

PUBLIC NOTICE

January 13, 2020

United States Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
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Permit Application Number
MVN 2019-00389 CO
408# 2019-0306

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

BARGE FLEET IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ingram barge Company, c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., 4101 Magazine St., 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 has requested authorization to install and maintain a new fleeting operation to service the Geismar market. The proposed fleet will contain four blocks of barges. The first block will contain six tiers of 9 barges each. The second block will contain seven tiers of 9 barges. The third block will contain 10 tiers of 9 barges, while the fourth block will contain five tiers of 9 barges. The three upriver blocks will be secured with spud barges, shoreline anchors and a safety anchor. The downstream block will be secured by steel monopiles and a string of spar barges. All shoreline anchors will be installed via barge mounted crane.

To minimize impacts to wetlands, the applicant will install all structures from the waterway. No wetland impacts are proposed. Due to the lack of wetland impacts, no mitigation is anticipated. If it is later determined that mitigation is required, the applicant

will purchase wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located within the watershed.

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 Section 10 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.

This request will also be reviewed pursuant to Section 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220, which provides policy and procedural guidance for processing requests to alter USACE civil works projects.

The decision whether to grant permission for the requested alteration will be based on several factors. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of the requests for modification will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

1) Potential to Impair the Usefulness of the Project. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine whether the alteration would limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. If USACE determines that the usefulness of the authorized project would be impaired, the request will be denied.

2) Potential to be Injurious to the Public Interest. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public

interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.

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.

Utilizing the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, it has been determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect the west Indian manatee (*Trichesus manatus*) and will have no effects on other known species.

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 **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.

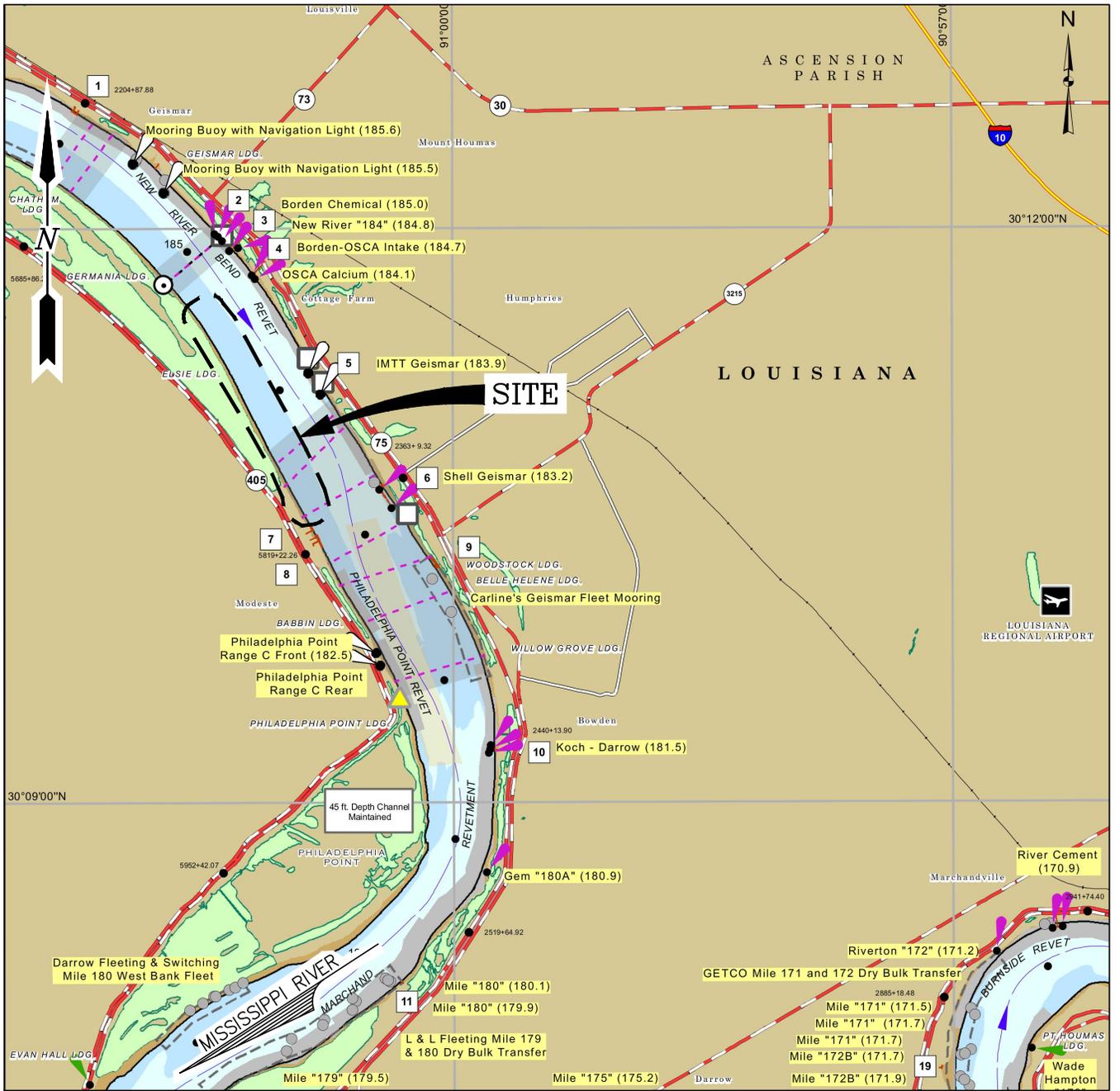
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

