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Central Evaluation Branch

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Application Number: MVN-2013-02140-CM

PUBLIC NOTICE

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), [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344), and/or [] Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408).

PROPOSED BARGE FLEETING ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Pelican Marine Services, LLC, c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc, Attn: John Maurin, 4101 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115.

LOCATION OF WORK: On the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at mile point 225, approximately 7.1 miles southwest of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish (30.380694, -91.221777), within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to install 20 monopile dolphins which will include revetment penetration and repair, a limestone levee ramp, and a parking area for a new barge fleet operation consisting of ten tiers that include 4 barges each. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of rip-rap will be placed for revetment repair thus temporarily impacting approximately 0.1 acre of jurisdictional water bottoms. A permit was issued at this site on March 5, 2015, with the same Corps permit number for a barge cleaning facility to Tubal Cain Marine. That facility was not constructed, and the permit was transferred to 306 Fleet LLC and modified to be a barge fleeting operation with a ramp and parking area. The 306 Fleet, LLC permit was subsequently transferred to Pelican Marine Services, LLC on December 8, 2022. The current request is for a time extension to perform work permitted under the last

authorization for 306 Fleet, LLC. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have no impact on adjacent wetlands.

MITIGATION: 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. No additional wetlands or special aquatic site would be impacted by this project other than those that have already been permitted.

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 submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number and preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Neil Gauthier**. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>.

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. Further, all factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The New Orleans District utilizes the National Register of Historic Places to identify properties listed on or near the proposed work and is presently unaware of non-listed eligible properties near the project site.

The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. However, extent of impacts is undetermined at this time pending a National Historic Preservation Act compliance determination. As deemed necessary, copies of this notice are made available to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally recognized Native American tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana protocol, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*); however, the proposed work has been determined not likely to adversely affect this species as there will be no dredging activities associated with the work and no water intake structures.

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 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.

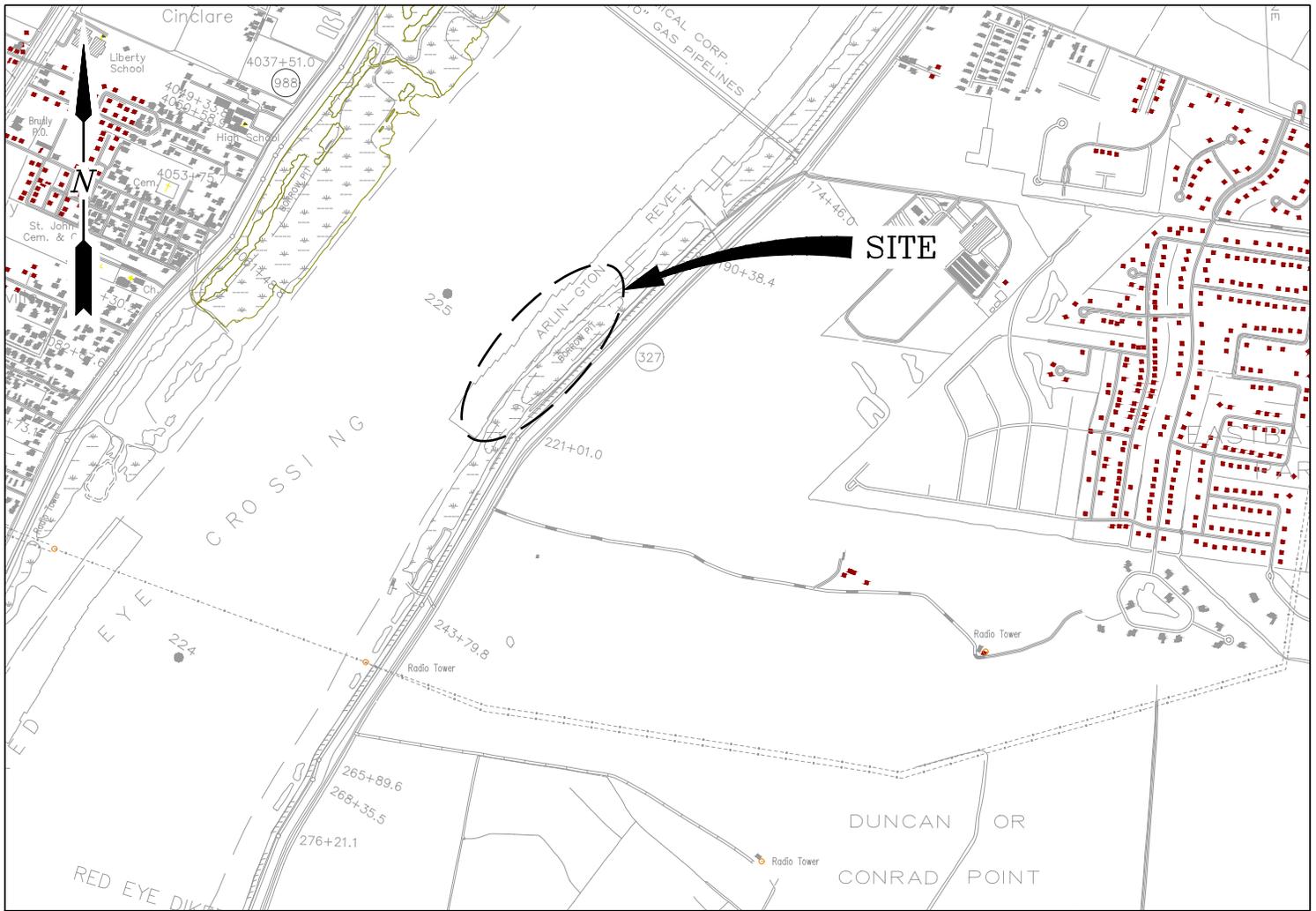
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or 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 invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

