

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

February 19, 2017

United States Army  
Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
Attn: Regulatory Branch  
7400 Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

State of Louisiana  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Water Quality Certification Sec.  
Post Office Box 4313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

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Permit Application Number:  
MVN-2017-00944-WII

Project Manager:  
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WQC Application Number:  
WQC 180116-01

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

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

## CONSTRUCT A NEW WELLSITE IN LAFOURCHE PARISH

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Rovig Minerals, Inc., c/o C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Attn: Mr. Chris Guidry, 135 Regency Square, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In Lafourche Parish, North 29.762222, West -90.619444, located approximately 2.6 miles northwest of Raceland, Louisiana, as shown on the attached vicinity map. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08090301, Barataria Basin)

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Clear, grade, fill and/or excavate and construct a 390 foot by 310 foot drill pad and wing, to drill the Lake Boeuf Prospect for oil and gas exploration. Approximately 20,876 cubic yards of hauled in earthen material will be used to construct the drill pad. Approximately 2.98 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands would be impacted by project implementation. The applicant proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation acres at CEMVN approved mitigation banks in the area.

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.

Based on the South Louisiana **Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES)**, as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the proposed project was evaluated under the determination key on 11 January 2018 and it has been determined that the 2.98 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands to be impacted will 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 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.

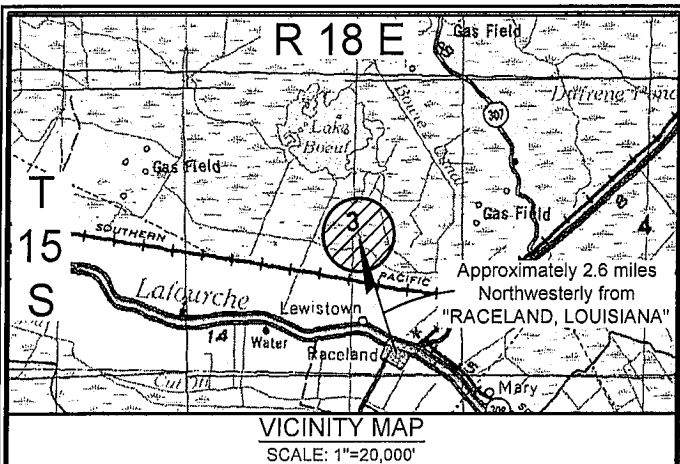
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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



VICINITY MAP  
SCALE: 1"=20,000'



**PROPOSED DRILLSITE & STRUCTURES:**  
 Rovig Minerals, Inc.-  
 Lake Boeuf Prospect  
 (NAD 27)  
 X = 2,226,511  
 Y = 399,003  
 (NAD 83)  
 Lat. 29° 45' 44"  
 Long. 90° 37' 10"

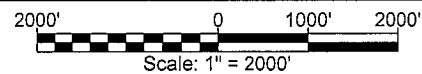
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
 08/07/2017  
**ROBERT L. LASTRAPES**  
 REG. No. 4717  
 REGISTERED  
 PROFESSIONAL  
 LAND SURVEYOR

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 Section 116, T15S-R18E  
 Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

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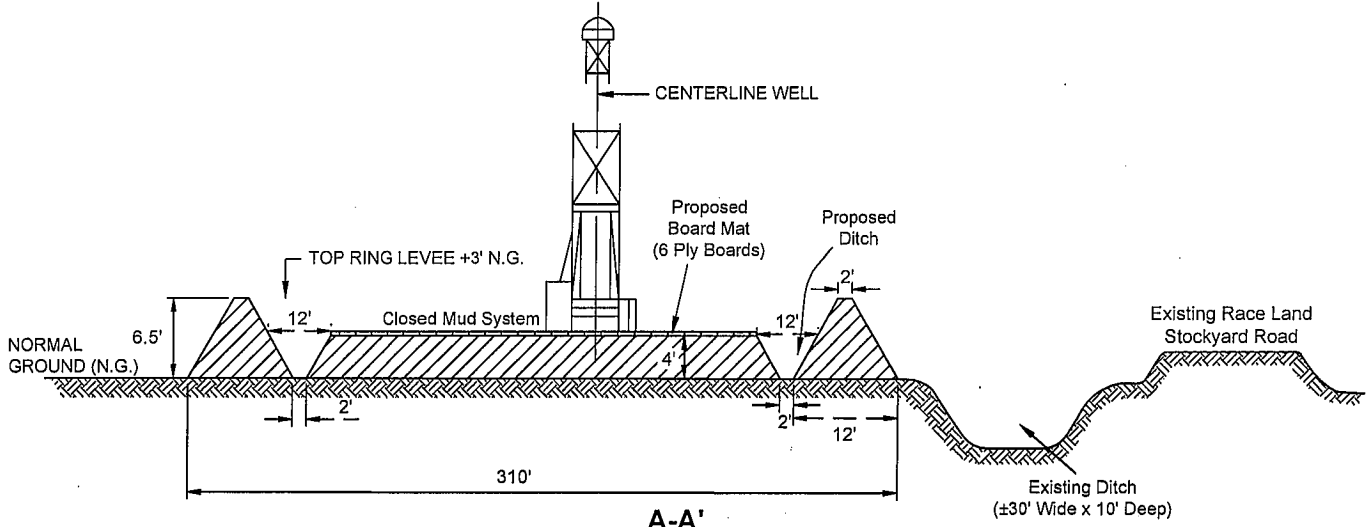
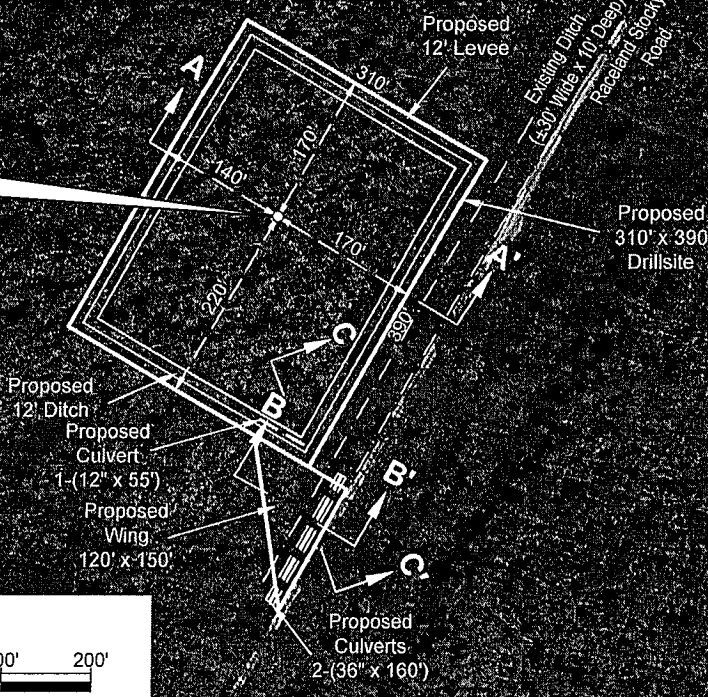
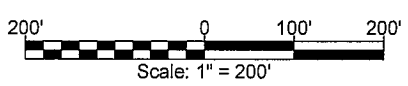
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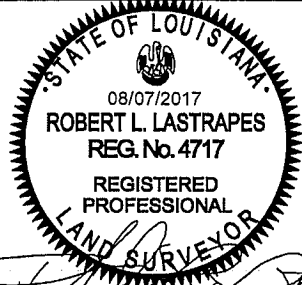
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PLAN VIEW



