# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

## September 30, 2019

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Operations Division 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

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WQC Application Number WQC 190807-01

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).

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 LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **BARGE FLEET IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ST. JAMES PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT**: Dominion Group, 1201 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70805.

**LOCATION OF WORK**: Within the Mississippi River Basin, in the Lower Mississippi River – Baton Rouge hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), in the Mississippi River, right descending bank, mile 165, near St. James, Louisiana, in St. James Parish.

**<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>**: Public Notice, MVN 2018-00155 CO, dated August 26, described work proposed by Dominion Group. The purpose of this erratum is include the correct permit drawings. No changes have been made to the proposed work. Therefore, comments will be accepted until 30 days from the date of this public notice.

The applicant proposes to clear and grade forested batture to create a two-way access road and install 8 deadman support anchors to support a barge fleet consisting of 7 tiers, each 8 barges wide. The site will be used to offload aggregate from the barges to dump trucks and transported across LA-18 to an area for stockpiling. Approximately 2,424 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and used as

backfill for deadman construction. Approximately 4,217 cubic yards of hauled in aggregate fill material will be placed in the batture to construct the access road and deadman. Approximately 0.5 acre of forested wetlands will be impacted by temporary access using tracked vehicles to construct the deadman. Approximately 0.43 acre of wetlands and 0.1 acre of jurisdictional waters will be impacted by construction of the permanent access road.

To minimize impacts, the applicant has maximized the use of uplands on site for stockpiling and access road construction. Clearing has been minimized to the footprint of the proposed access roads. After construction, the temporary access road used for deadman construction will be restored to pre-project conditions. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts the applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close <u>30 days</u> 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 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, <u>ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH</u> Letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the address above. The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined 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, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer.

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 project was determined not likely to adversely affect the west Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*). The project was determined to have no effect on any other known endangered species. These determinations are based on Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES) dated October 22, 2014, between the US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District and US Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

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 <u>n/a acres</u> 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, 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.

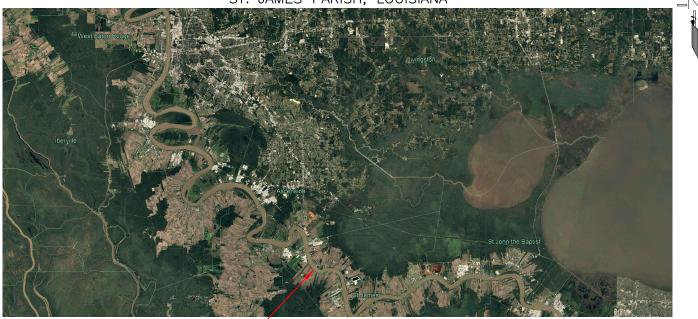
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

WELCOME AGGREGATE TERMINAL COMMERCIAL SALES ST. JAMES PARISH, LOUISIANA



WELCOME TERMINAL - AGGREGATE COMMERCIAL SALES MISSISSIPPI RIVER MILE 165 ST. JAMES PARISH, LA

#### GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. CONCEPTUAL PLANS ONLY. FOR PERMIT PURPOSES ONLY. NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION. 2. ALL STRUCTURES BUILT UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, OR WHEN THESE STRUCTURES FALL INTO A STATE OF DISREPAIR SUCH THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION AS INTENDED.
- THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED. FOR SUCH REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.
- 3. STRUCTURES MUST ALL BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 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.
- 6. BMPS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SITE RUNOFF WILL BE THE SAME BOTH PRE AND POST CONSTRUCTION.
- 7. SILT FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE AND ON THE WATER'S EDGE. ADDITIONALLY, TURBIDITY CURTAINS OR EQUIVALENT WILL BE INSTALLED ACROSS THE UPLAND WATERWAY. THE CROSSING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH A COMBINATION OF AGGREGATES AND SOILS AND THEN CAPPED WITH AGGREGATE TO REDUCE AND MITIGATE SEDIMENT RUNOFF DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

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### GENERAL NOTES (CONTINUED):

- 1. ALL WORK SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE DRY FROM LAND.
- 2. ACCESS ROAD: THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE SHALL BE UTILIZED TO CONSTRUCT THE ACCESS ROAD AND TURNAROUND:
- 2.1. CLEAR AND GRUB THE PROPOSED LIMITS OF THE ACCESS ROAD AND TURN AROUND. STRIP ORGANICS ONLY.
- 2.2. IMPORT THE REQUIRED FILL AND PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS STANDARD DETAIL FOR DIAGONAL RAMP CROSSING. IMPORTED MATERIAL SHALL BE SOURCED FROM SOUTH LOUISIANA FILL MATERIALS LLC LOCATED AT 38589 HWY 942 DARROW, LA 70725.
- 2.3. PLACE ONE EACH 48.0 LINEAR FEET OF THIRTY-SIX INCH 12 GAUGE CORRUGATED METAL PIPE IN THE EXISTING BATURE'S NATURAL BOTTOM 175.0 FROM LEVEE TOE.
- 2.4. BACKFILL APPROACHES OF BATURE CROSSING AND OVER CORRUGATED METAL PIPE WITH 820 CUBIC YARDS OF THIRTY POUND RIPRAP UP TO ELEVATION +13.00.
- 2.5. INSTALL NO LESS THAN TWELVE INCHES OF AGGREGATE BASE COURSE OVER INSTALLED EARTHEN LEVEE APPROACHES, RIPRAP BATURE CROSSING AND AREAS CLEARED FOR THE ACCESS ROAD AND TURN AROUND.
- 2.6. ALL RIPRAP AND AGGREGATE MATERIALS WILL BE SOURCED FROM CAPE QUARRY LOCATED IN JACKSON, MISSOURI.
- 3. TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD: THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE SHALL BE UTILIZED TO CONSTRUCT THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD:
- 3.1. CLEAR A 15.0' WIDE PATH ALONG THE PROPOSED CENTERLINE OF THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD. ONLY REMOVE TREES.
- 3.2. THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY FILL AND IS FOR TRACKED EQUIPMENT ONLY.
- 3.3. IMMEDIATELY RESTORE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD TO PRIOR EXISTING CONDITIONS UPON COMPLETION OF THE DEADMEN INSTALLATION.
- 4. DEADMEN: THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE SHALL BE UTILIZED TO CONSTRUCT THE DEADMEN:
- 4.1. AT EACH DEADMAN LOCATION, EXCAVATE ONE 40.0' X 32.3' X 15.0' DEEP PIT 110.0' FROM ORDINARY LOW WATER (OLW). PLACE EXCAVATED MATERIAL 10.0' TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE EXCAVATION. DURING DEADMEN INSTALLATION.
- 4.2. PLACE DEADMAN ANCHORS WITH CHAIN ATTACHED IN OPEN PIT. BACKFILL PIT WITH EXCAVATED MATERIAL. RESTORE EXCAVATED AREA TO EXISTING CONDITIONS. OPEN EXCAVATION MAY ONLY BE LEFT EXPOSED FOR 24 HOURS.



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