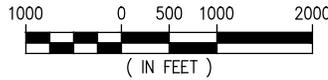
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Enclosures



VICINITY MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
 LATITUDE: 30° 22' 41.8" N
 LONGITUDE: 91° 13' 29.3" W



AREA MAP

GENERAL NOTES

1. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS AND/OR PLANS SHALL HAVE WRITTEN ON THEM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF SAID ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, P.O. BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.
2. ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELL AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS OR IN OILFIELD CANALS OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED.
3. STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.
4. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITTEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.
5. ALL ELEVATIONS REFER TO NAVD 88 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

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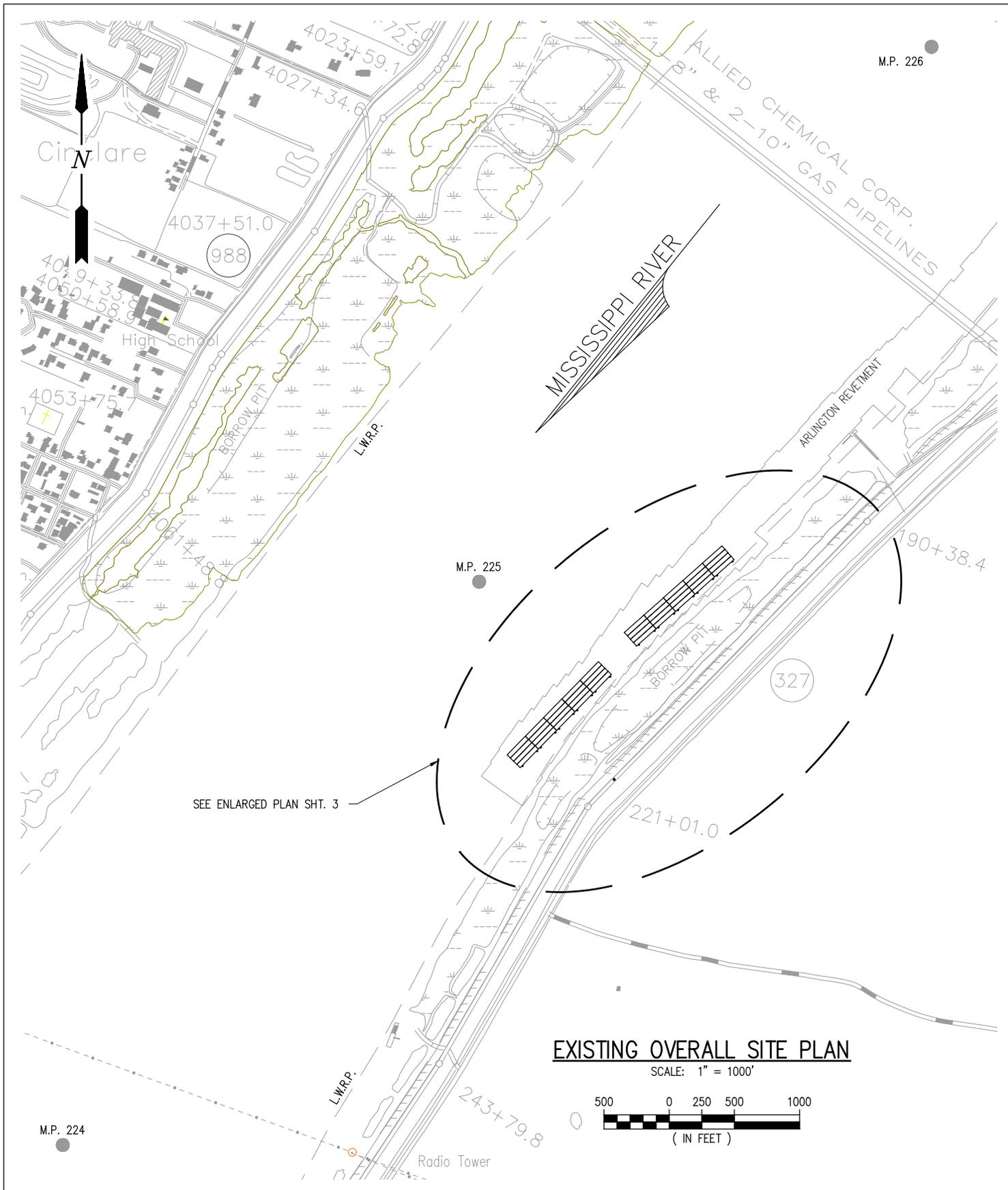