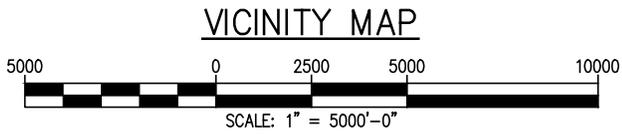
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John M. Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



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PARISH: ASCENSION
 LATITUDE: 30°10'59"
 LONGITUDE: 91°01'13"

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 12 APR 2019

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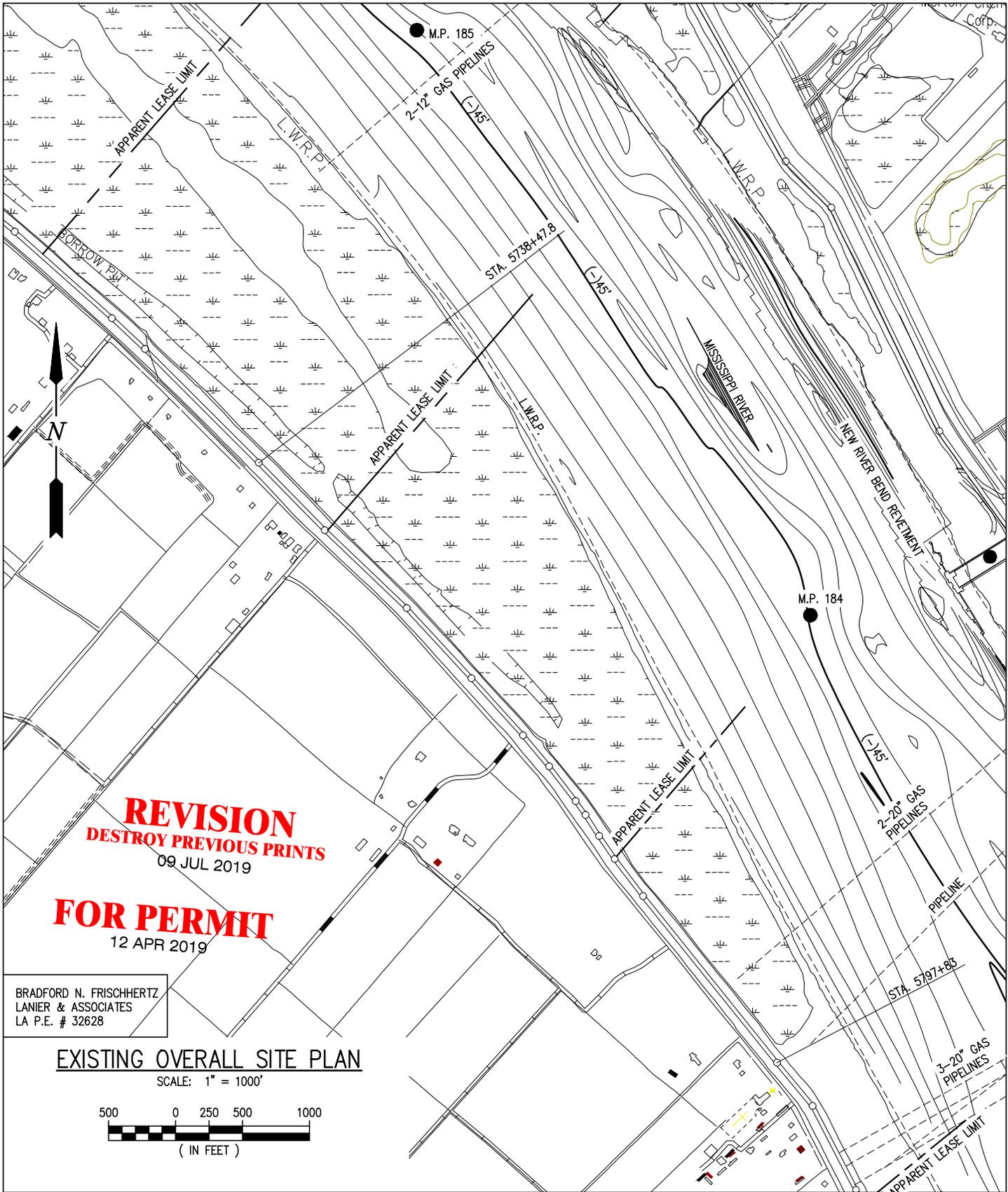
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PROPOSED NEW BARGE FLEETING

