

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC # 180308-03

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

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

## **INSTALLATION OF BARGE FLEETING AND SHIP ANCHORS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LDB RM 207.8 IN IBERVILLE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Chem Carriers Mile 207 Fleeting, LLC, c/o Providence, 1201 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In the Mississippi River, LDB, River Mile 207.8 Section 15, T9S-R1W, approximately 2.6 miles west of Sunshine, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.287601 N, Longitude -91.217838 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** A portion of the work described herein was previously permitted under an authorization issued to Chem Carriers Mile 207 Fleeting, LLC on January 7, 2009. The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to modify an existing barge fleeting to include the extension of the existing 3 barge and ship anchors to 450' from ordinary low water as well as the addition of three deadman anchors with chains and buoys placed above the ordinary low water line and a 40,000lb ship anchor and buoy to be placed approx. 450' channelward therefrom. Approximately 666.7 cubic yards of material will be excavated and redistributed on site and approx. 42 cubic yards of concrete will be placed to install the deadman anchors. Approximately 1.27 acres of forested batture will be directly impacted to extend an existing access road.

It is presumed that the applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property and, therefore function deeming the project impracticable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **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 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**. Similar 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 US 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 US 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 Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and 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.

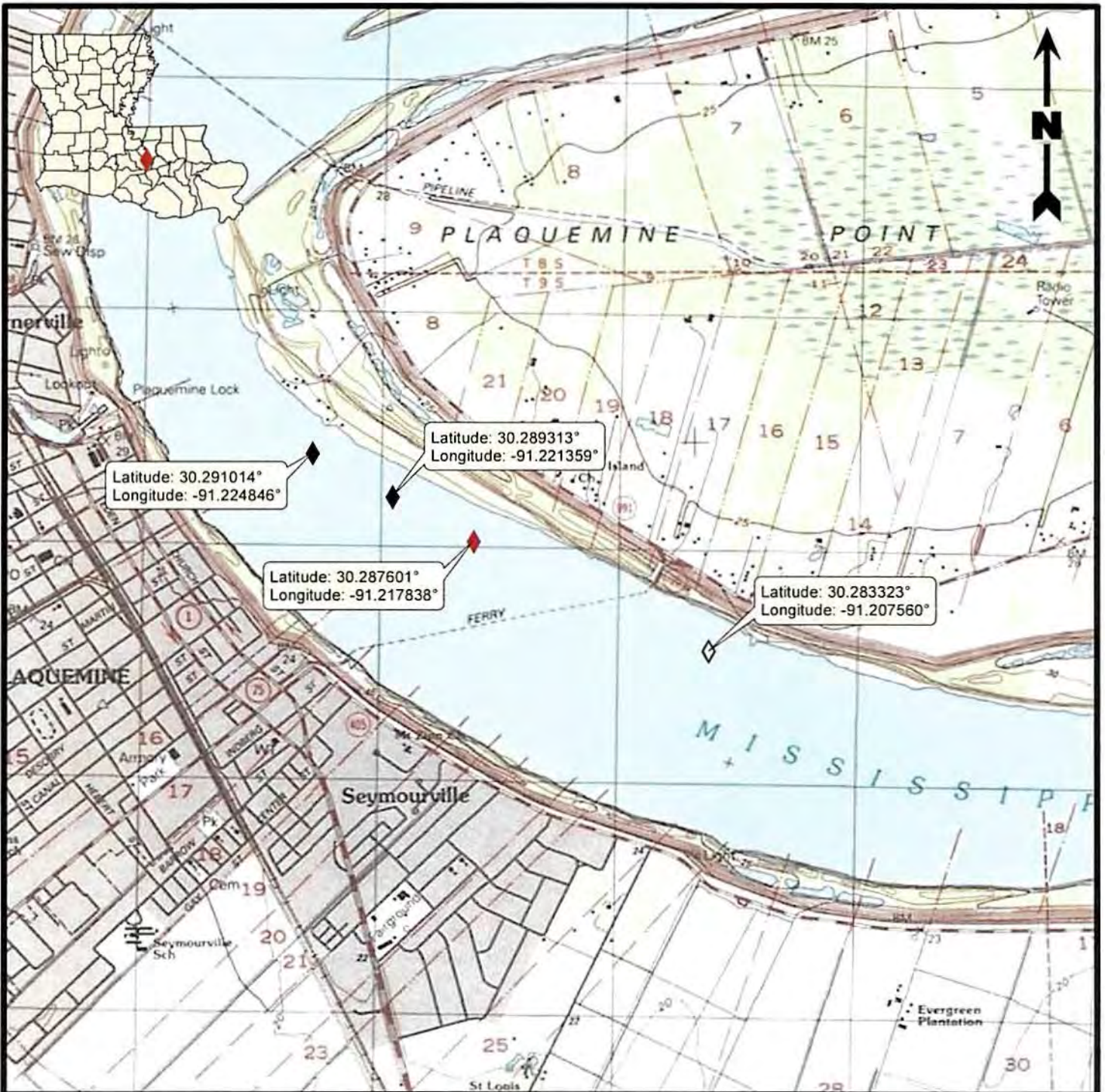
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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

