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Central Evaluation Section

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SUBJECT: MVN 2016-00707 CA

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).

DRILL THREE WELLS IN THE GULF SAFETY FAIRWAY IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

NAME OF APPLICANT: WALTER OIL & GAS CORPORATION, 1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77002

LOCATION OF WORK: Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf Safety Fairway, Ewing Bank Block 955, approximately 71 nautical miles south of Fourchon, Louisiana, near Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to anchor three (3) drilling rigs for oil and gas exploration. Twenty-four anchors will be installed in the Ewing Bank 955 at a depth between 805-ft and 859-ft. Seven anchors will be installed in the Gulf Safety Fairway. No special aquatic sites will be affected by this project and no mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close 15 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 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. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing 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.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security.

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 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 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.

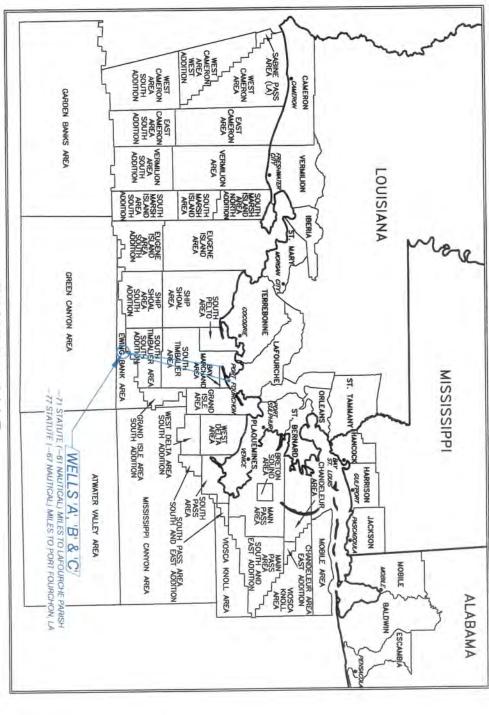
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

JOHN M. HERMAN Chief, Central Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

BOEM O.C.S. LEASING AREAS



VICINITY MAP

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THE DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON ARE FROM THE PROPOSED WELL TO THE NEAREST COASTLINE POINT AS OBTAINED FROM NOAA, ENTITLED NOAA MEDIUM RESOLUTION SHORELINE. http://shoreline.noaa.gov/data/datasheets/medres.html.