VICINITY MAP

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 CONTRACT 10854
 SHEET No.

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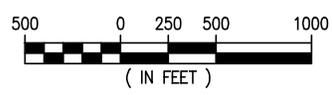


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EXISTING OVERALL SITE PLAN
 SCALE: 1" = 1000'



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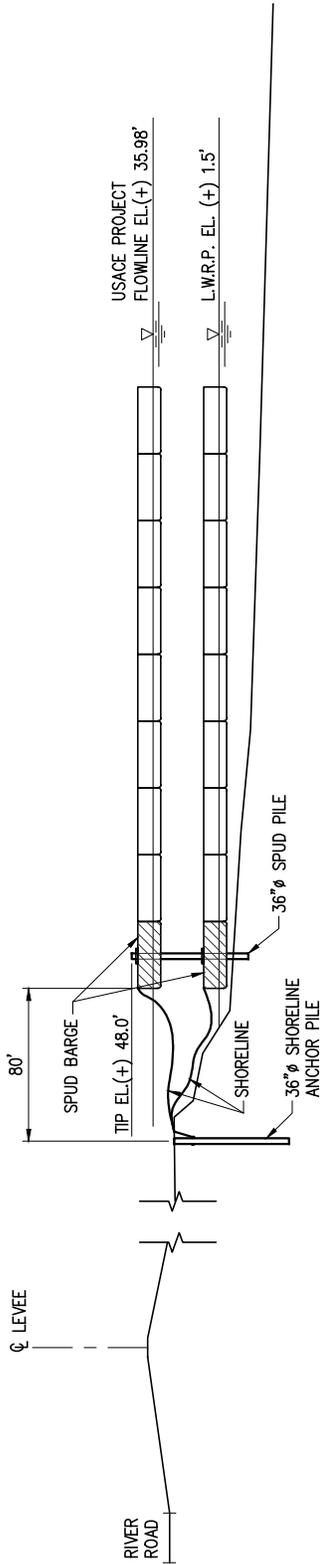
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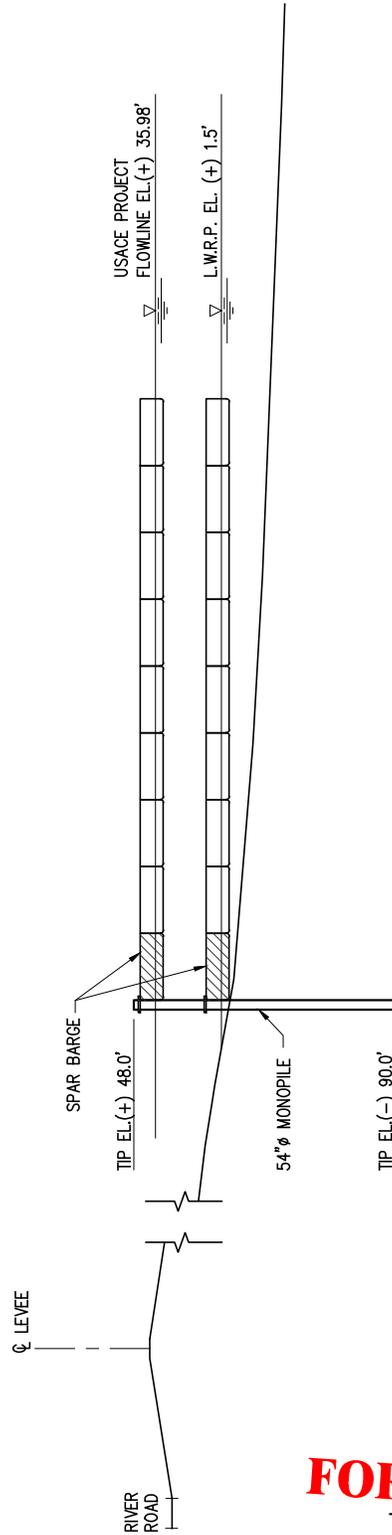
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SECTION AT STA. 5738+47.8
SCALE: 1" = 100'