Enclosures



**Legend**

- ◊ 40,000 lb Barge Anchor and Buoy (Permit No. MVN-2008-02681-CU)
- ◆ 40,000 lb Ship Anchors and Buoy (Permit No. MVN-2008-02681-CU)
- ◆ Proposed 40,000 lb Ship Anchor and Buoy

**Reference**

Base map comprised of United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic map, "Plaquemine, LA".

**Site Location Map**

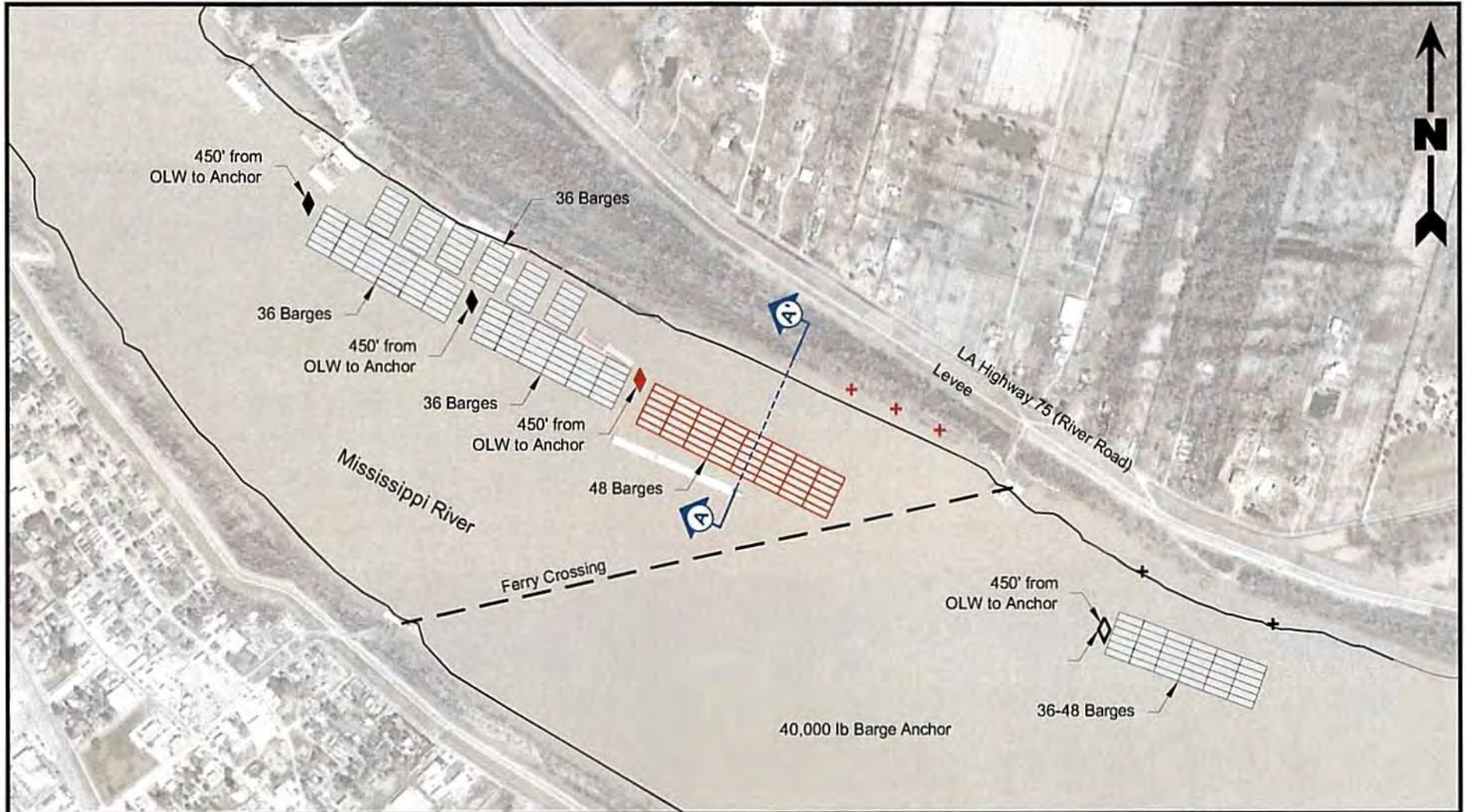
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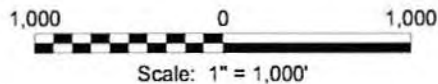
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**Legend**