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**PROPOSED NEW MONOPILE BARGE FLEET
 VICINITY MAP**

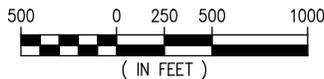
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EXISTING OVERALL SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 1000'



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MISSISSIPPI RIVER

ARLINGTON REVEMENT

CORPUS MON.
STA. 190+38.4

PROPOSED NEW
BARGE DOLPHIN
(TYP. 20 PLCS.)

PROPOSED NEW BARGE FLEETING
200' x 35' BARGES
5 LONG x 4 WIDE

PROPOSED NEW
PARKING AREA 1'
LIMESTONE FILL

STA. 212+70.1±
PROPOSED NEW LEVEE
CROSSING, SEE SHT. 6

STA. 218+10.7±

CORPUS MON.
STA. 221+01.0

USACE SURVEY
BASELINE

LA HWY 527

☉ LEVEE

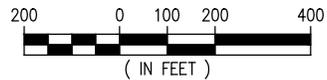
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NOTES:

1. ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME FROM THE TUBAL CAIN PERMIT (MVN-2013-2140-CM)
2. DURING A LOW RIVER STAGE (+14' OR LESS AT THE BATON ROUGE GAGE) THE FLEET TIERS WILL HAVE NO MORE THAN 3 BARGES EACH.
3. ALL WORK TO BE PREFORMED FROM A BARGE MOUNTED CRANE.