SECTION AT STA. 5797+83
SCALE: 1" = 100'

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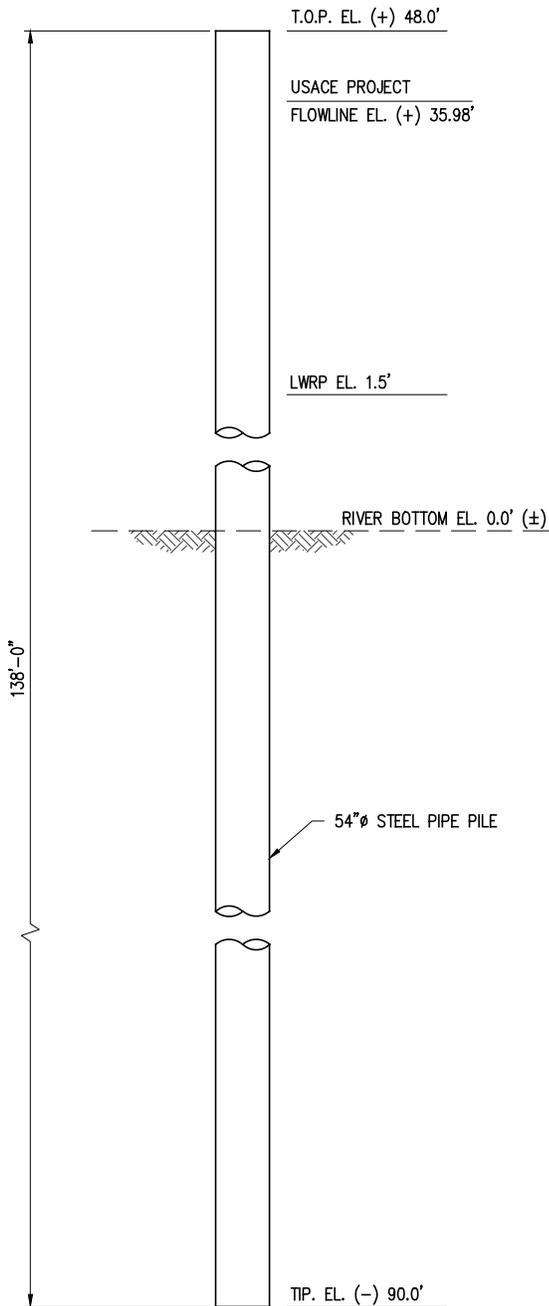
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**PROPOSED NEW BARGE FLEETING
CROSS SECTIONS
STA. 5738+47.8 AND STA. 5797+83**

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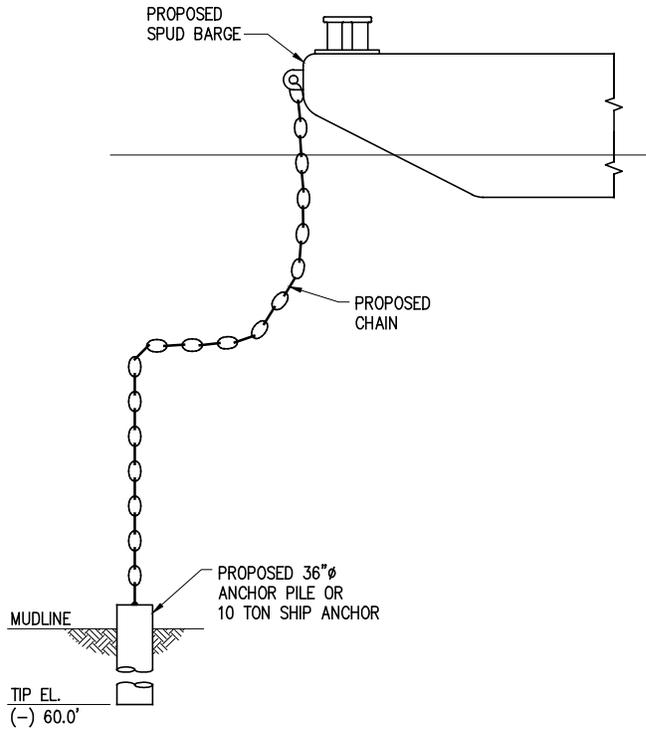
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PROPOSED BARGE MONOPILE

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"
(60 REQ'D)



PROPOSED SAFETY ANCHOR

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"
(3 REQ'D)

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BARGE MONOPILE AND
SAFETY ANCHOR**

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