- + Deadman Anchor and Chain (Permit No. MVN-208-02681-CU)
- + Deadman Anchor and Chain
- + Proposed Deadman Anchor and Chain
- ◇ 40,000 lb Barge Anchor and Buoy (Permit No. MVN-208-02681-CU)
- ◆ 40,000 lb Ship Anchor and Buoy (Permit No. MVN-208-02681-CU)
- ◆ Proposed 40,000 lb Ship Anchor and Buoy
- Barge Location (Permit No. MVN-208-02681-CU)
- ▭ Proposed Barge Location



**Reference**

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**Site Plan**

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**Legend**

 Proposed Road

**Notes**

1. Forested impacts from road clearing is (1.27 acres).
2. All cleared vegetation will be hauled off and disposed of in a non-jurisdictional area.

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**Site Plan of Road**

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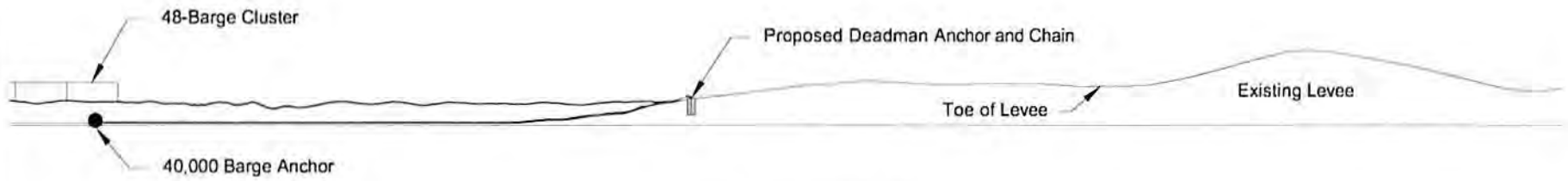
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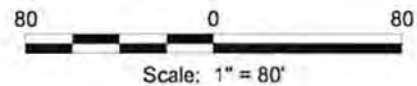


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**Cross Section A-A'**  
Scale: 1" = 80'



