louisiana  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Water Quality Certification Sec.  
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Permit Application Number:  
MVN-2008-00177-WII

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WQC Application Number:  
WQC 190214-02

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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

## **BULKHEAD AND BANKLINE STABILIZATION WORK ON THE CALCASIEU RIVER IN CAMERON PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** M & C Oilfield Services, LLC, c/o Encore Environmental & Safety, Attn: Mr. John LaHaye, 1190 LaHaye Road, Mamou, LA 70554.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In Cameron Parish, Louisiana; located at 29.776522 North, -93.34765 West on the Calcasieu Ship Channel near Cameron, Louisiana, as shown on the attached vicinity map. Hydrologic Unit Codes 08080206 Calcasieu River Basin.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Install and maintain four sections of bulkheads and three 48" culverts. Cumulative length of the proposed bulkheads will be approximately 2,563 linear feet. Approximately 22,643 cubic yards of native material will be dredged from the channel and placed onsite as backfill behind the bulkheads. Approximately 41,162 cubic yards of earthen material and 20 cubic yards of rock will be hauled in and placed onsite as additional backfill. Project implementation will impact approximately 3.87 acres of open water from dredging operations, and 12.02 acres of shallow open water and non-wetland areas for construction of the bulkheads and backfill. The proposed project has been designed to avoid any impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **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 submitted 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 forwarded 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, faxing, 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. 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.

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 public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the South Louisiana **Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES)**, as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the proposed project was evaluated under the determination key on 11 March 2019 and it has been determined that portions of the project are located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the activity is not likely to adversely affect the species. If this permit is issued, the permittee will be required to follow the SLOPES Special Conditions for the West Indian Manatee.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of 15.89 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, 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  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