**A-A'**  
**TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION OF DRILLSITE**

No Scale



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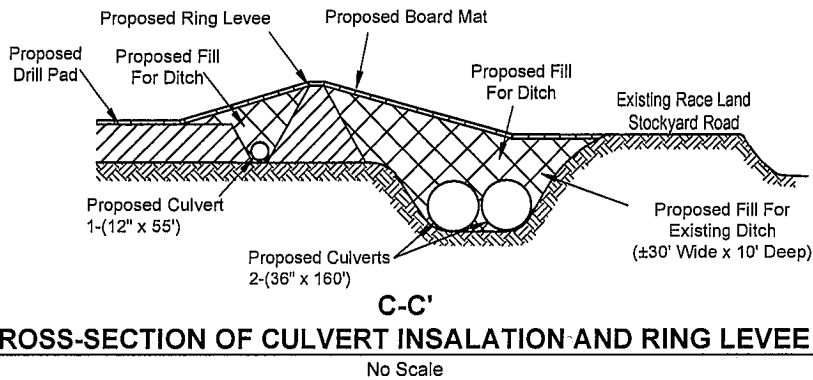
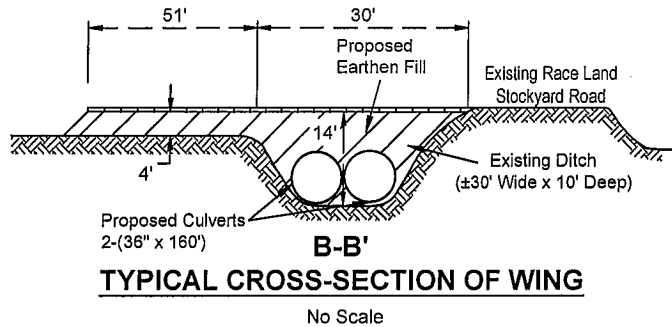


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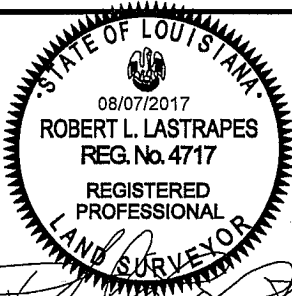
TOTAL FILL REQUIRED FOR DRILLSITE & RING LEVEES . . . . . 20,876 CU. YDS.



**NOTES:**

1. Material for drillsite levees will be taken from within the leveed perimeter.
2. The drillsite and ring levees will be degraded within 90 days following abandonment. The material will be deposited to the extent practicable into the borrow areas from which the material was excavated and the area leveled and restored to as near preproject conditions as practicable.
3. In the event the well is productive, boards may be replaced with gravel or other suitable permiting material and the area restored except for the minimum area required for production.
4. Closure procedures, including onsite land treatment and/or offsite disposal of mud pit contents and other drilling residues, shall be conducted in accordance with appropriate Federal and State Regulations.
5. Closed Mud System will be used.

**DISCLAIMER:** At this time, C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, L.L.C. has not performed nor was asked to perform any type of engineering, hydrological modeling, flood plain, or "No Rise" certification analyses, including but not limited to determining whether the project will impact flood hazards in connection with federal/FEMA, state, and/or local laws, ordinances and regulations. Accordingly, Fenstermaker makes no warranty or representation of any kind as to the foregoing issues, and persons or entities using this information shall do so at their own risk.



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