

PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
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Permit Application Number
MVN 2019-00389 CO

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).

MODIFICATION TO BARGE FLEET IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ingram Barge Company; c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., Attn: John Maurin; 4101 Magazine Street; New Orleans, Louisiana, 70115.

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 184, near Modeste, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant currently holds a permit authorizing a barge fleeting operation consisting of a total of four blocks of barges: one block of 6 tiers, 9 barges wide, one block with 7 tiers, 9 barges wide, one block with 10 tiers, 9 barges wide, and one block with 5 tiers, 9 barges wide. The applicant is proposing to add two additional blocks of barges: one block containing 16 tiers, each 10 barges wide, and one block containing 13 tiers, each 10 barges wide. Each tier of barges will contain one spud barge and 9 working barges. The fleets will be secured using anchor piles and chains at the head and stern of each fleet of the spud string. All impacts to wetlands and water bottoms have been avoided by project design. Therefore, no mitigation will be required for the proposed activity.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **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 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.**

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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), or the west Indian manatee

(*Trichechus manatus*), provided the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-water Activities are included in the authorization. No other known endangered/threatened species will be impacted by the proposed activity. These determinations are based on Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC) agreement dated January 27, 2020 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 **46.6 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.

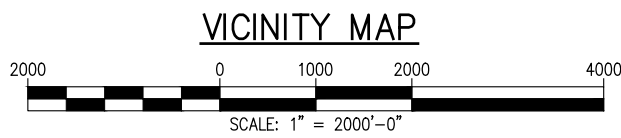
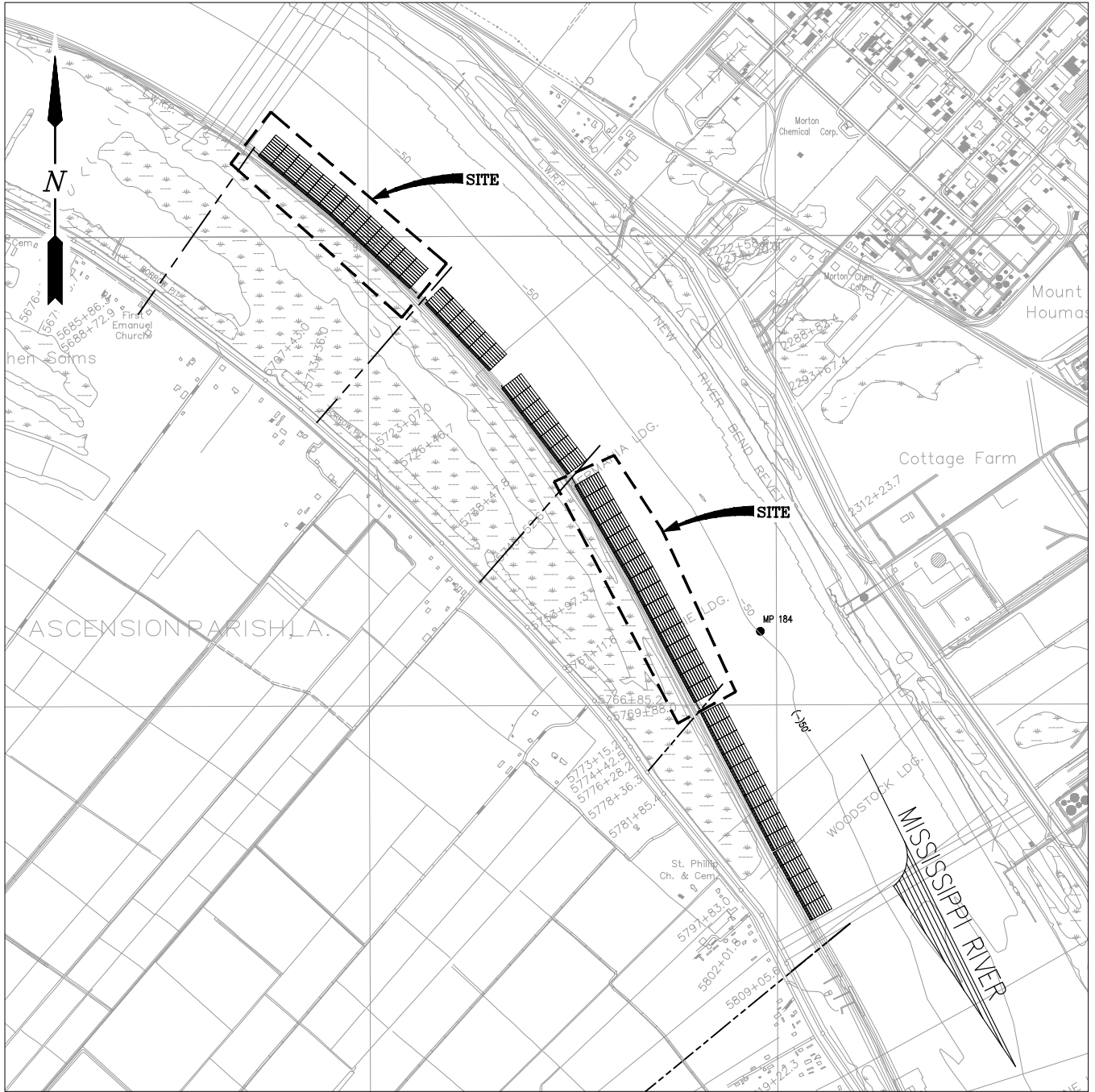
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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Chief, Central Evaluation Section
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Enclosure