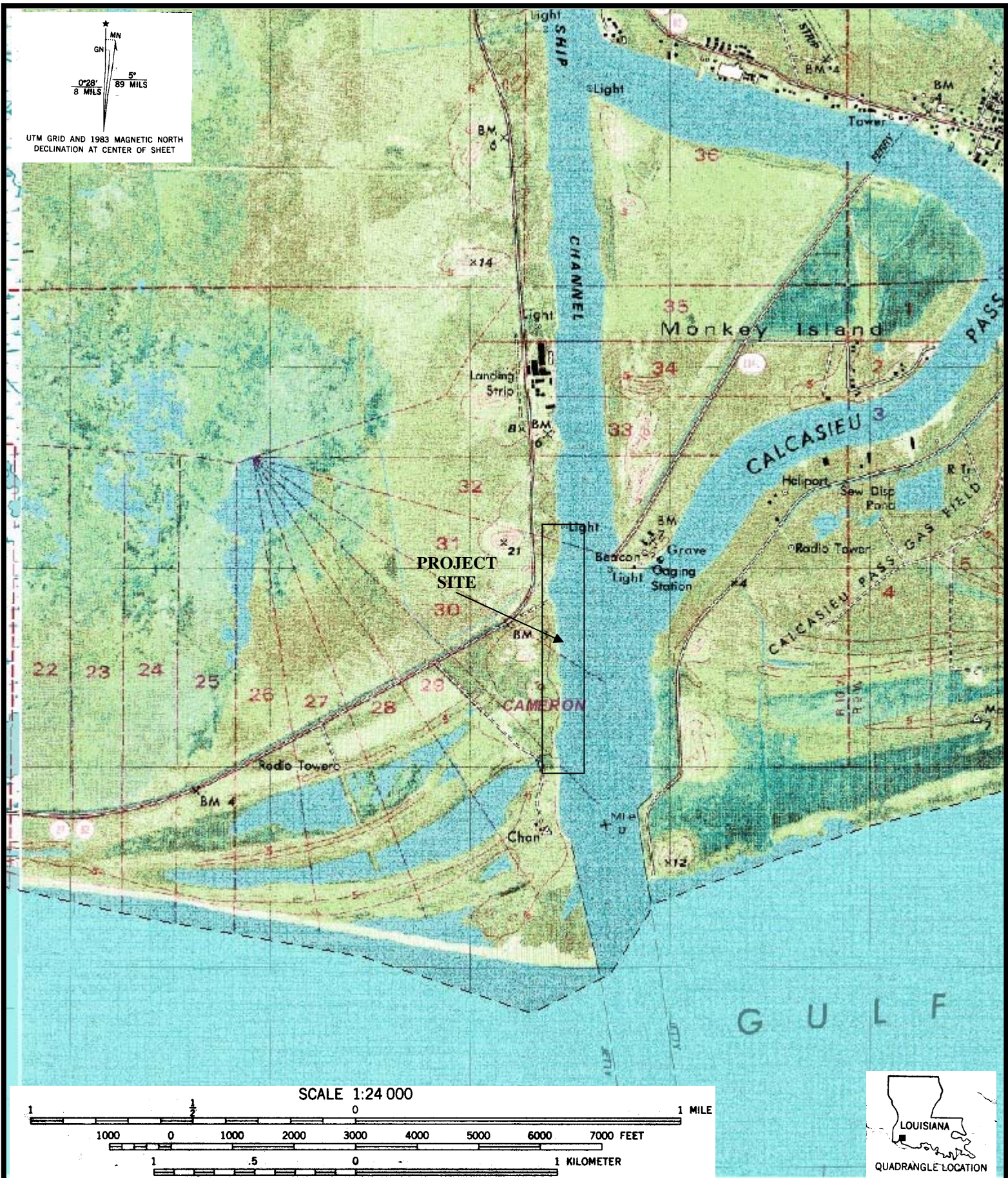


Figure 1. Location Map of the Proposed Bulkhead Construction  
M