ENLARGED PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 400'



NOTES:

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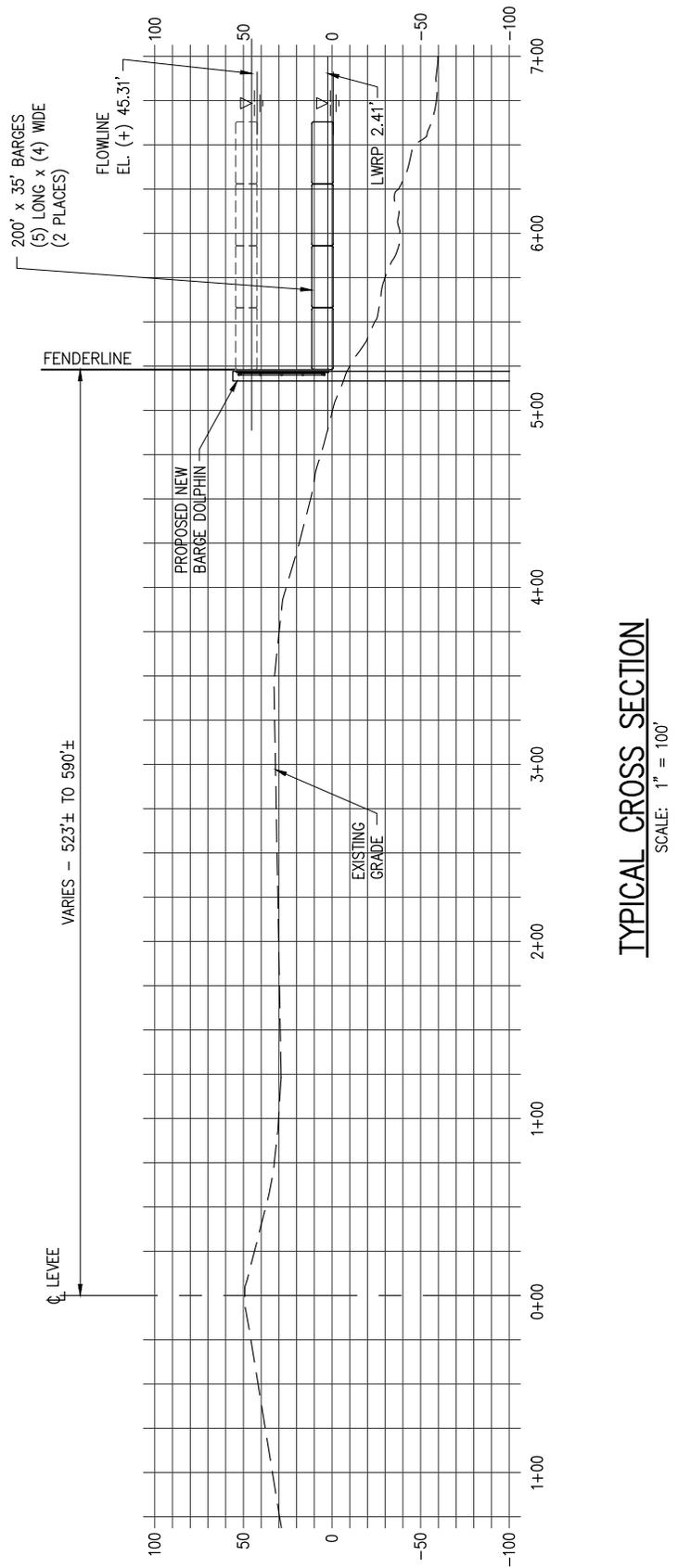
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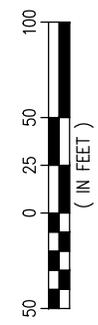
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

