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SUBJECT: MVN 2012-1515-EPP

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); and/or () Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

**TIME EXTENSION/MODIFICATION BARGE FLEETING WITHIN THE
MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN JEFFERSON PARISH**

NAME OF APPLICANT: Avondale Marine, LLC, 5100 River Road, Avondale, Louisiana 70094.

LOCATION OF WORK: Project site is located on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, between 106.5 and 108 miles above Head of Passes, at 5100 River Road, in Avondale, Louisiana, in Jefferson Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 29.934433 Longitude: -90.173806, Hydrologic Unit Code 08090100 – Lower Mississippi-New Orleans.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Moor, stage, and group barges of various sizes along each of the existing facility's docks and mooring areas, to extend into the Mississippi River up to 303'. The applicant maintains that no jurisdictional wetlands would be directly affected by this action, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period will close **30 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons therefore, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request. Letters must reference the applicant's name and the subject number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, 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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and it has been determined that the proposed activity will have no effect on the species; 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.

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 would result in the destruction or alteration of up to N/A 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, Water Quality Certifications Section before a permit is issued.

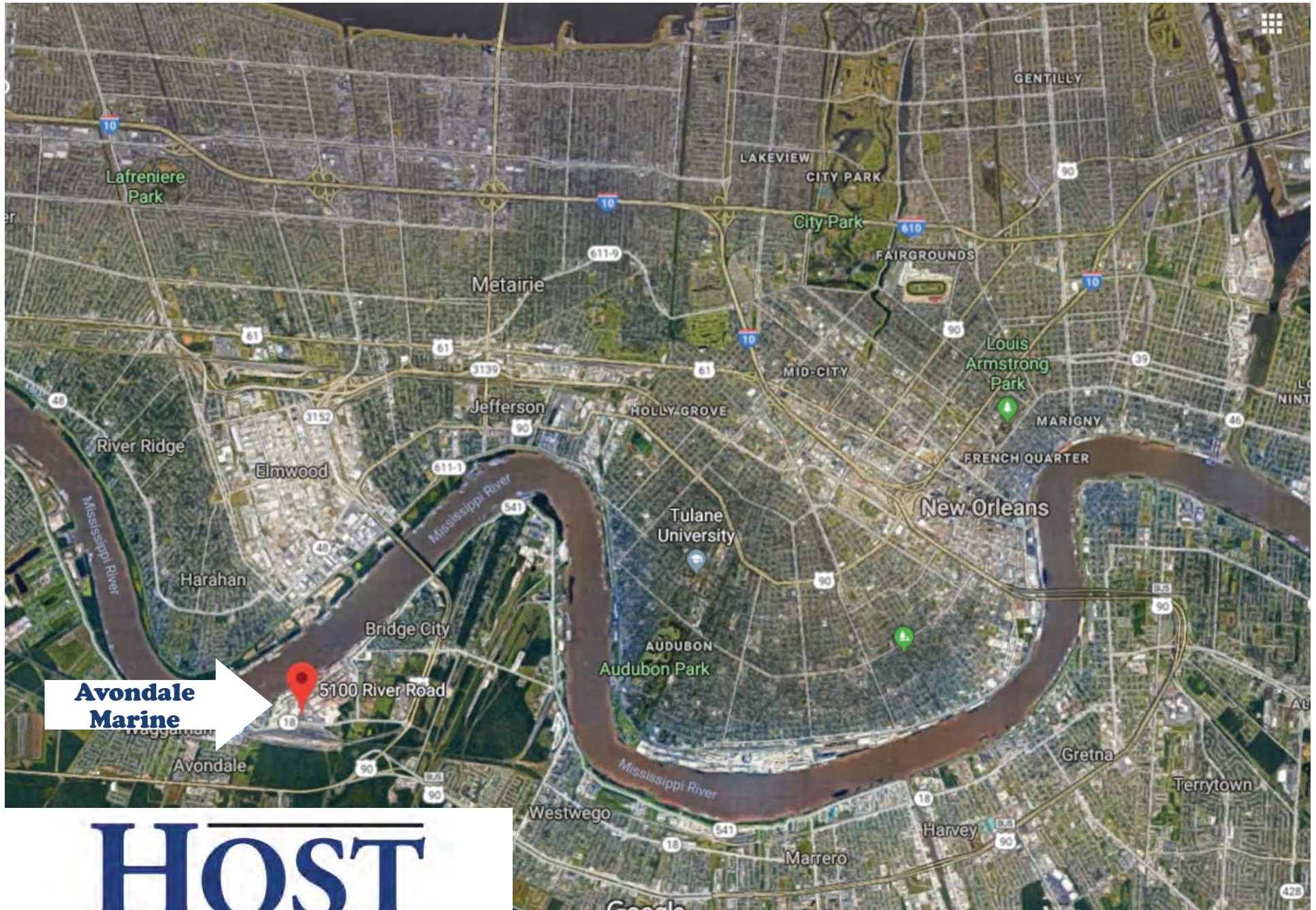
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

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.