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

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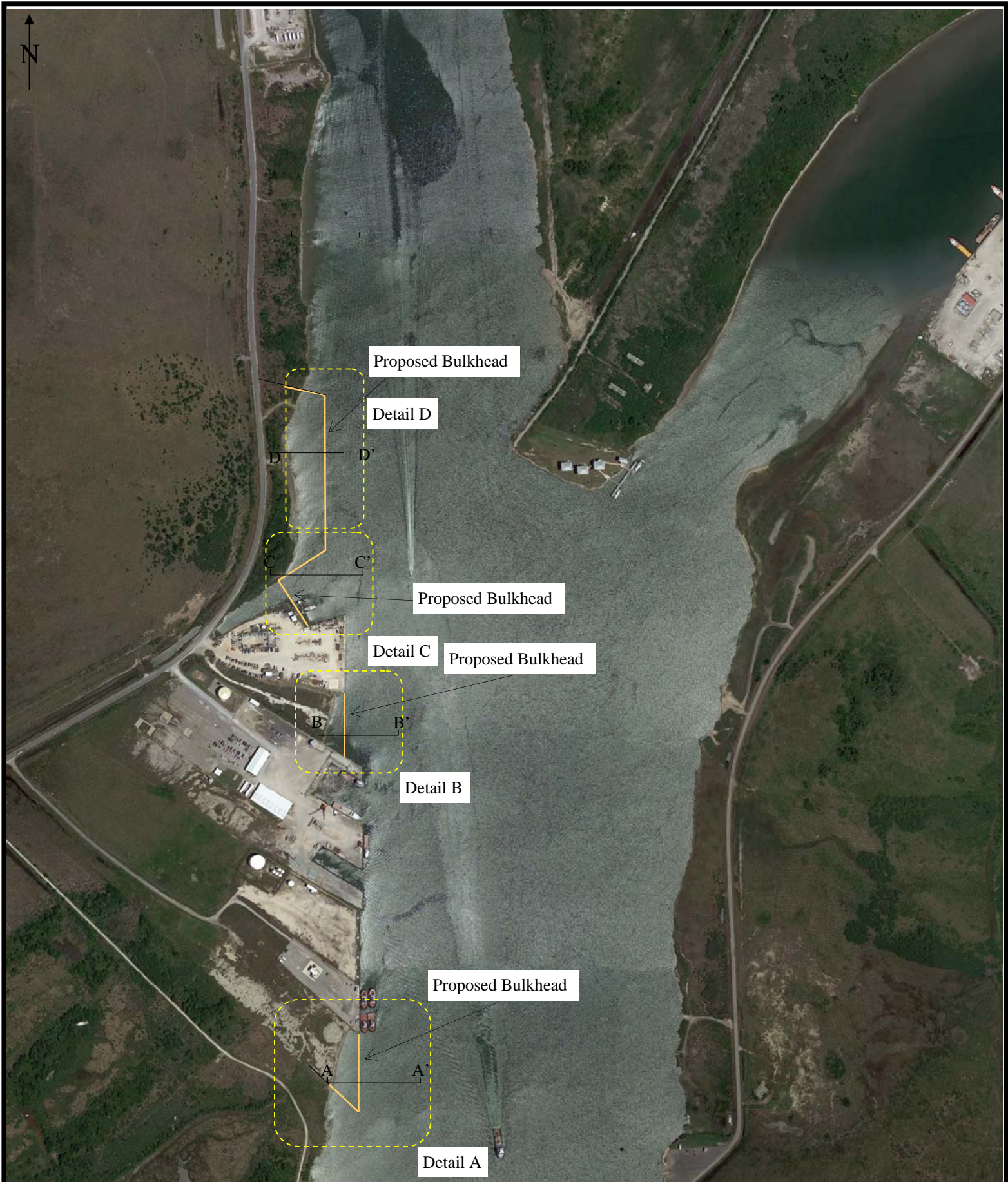