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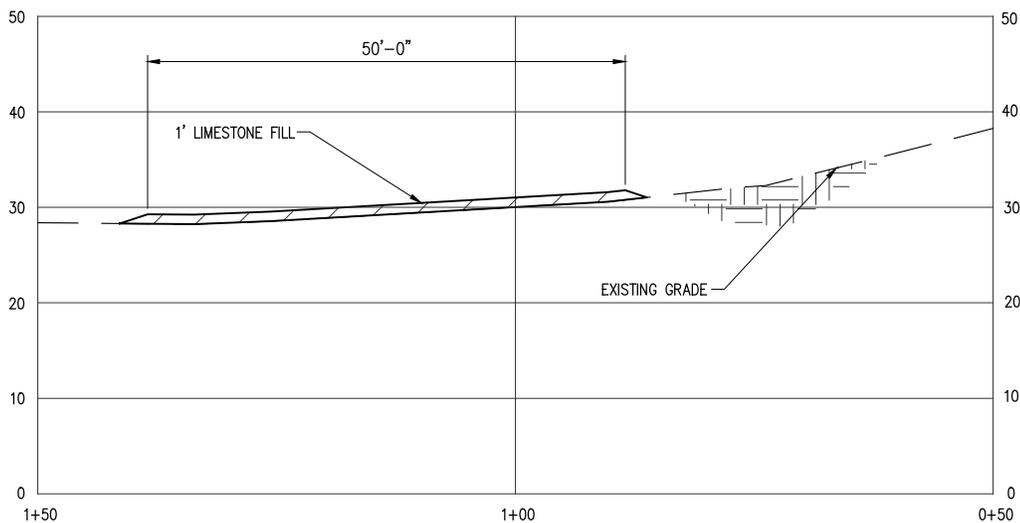


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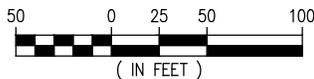
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION – PARKING AREA

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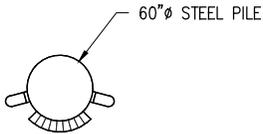
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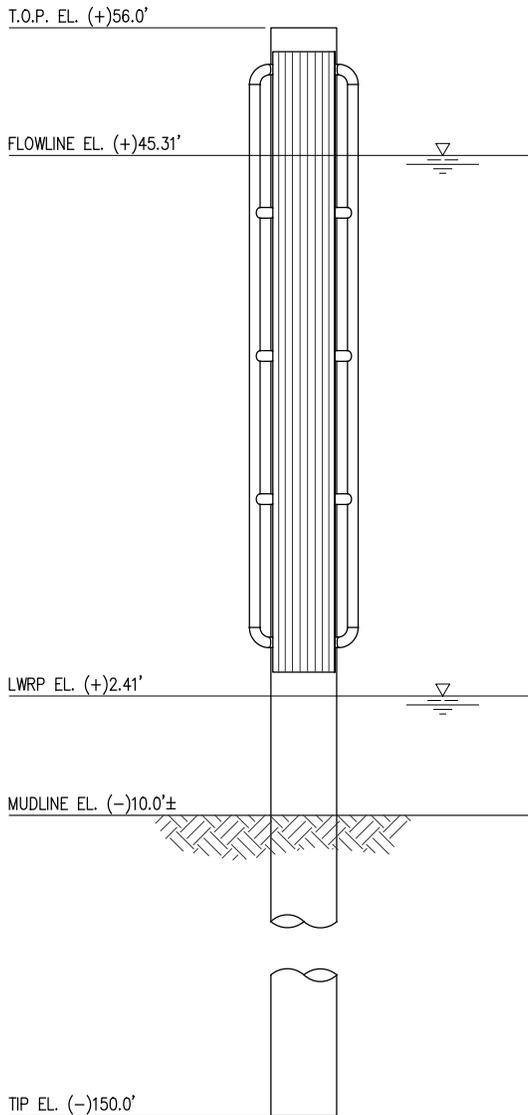
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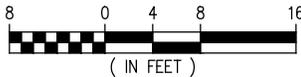
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FRONT ELEVATION

PROPOSED NEW BARGE MONOPILE

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



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