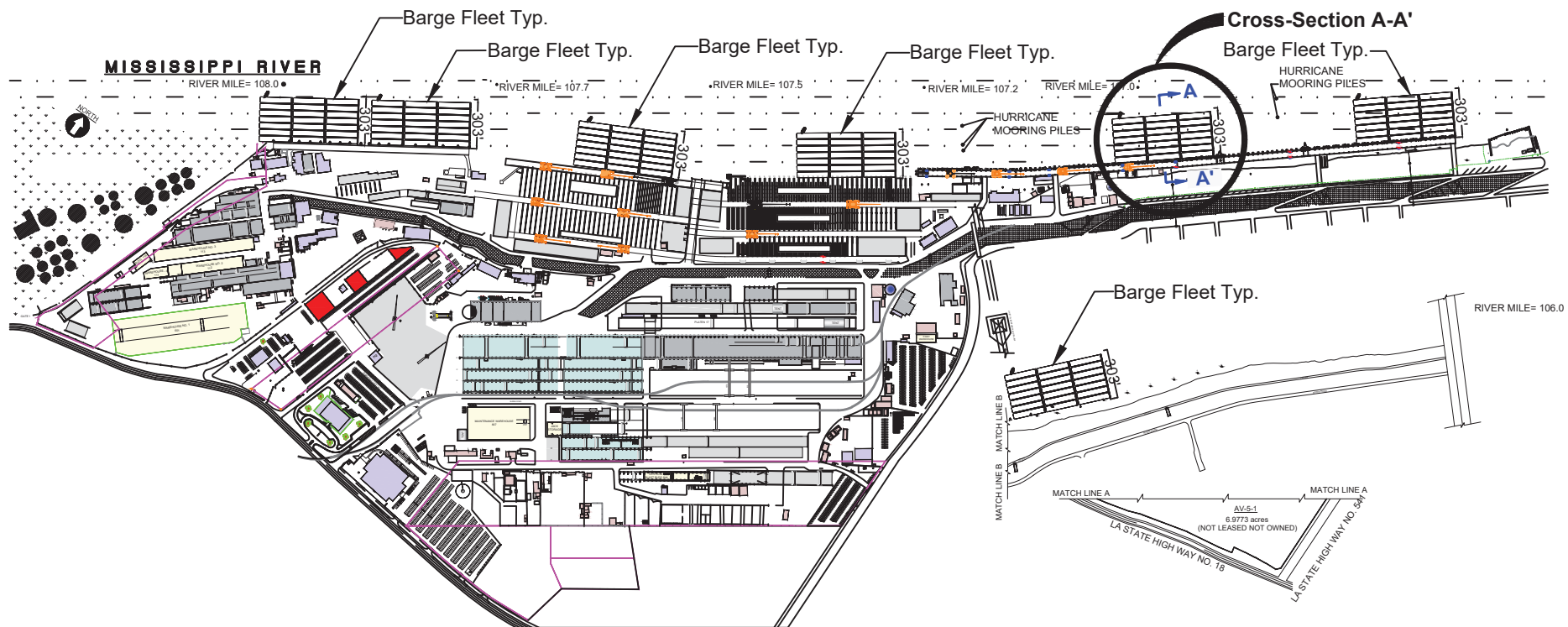
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Enclosure



