

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

November 23, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Water Quality Certification Sec.
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Permit Application Number:
MVN-2009-02487-CA

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WQC Application Number:
WQC-151116-01

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: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or 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.

RING LEVEE REPAIR IN WEST FELICIANA PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY, 17544 Tunica Trace, Angola, Louisiana, 70712

LOCATION OF WORK: Located approximately 2,411 feet east of the Mississippi River, left descending bank, MP 301.4, in Sections 5 and 6, Township 1 South, Range 8 East, (30.956102, -91.648468), West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070100, Lower Mississippi-Baton Rouge Watershed.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to repair an existing ring levee, 247 feet long by 17 feet high, to protect livestock and grazing land during times of Mississippi River high waters. Approximately 9,331 cubic yards of fill material will be placed to secure the breach. The accumulated water will be pumped out and sediment will be removed. Materials to be used to repair the breach will be obtained from the temporary levee that was constructed, as well as materials from the pastures inside the ring levee area. There will be no deposition of fill material in jurisdictional wetlands, only de-watering, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

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, pre-historical, 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.

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 0.0 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, before a permit is issued.

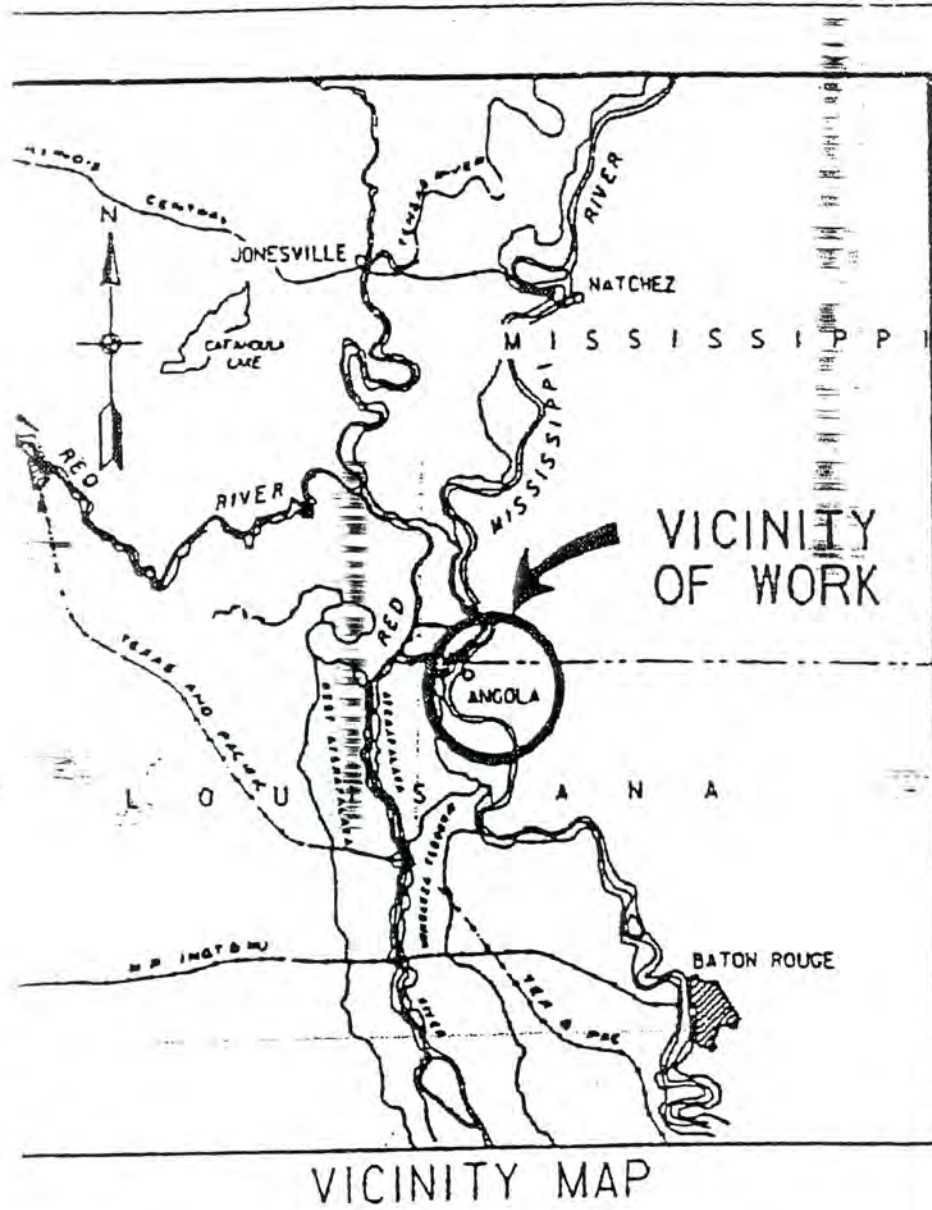
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