Figure 2. Plan View of Proposed Bulkhead Completion Project  
 Revised 5/30/2016 M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

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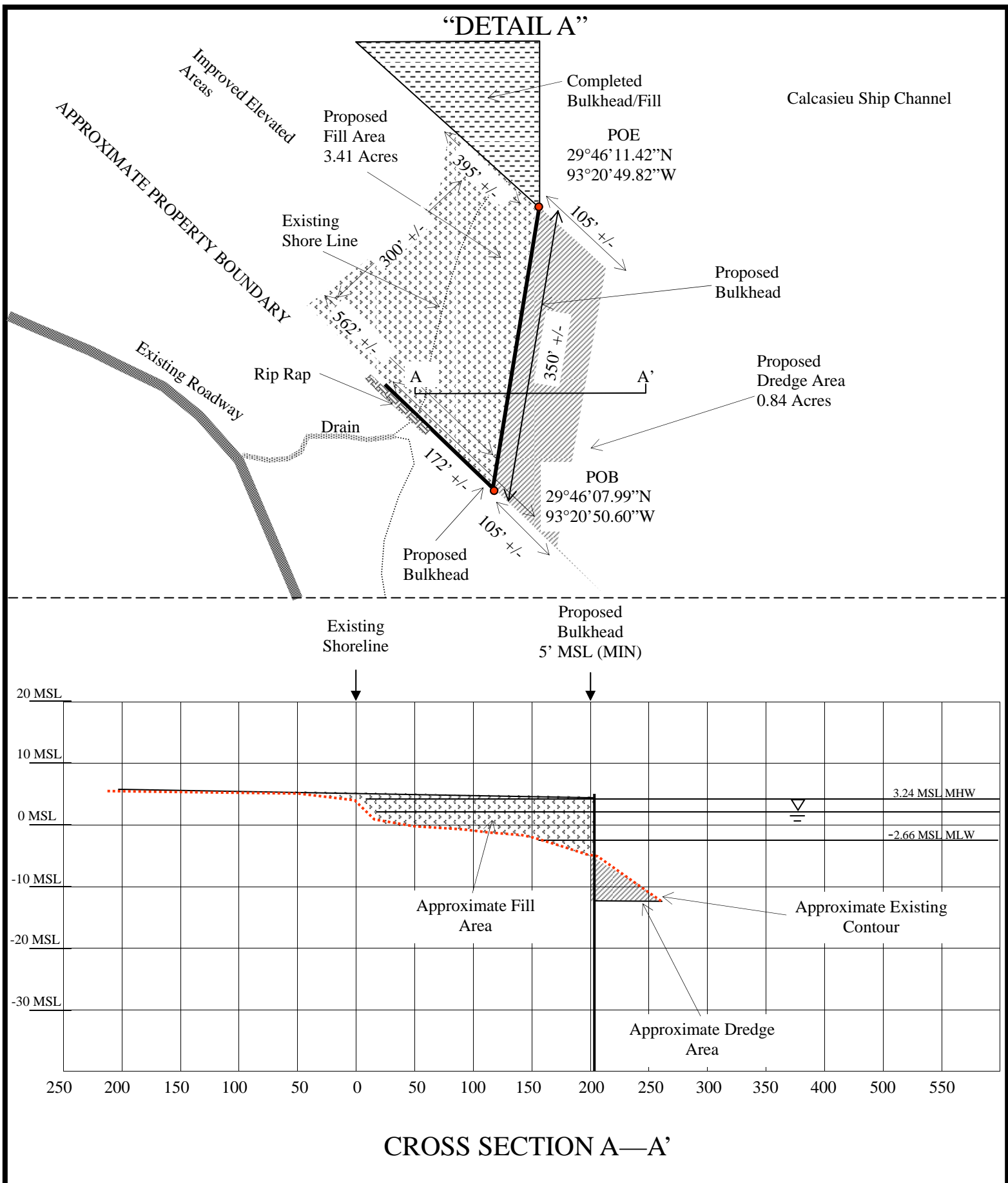


Figure 3. Proposed Bulkhead Completion Project Area A  
Rev 02/03/2017 M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