**Cross Section A-A'**

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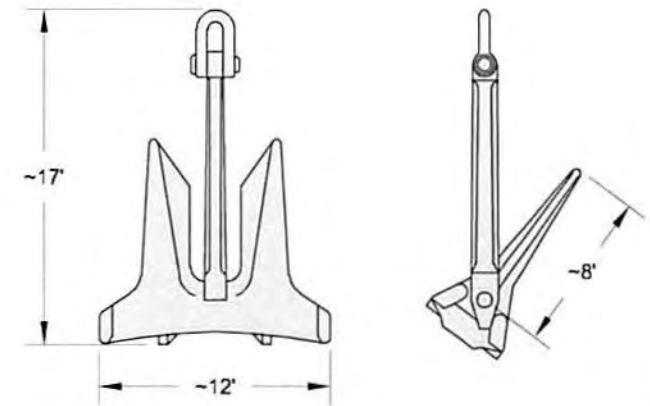
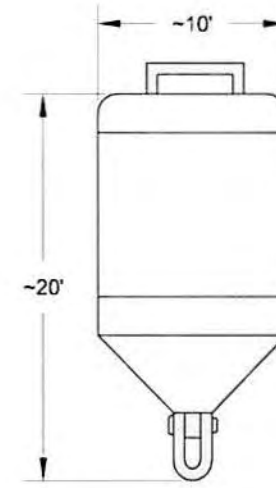
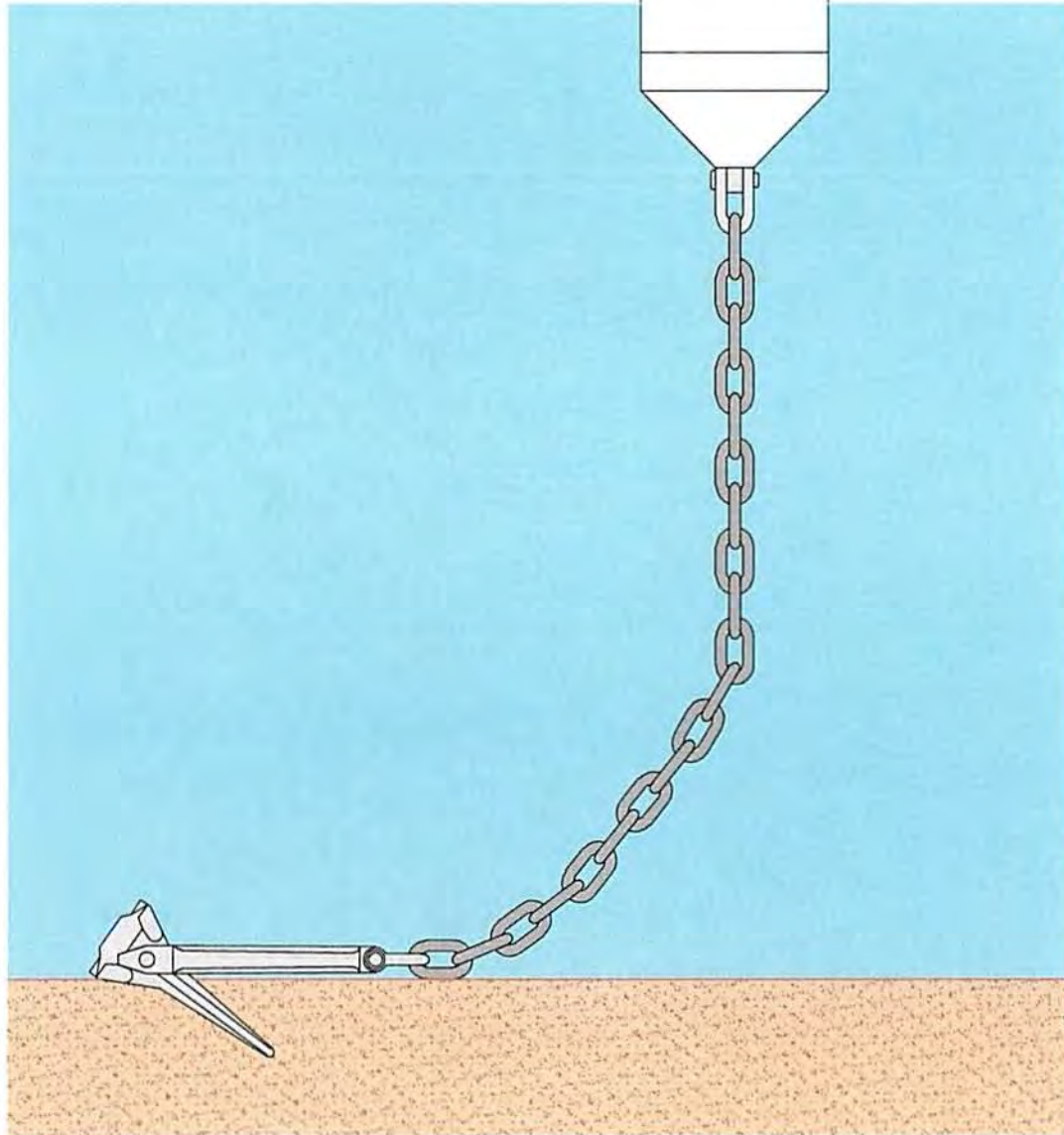
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**Typical 40,000 lbs  
Barge Anchor and Buoy**