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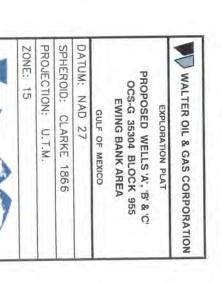
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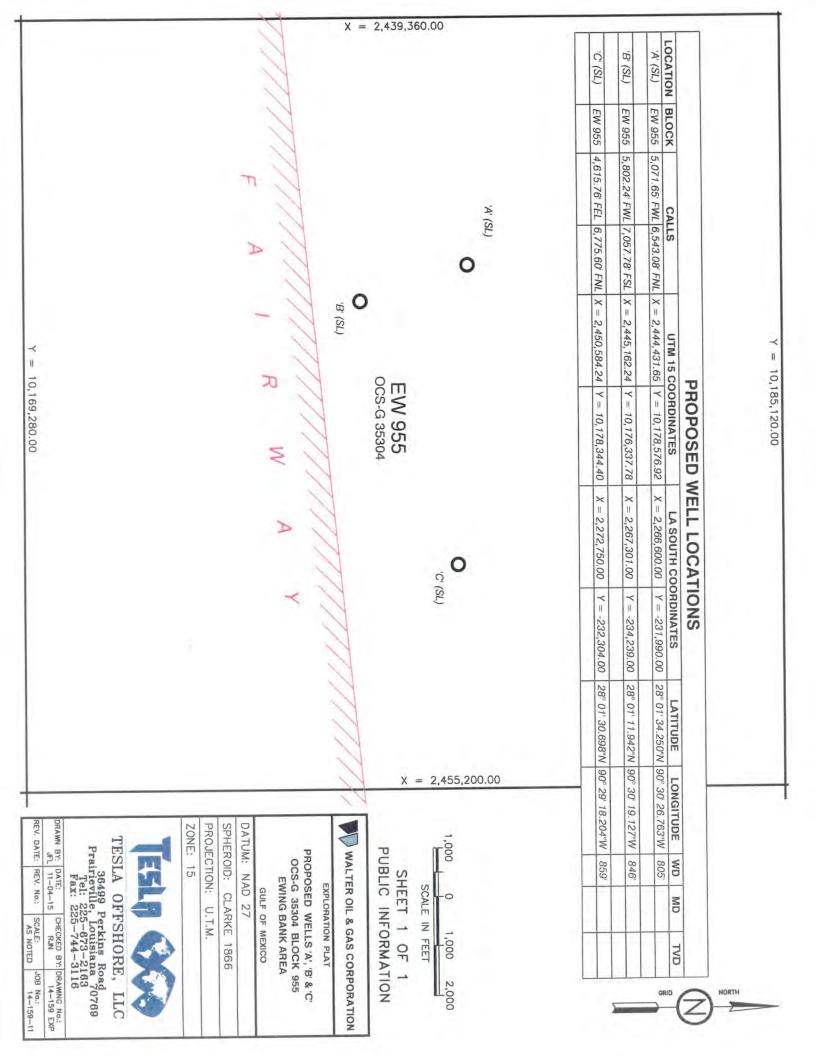
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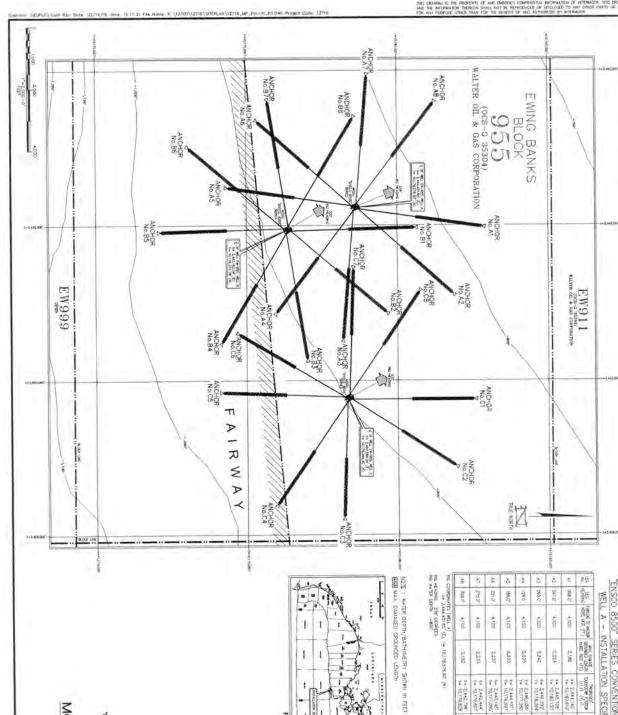
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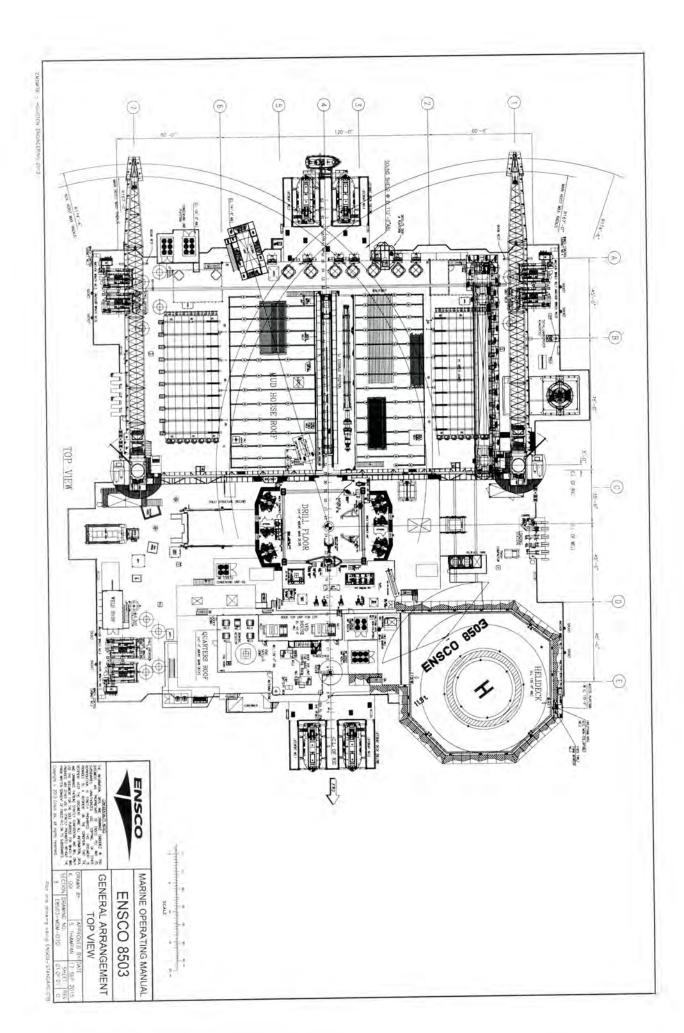
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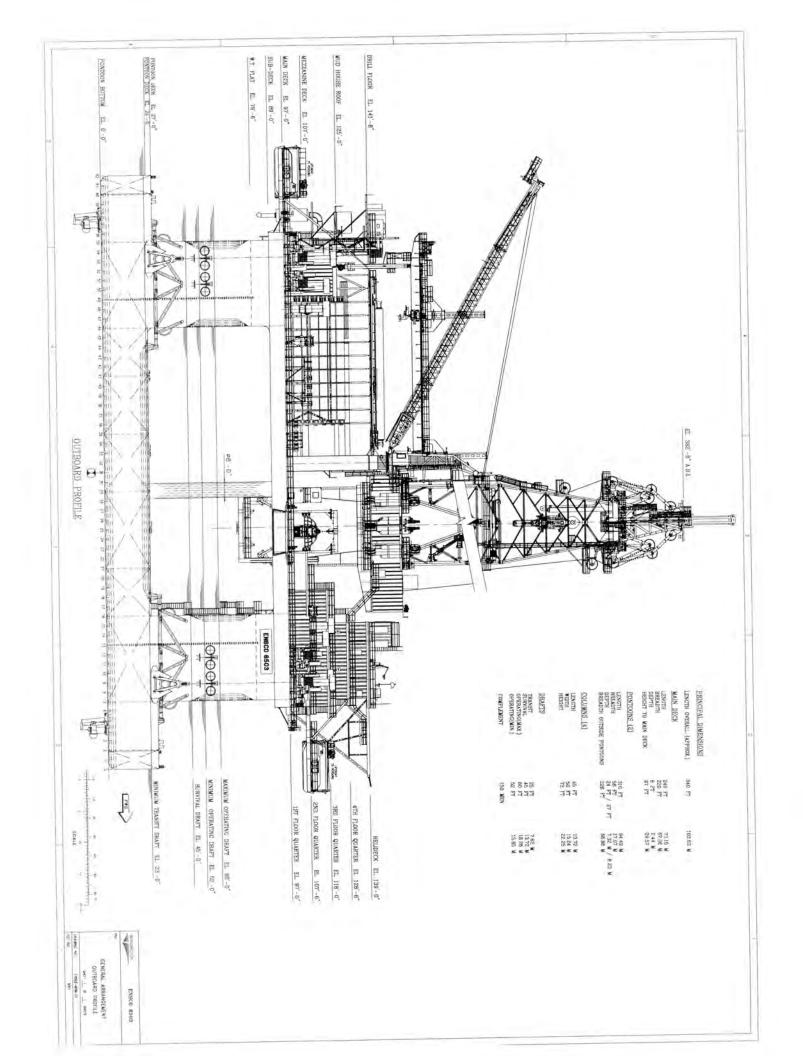
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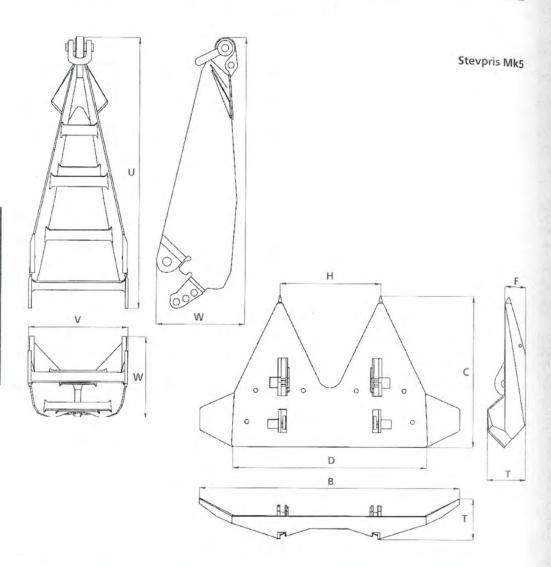
MOORING PLAN AND BATHYMETRY (PROPOSED - SITE OVERVIEW) OVERVIEW OF