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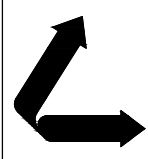


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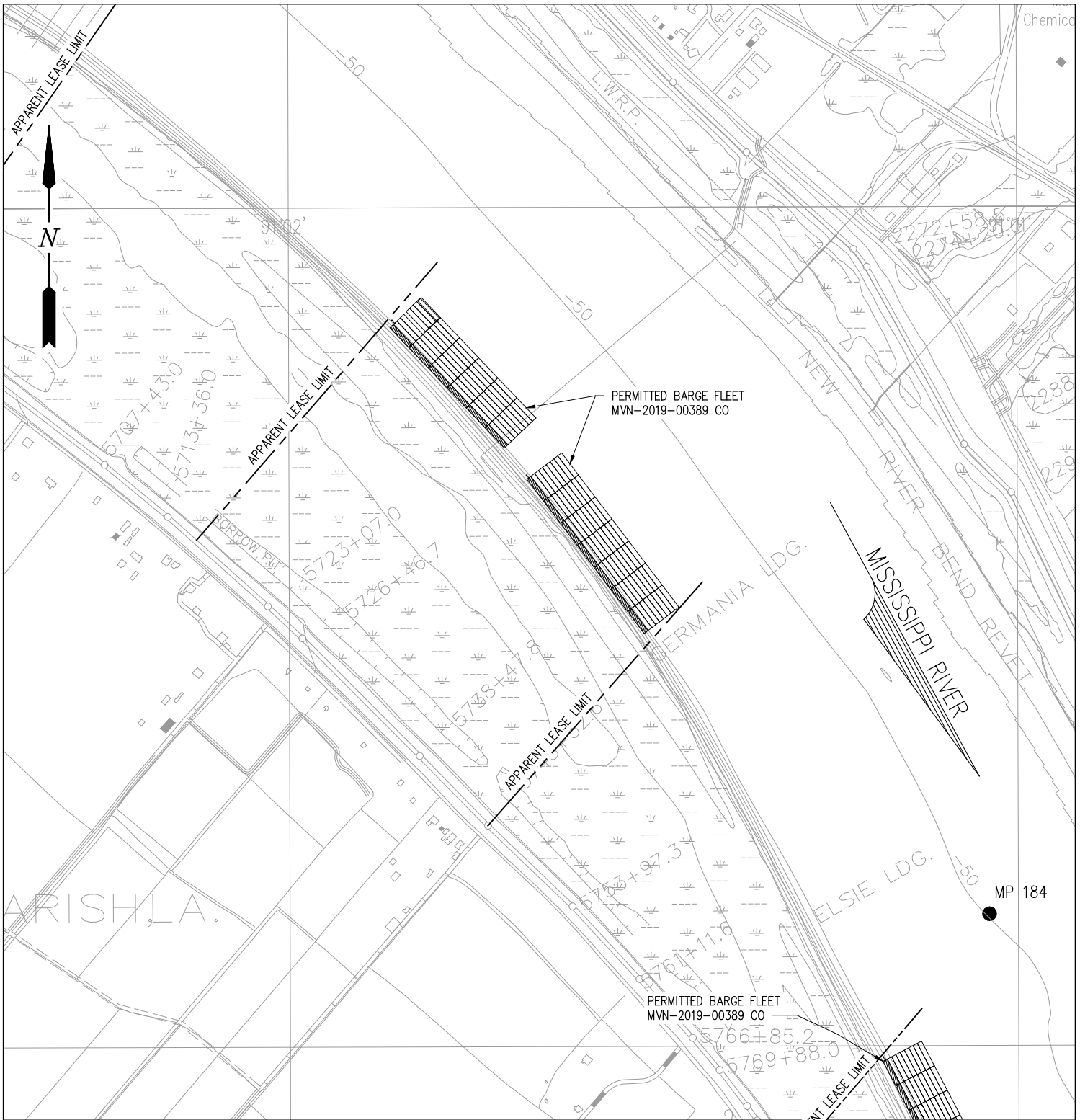
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PROPOSED BARGE FLEET ADDITIONS
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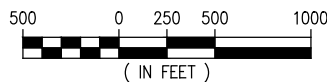
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EXISTING SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 1000'