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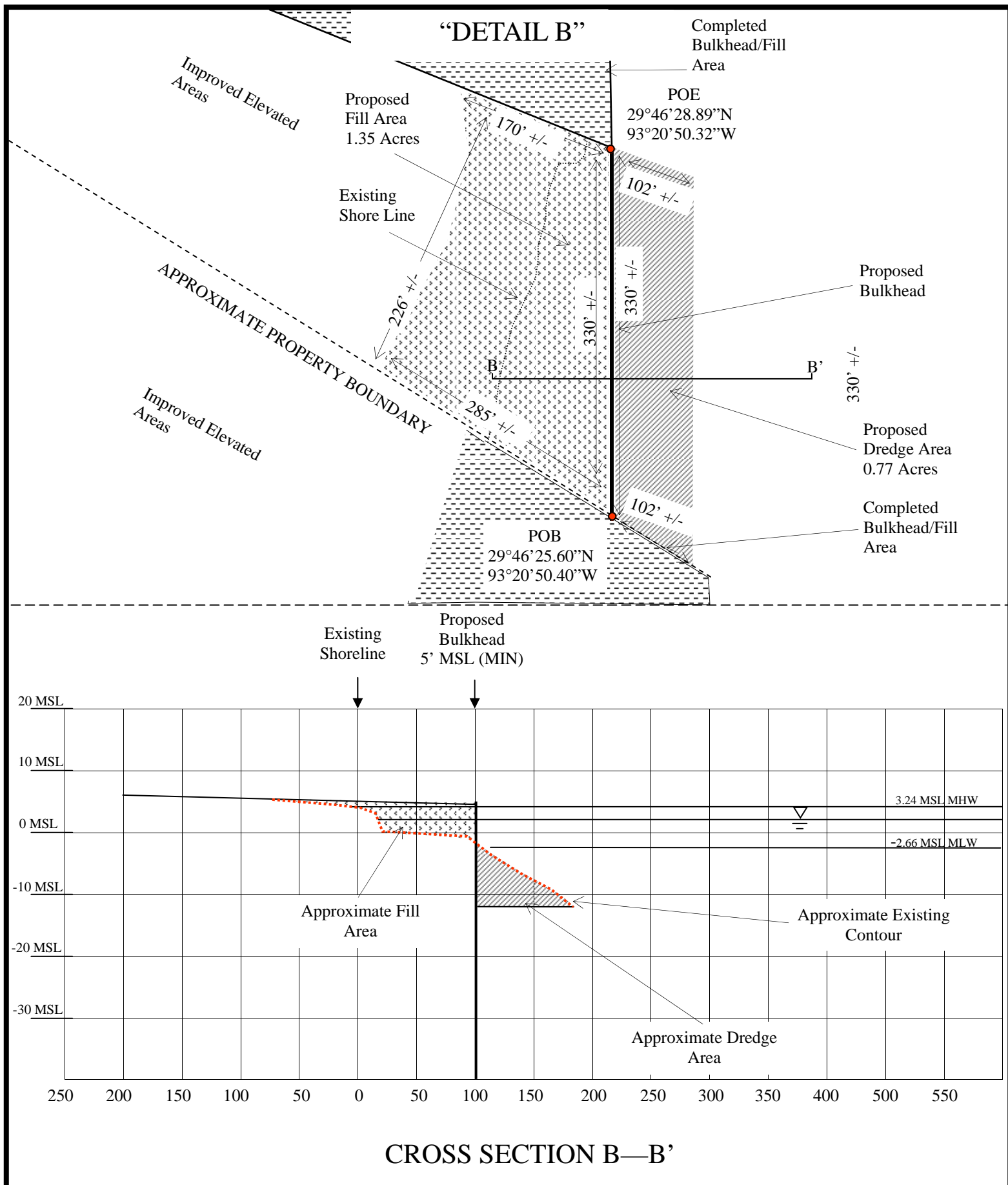


Figure 4. Proposed Bulkhead Completion Project Area B  
Rev 11/25/16 M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