"ENSCO 8500" SERIES MOORING INSTALLATION AT BLK. EW-955





Dimensions of vryhof anchor types



weight													
anchor	1500	3000	5000	8000	10000	12000	15000	18000	20000	22000	25000	30000	65000
fluke	600	1300	2100	3400	4300	5200	6400	7700	8600	9400	10700	12900	27900
shank	900	1700	2900	4600	5700	6800	8600	10300	11400	12600	14300 1	7100	37100
В	3184	3999	4750	5550	5980	6348	6848	7278	7547	7799	8123	8650	11193
C	1812	2283	2707	3166	3411	3625	3904	4149	4297	4436	4629	4919	6365
D	2367	2969	3529	4122	4442	4714	5087	5407	5609	5799	6035	6431	8322
Н	1232	1538	1831	2140	2301	2443	2642	2808	2920	3016	3135	3345	4328
T	494	623	739	864	930	989	1065	1132	1172	1210	1263	1342	1737
U	3294	4141	4913	5747	6190	6578	7090	7533	7806	8060	8406	8936	11563
V	1221	1526	1817	2120	2285	2422	2618	2783	2891	2994	3108	3321	4297
W	984	1240	1470	1719	1852	1968	2120	2253	2334	2409	2514	2671	3456

vryhof anchors

Note: The dimensions of the Stevpris Mk5 anchor may be changed for specific applications