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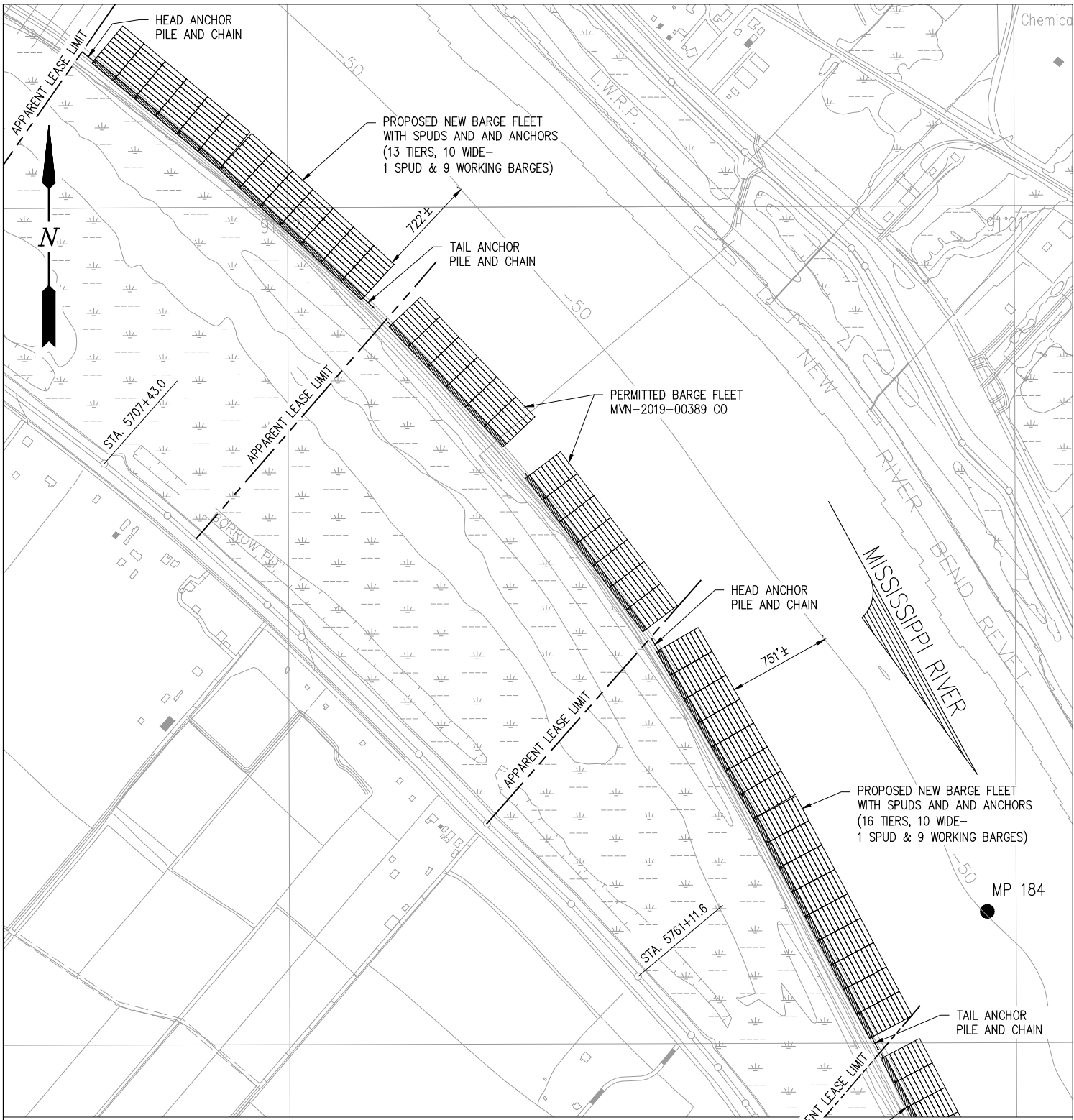
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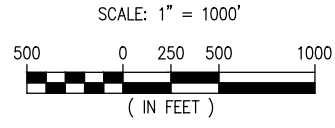
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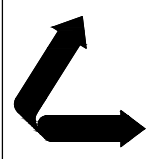