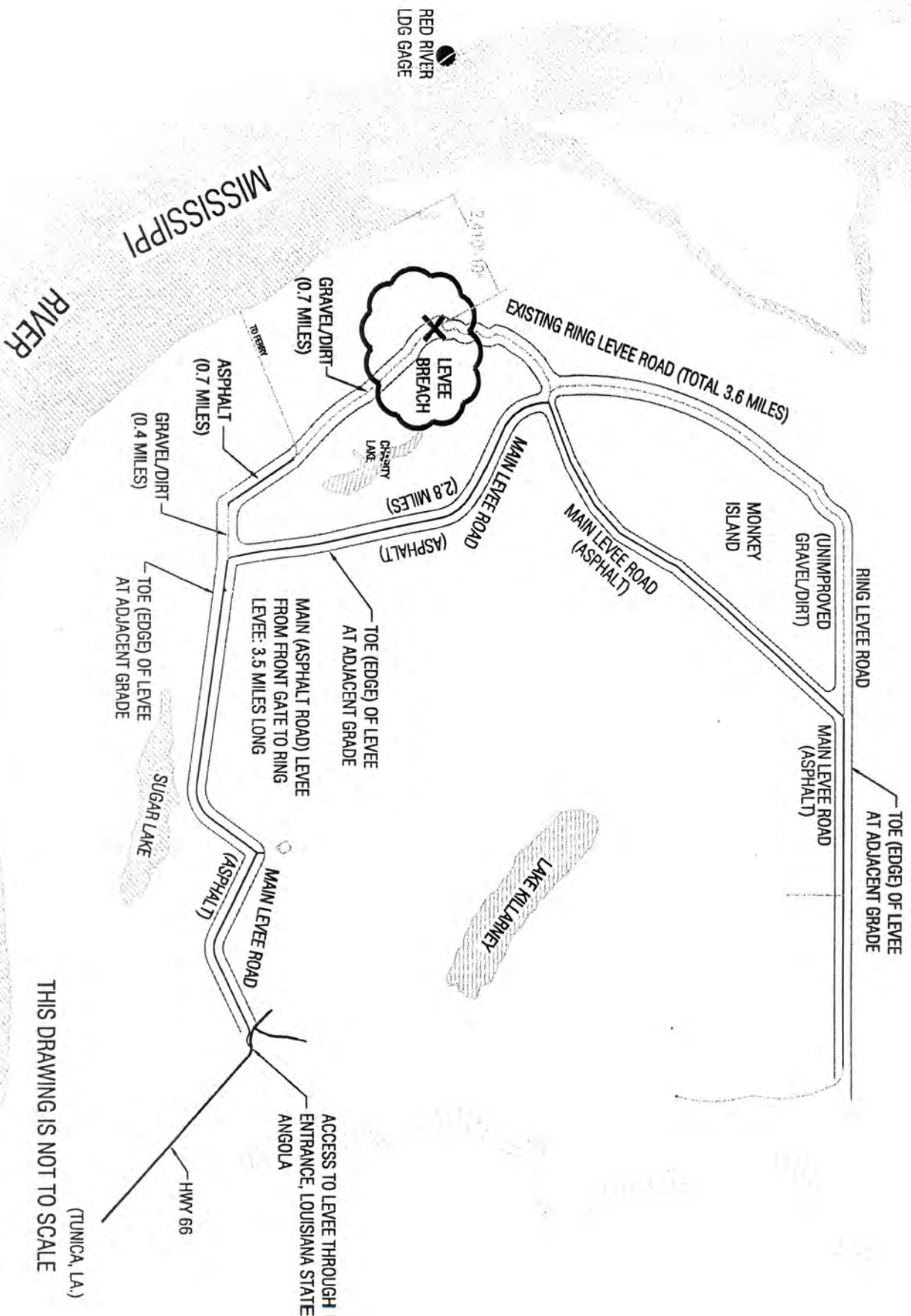
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Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

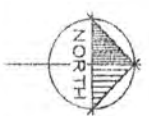
Mississippi River Repair Project
(Angola Ring Levee)



Project: La State Penitentiary - Ring Levee Repair
Mississippi River Levee Repair Project