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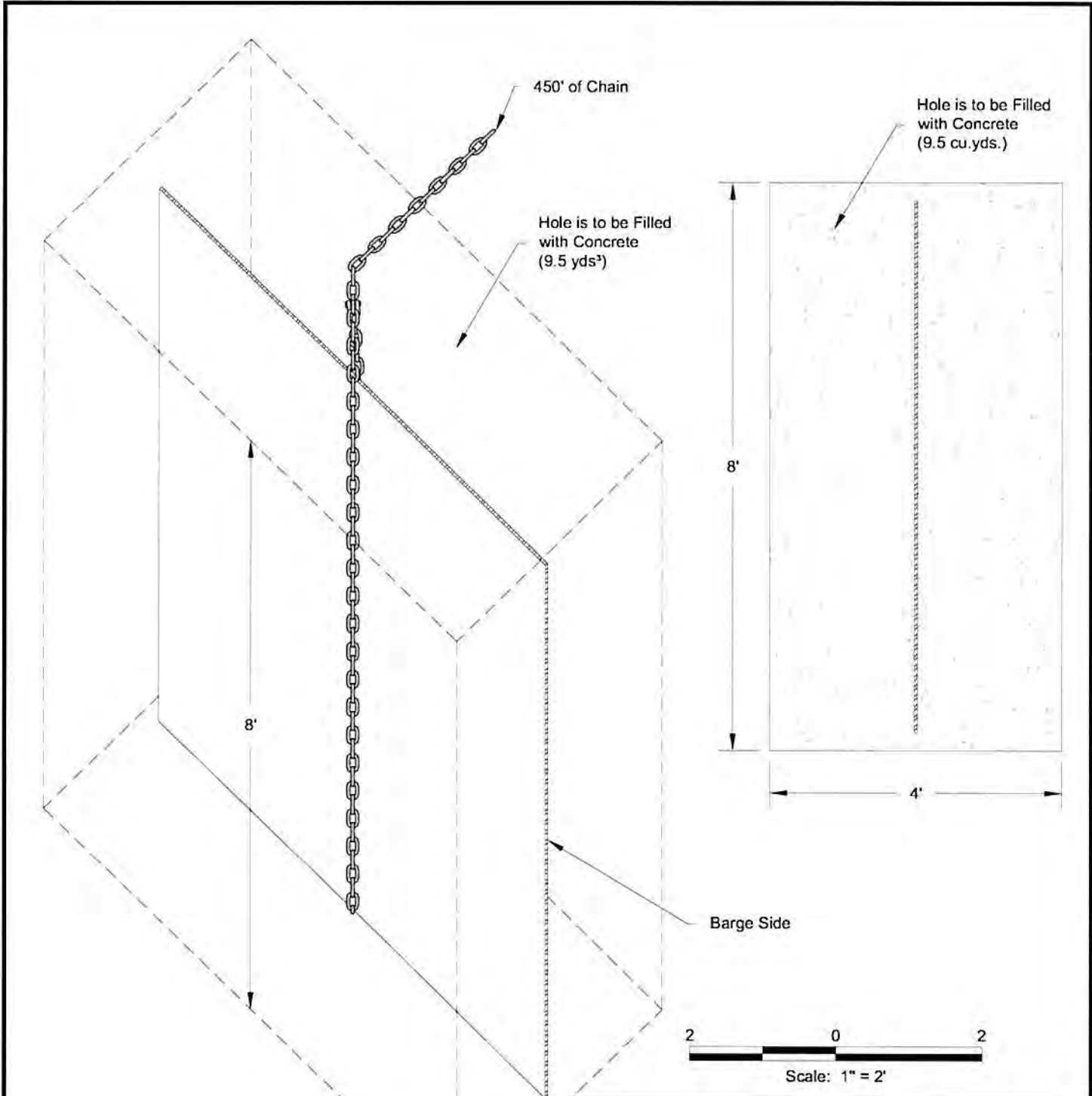
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Maximum excavation hole per deadman anchor is 20' W x 20' L x 15' D  
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**Note**

Proposed deadman anchors will consist of an 8' x 8' piece of barge side concreted below ground level with deadman chain wrapped around.

**Proposed Deadman Anchor**

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