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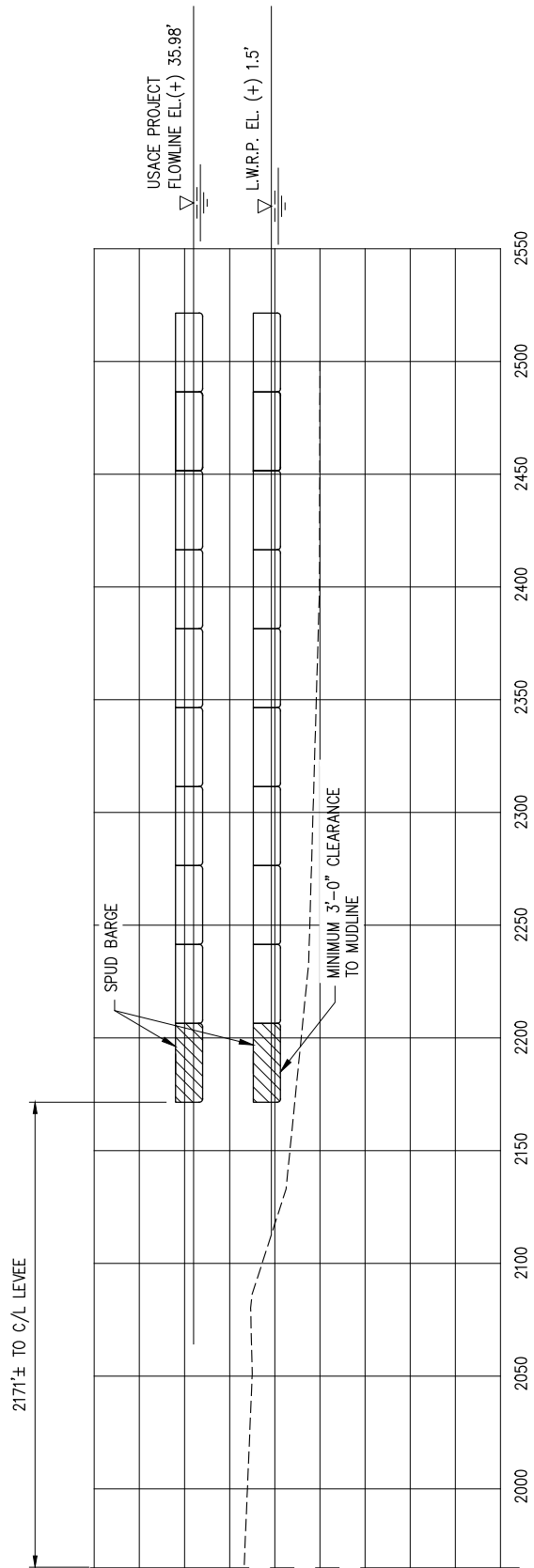
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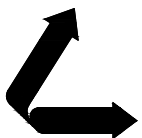
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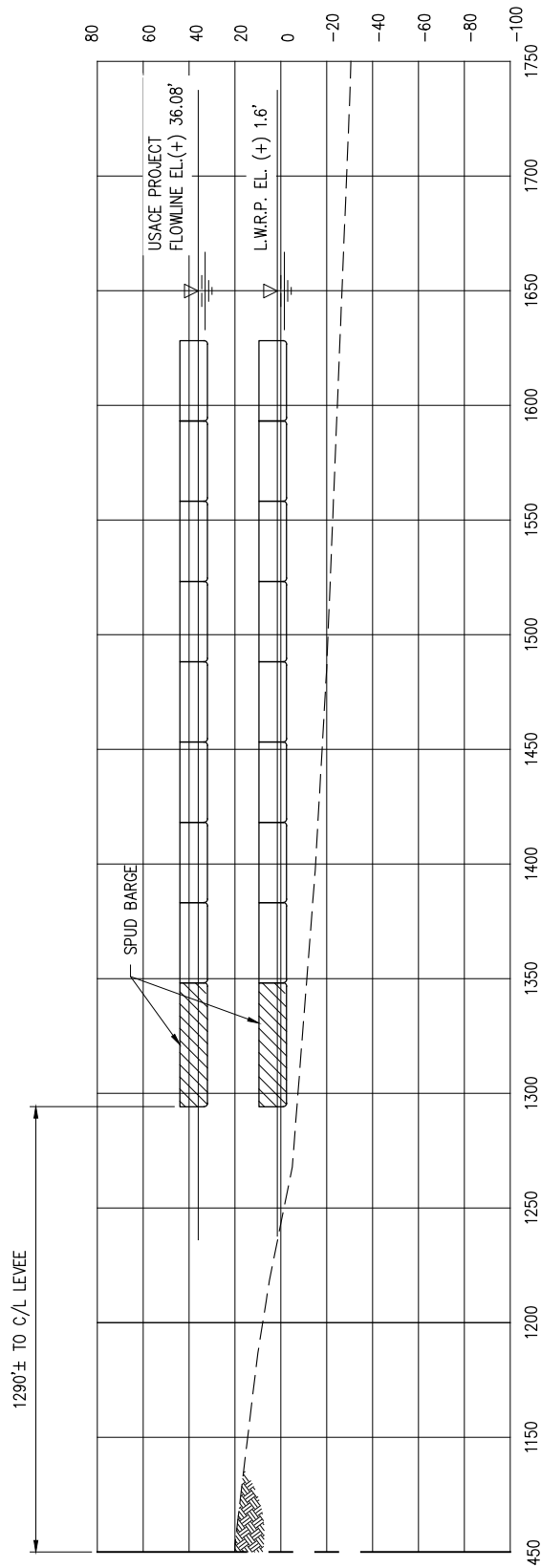
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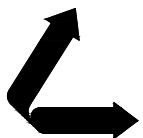