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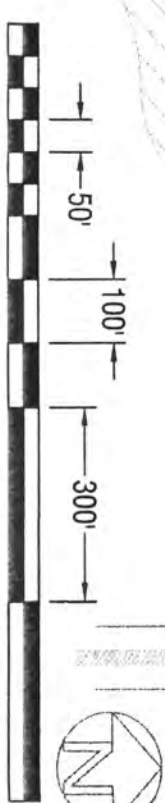
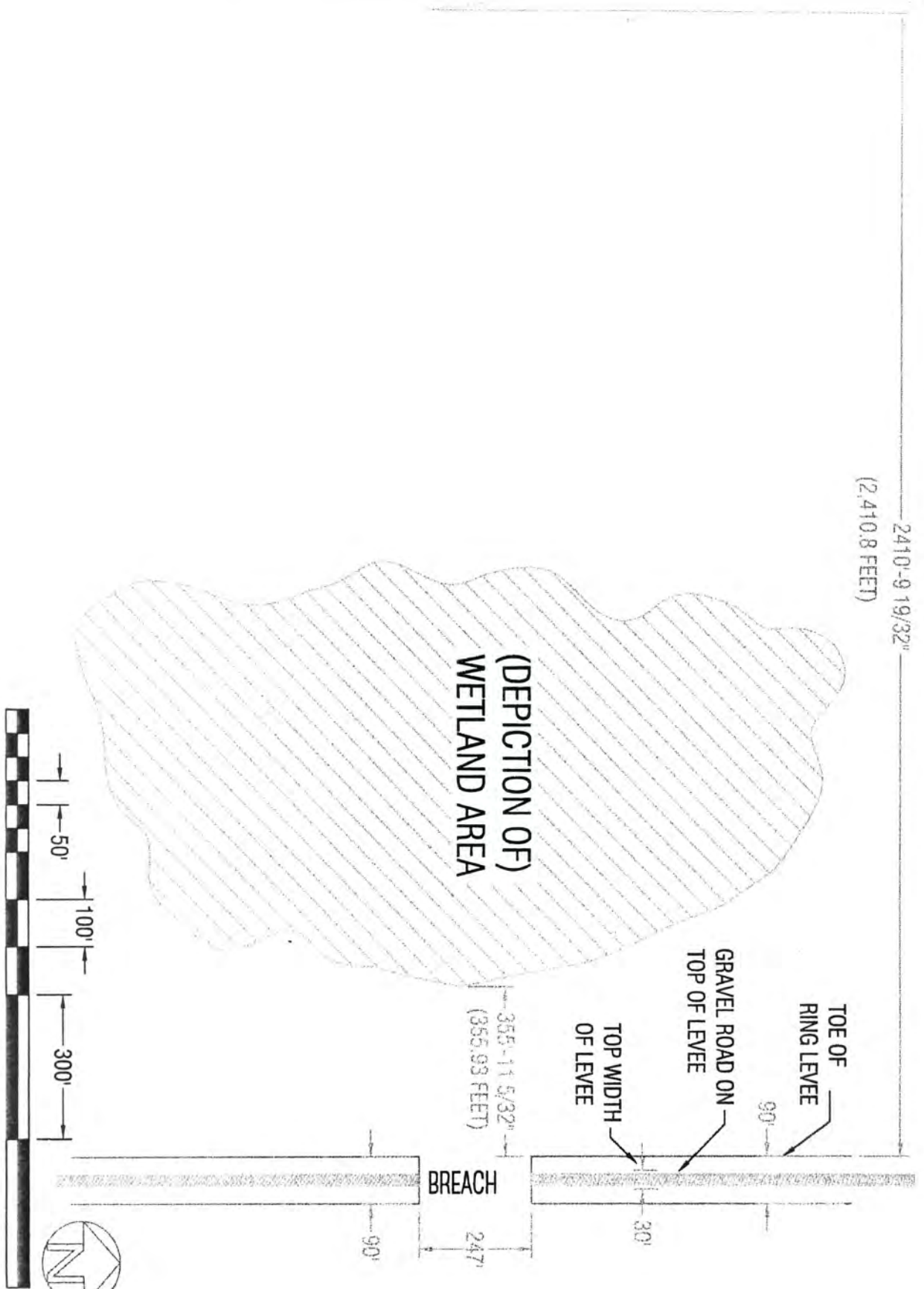


LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY
 SITE MAP
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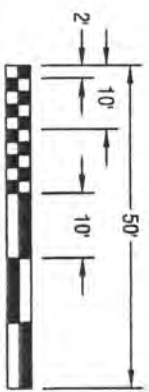
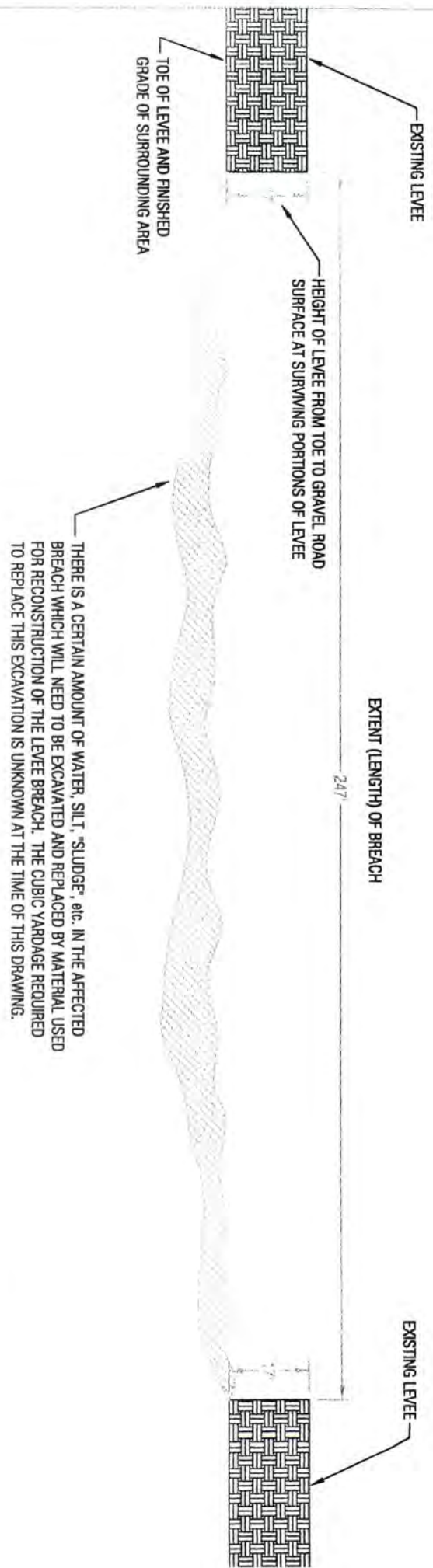
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 Ring Levee Breach, Detail Plot, Plan View

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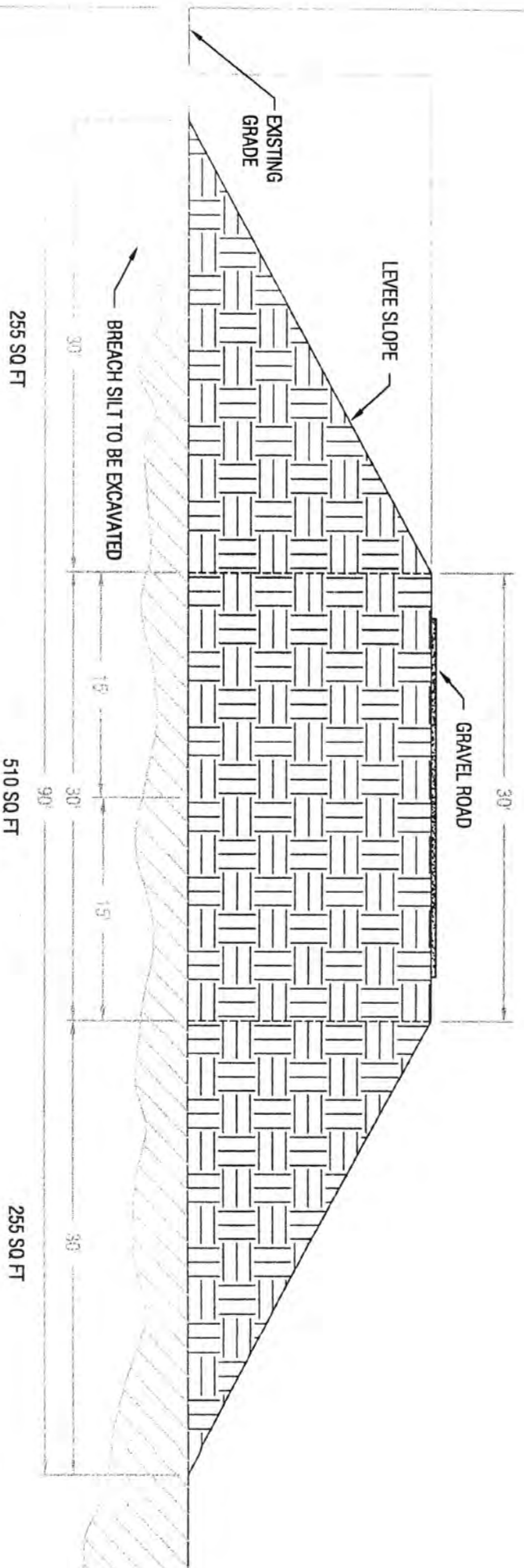
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JOB: LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY
 RING LEVEE BREACH, SIDE ELEVATION VIEW
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TOTAL CROSS-SECTION = 1,020 SQ FT

TOTAL CUBIC FOOTAGE (X 247 FT LONG) = 251,940 CUBIC FEET

CONVERSION TO CUBIC YARDAGE = 9,331.111 CU YD

(THIS CALCULATION DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY DISCOVERED NECESSITY TO EXCAVATE AND REFILL THE DESTROYED TOE AND GRADE AREA.)