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Permit Drawing

Overall View

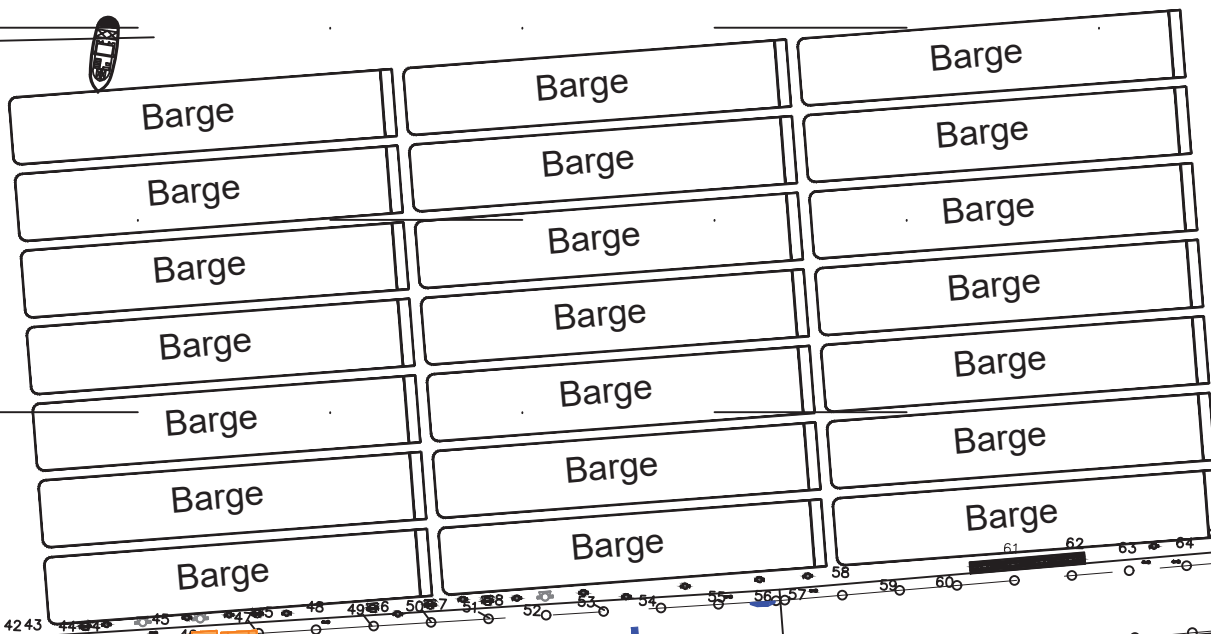
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SCALE IN FEET

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Plan View

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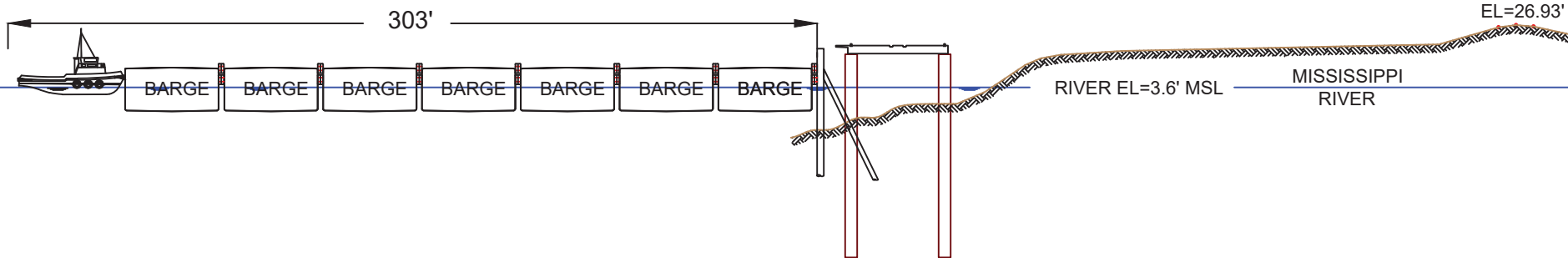
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NORTH



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SECTION A-A'

SCALE: 1"=60'



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Permit Drawing

Cross-Section A-A'

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P-003

SCALE
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Notes applicable to all permit drawings

1. All plats/drawings shall be valid for the duration of the approved permit. No construction, excavating, dredging or filling required with this permit application. Facility is currently ready to support barging activities.
2. All barge fleeting activities will be accomplished with exiting permanent structures. Therefore, no abandonment of equipment or other structures required.
3. All dock structures are marked / lighted in accordance with U. S. Coast Guard regulations and will be maintained throughout the life of the permit.
4. Louisiana One Call System (1-800-272-3020) not applicable for this permit. No excavation (digging, dredging, jetting, etc.) or demolition activities required for this permit.

 5100 River Road Avondale, LA 70094		Permit Drawing		
		Permit Plat Notes		
		Typical All Docks		
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