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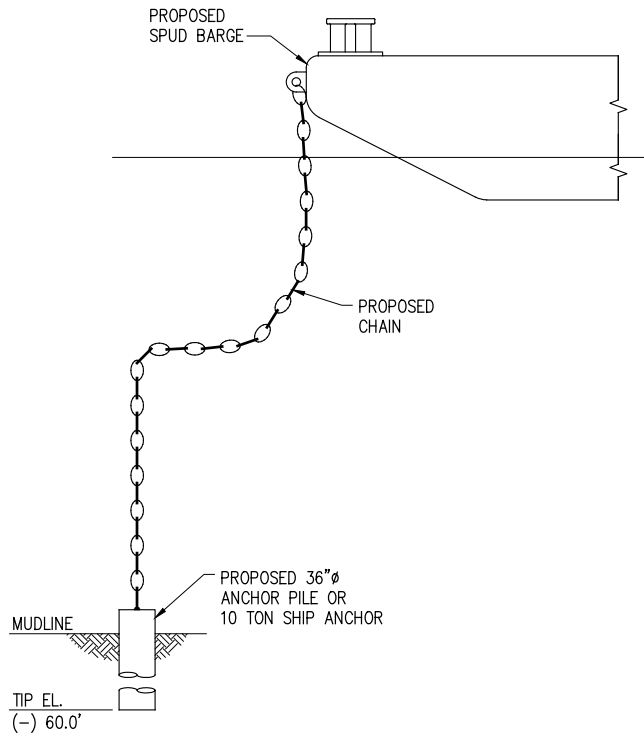
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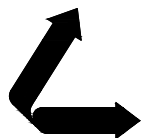


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