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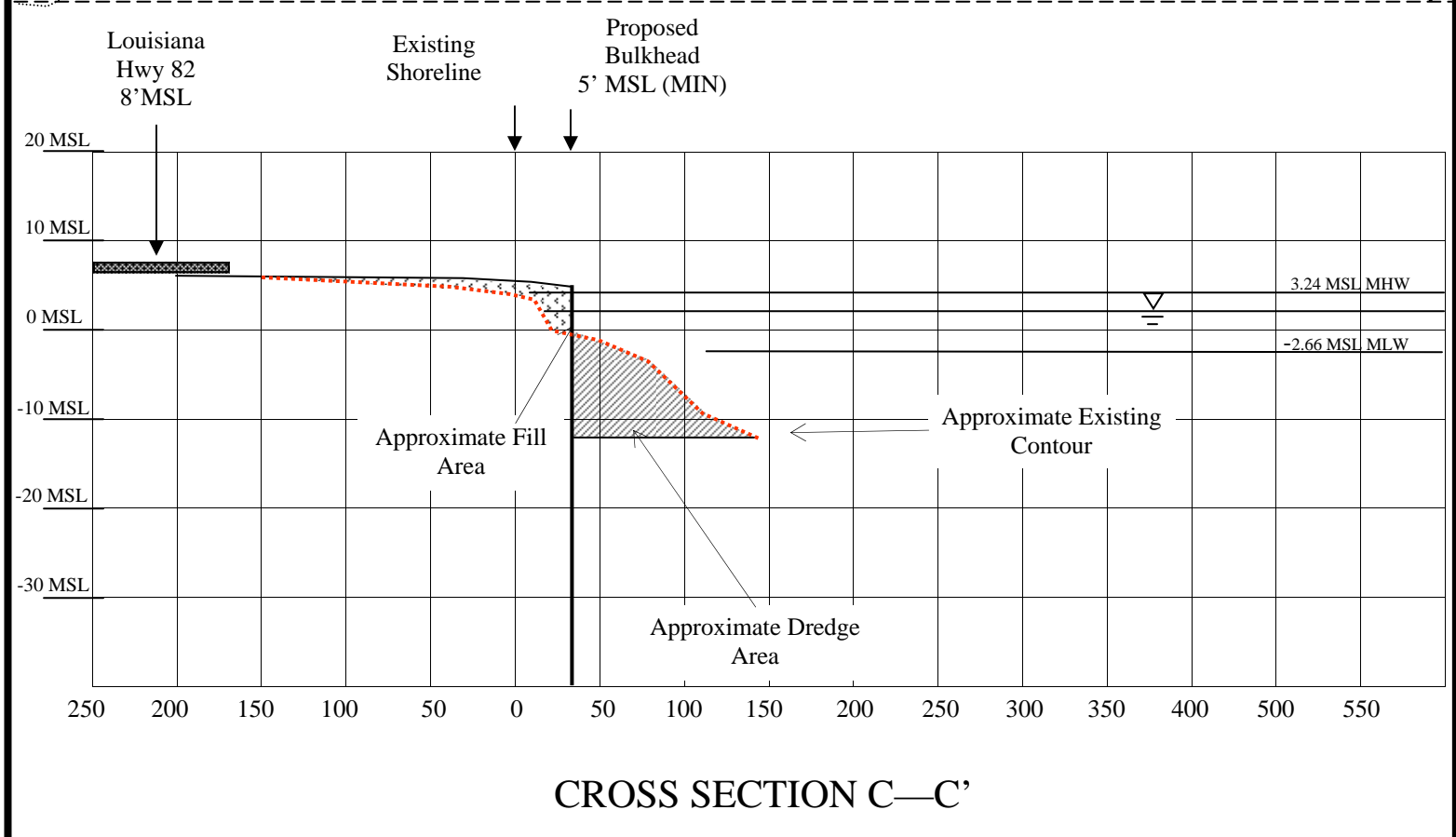
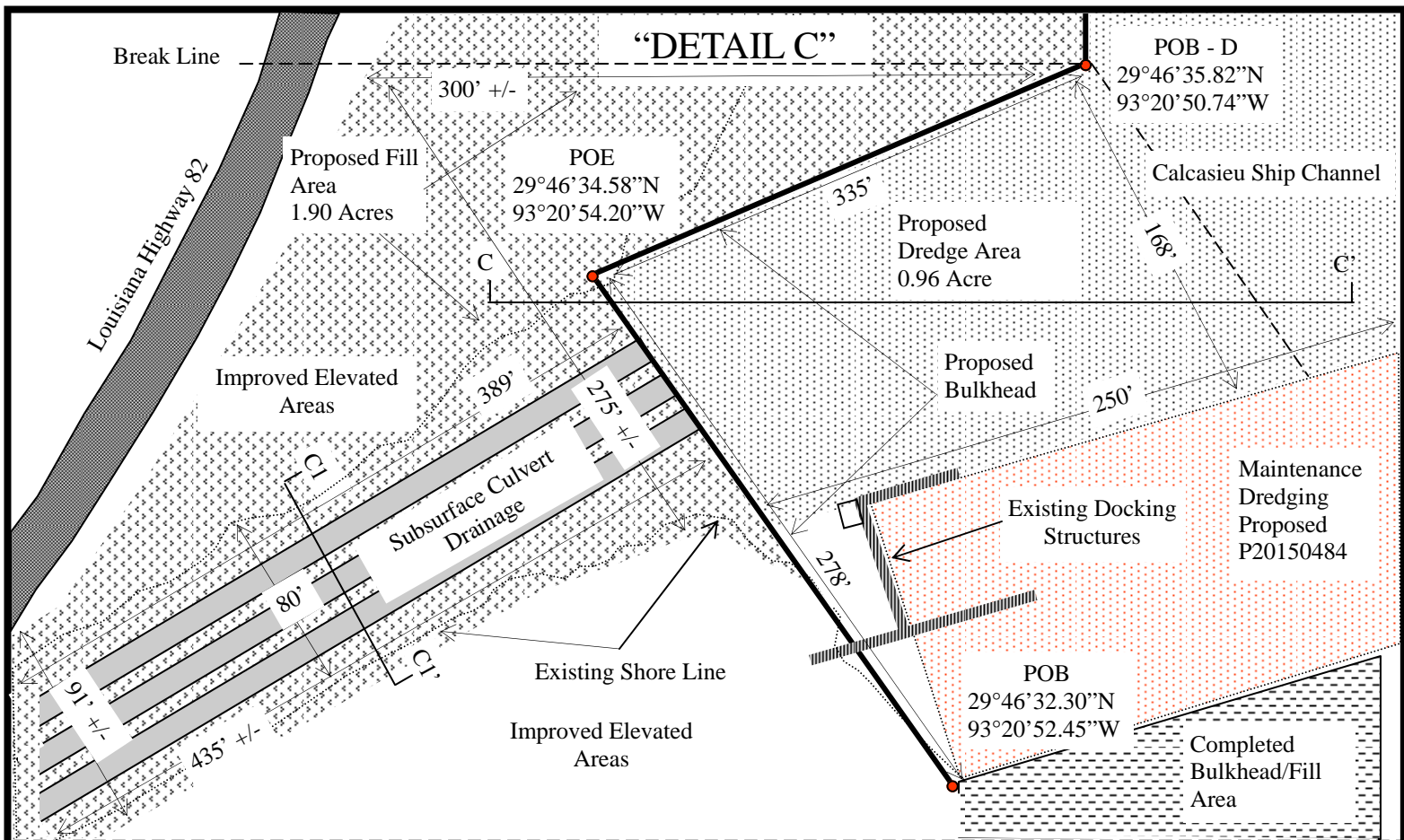


Figure 5. Proposed Bulkhead Completion Project Area C  
Rev 4/26/17 M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

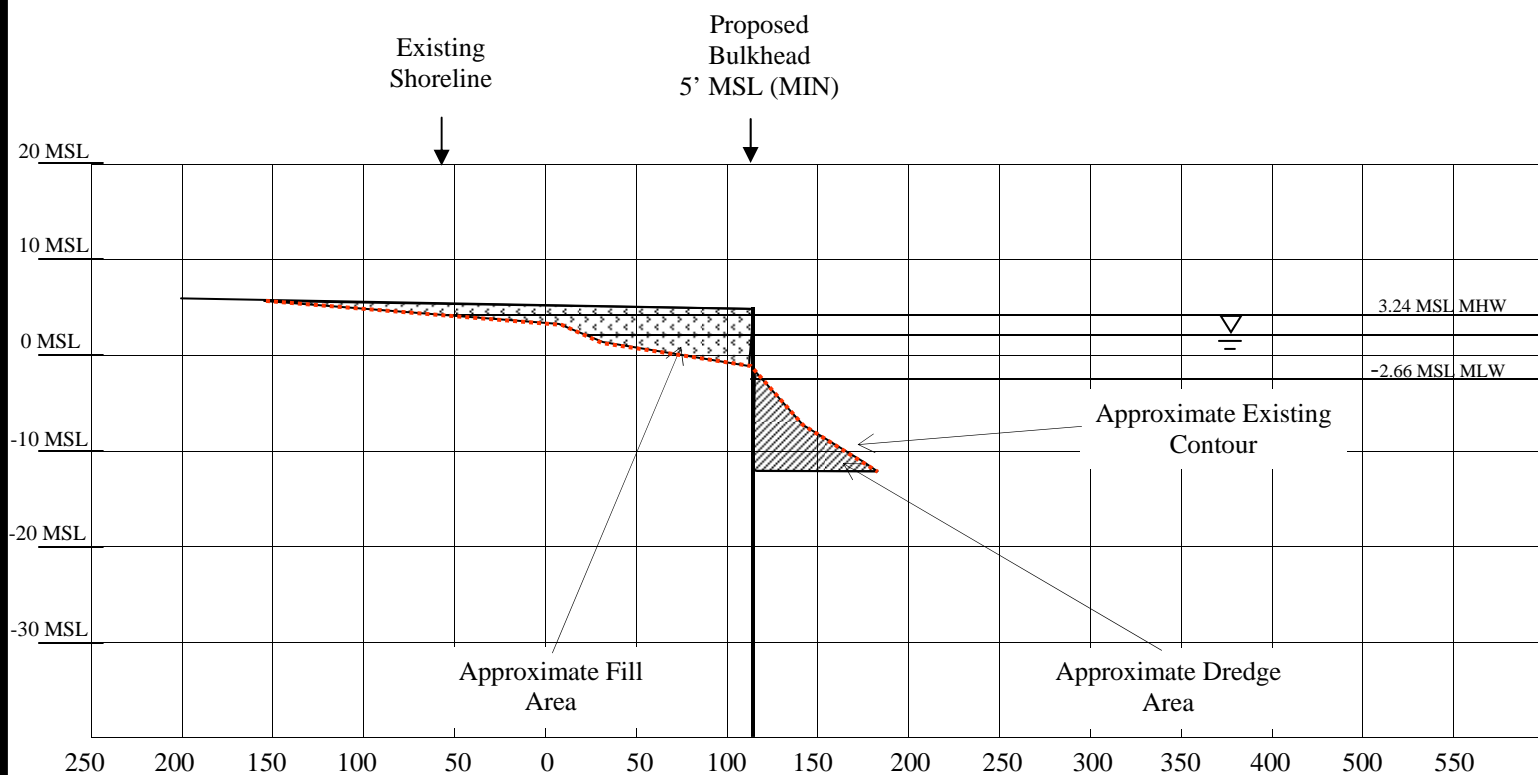
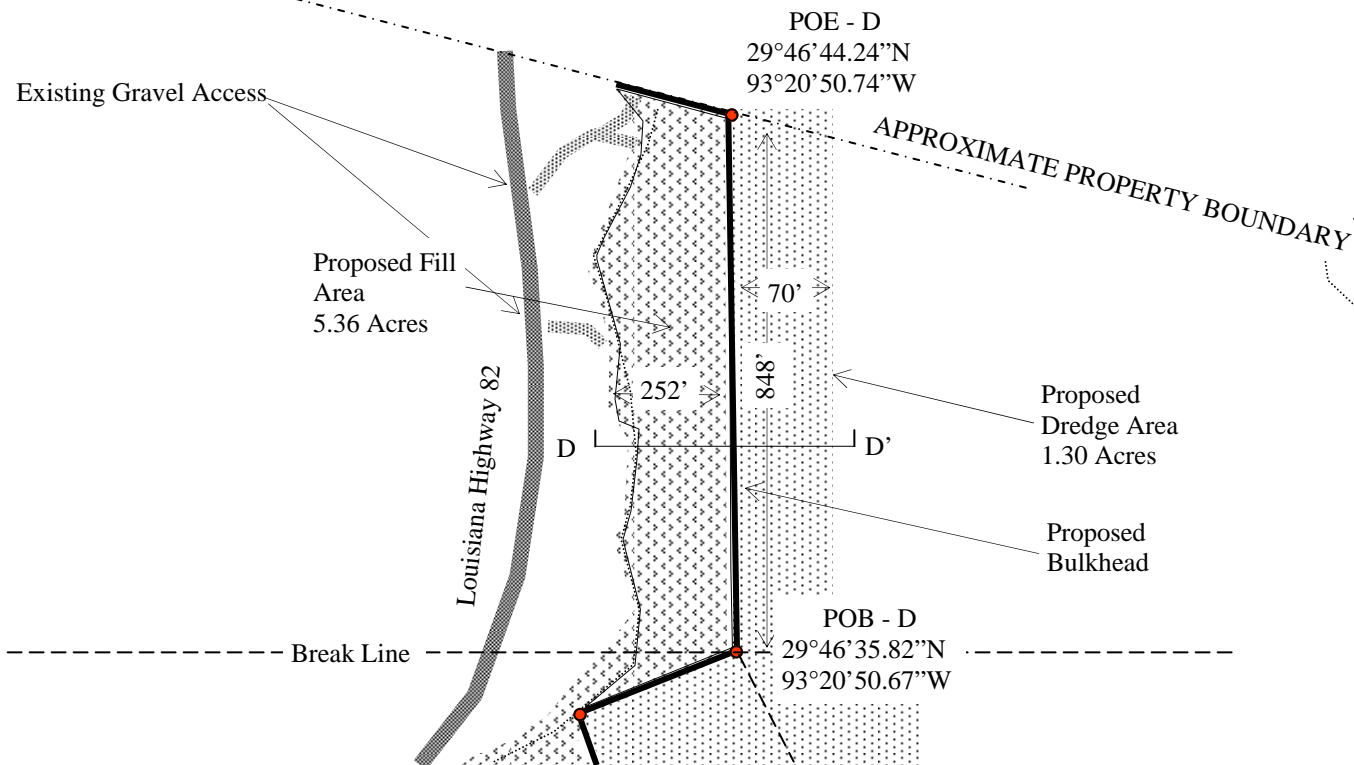
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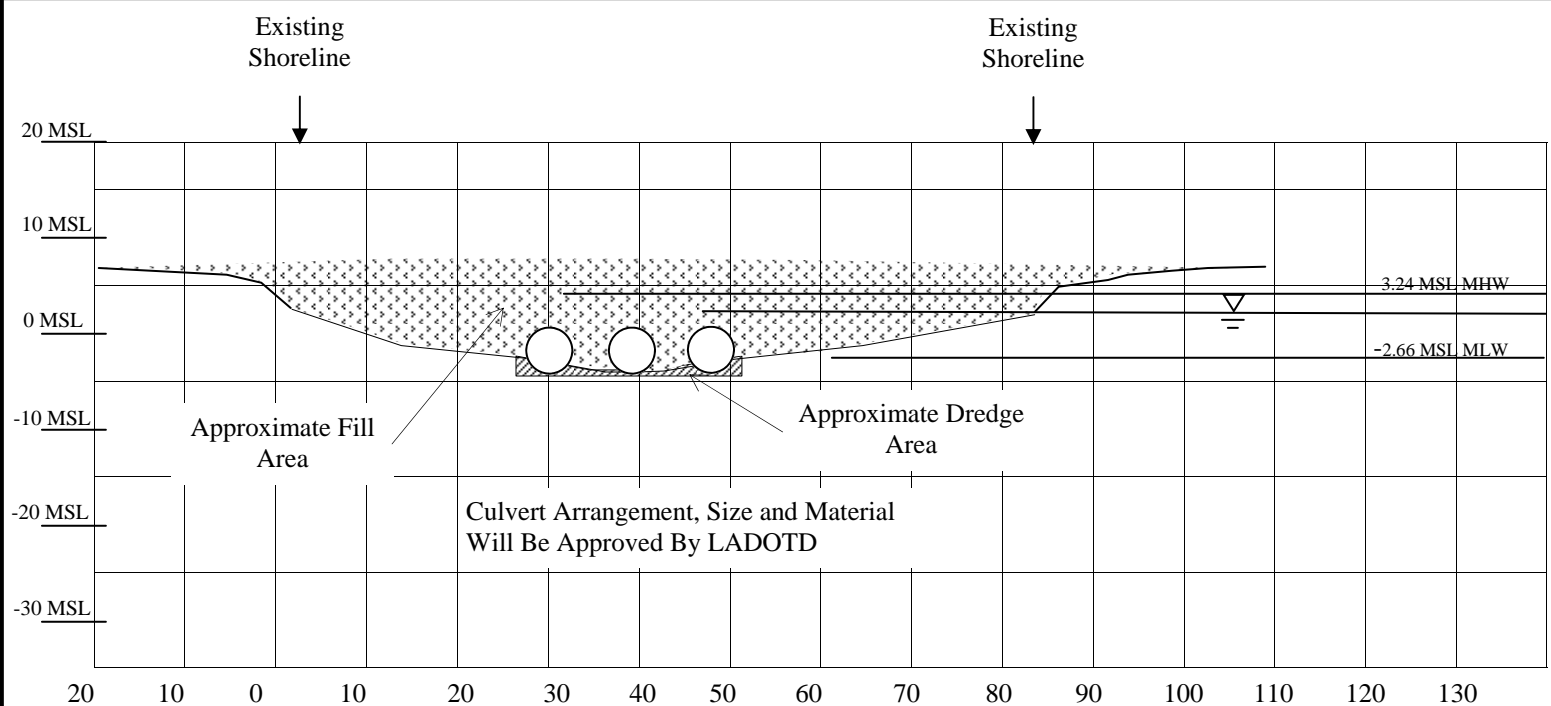
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Revised M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.  
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CROSS SECTION C1—C1'

Figure 7. Cross Section of Proposed Bulkhead Completion Project.  
 Revised 5/30/2016 M & C Oilfield Services, LLC.

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