

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 190701-03

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); 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, Water Quality Certifications Section, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A PAD AND ACCESS ROAD TO DRILL THE CATAMOUNT PROSEPT WELL IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Hise Oil Company, LLC, c/o Tim Morton & Associates, Attn: Jarrod Grandon, 730 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

LOCATION OF WORK: In Central, Louisiana, approximately 0.10 mile south of Magnolia Bridge Road in a wooded area adjacent to the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation (30.53969, -91.00639) in East Baton Rouge Parish, within Lake Pontchartrain Basin hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate, place fill and chip vegetation on a 2.27-acre site to create access and install and maintain a drill pad with a closed loop system to drill the Catamount Prospect well for oil and/or gas exploration. Approximately 672 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and re-deposited to create the containment berm and 3,429 cubic yards of chipped material will be spread on site. The entire site is considered jurisdictional wetlands with approximately 2.13 acres being forested and 0.14 acre being herbaceous. A Geologic Review meeting was held to review alternative locations to directionally drill from with less damage to aquatic resources, including wetlands but it was determined that the proposed location is the most feasible and less damaging practicable alternative.

A preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact approximately 2.27 acres of forested and herbaceous wetlands.

The applicant claims that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit the ability to reach the subsurface oil and gas deeming the project impracticable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **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 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.** Similar 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. 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.

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 US 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 US 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. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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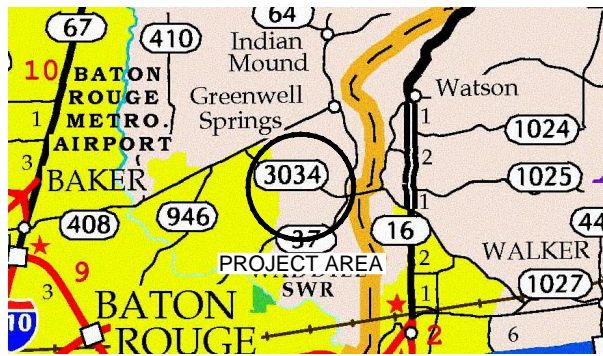
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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 water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

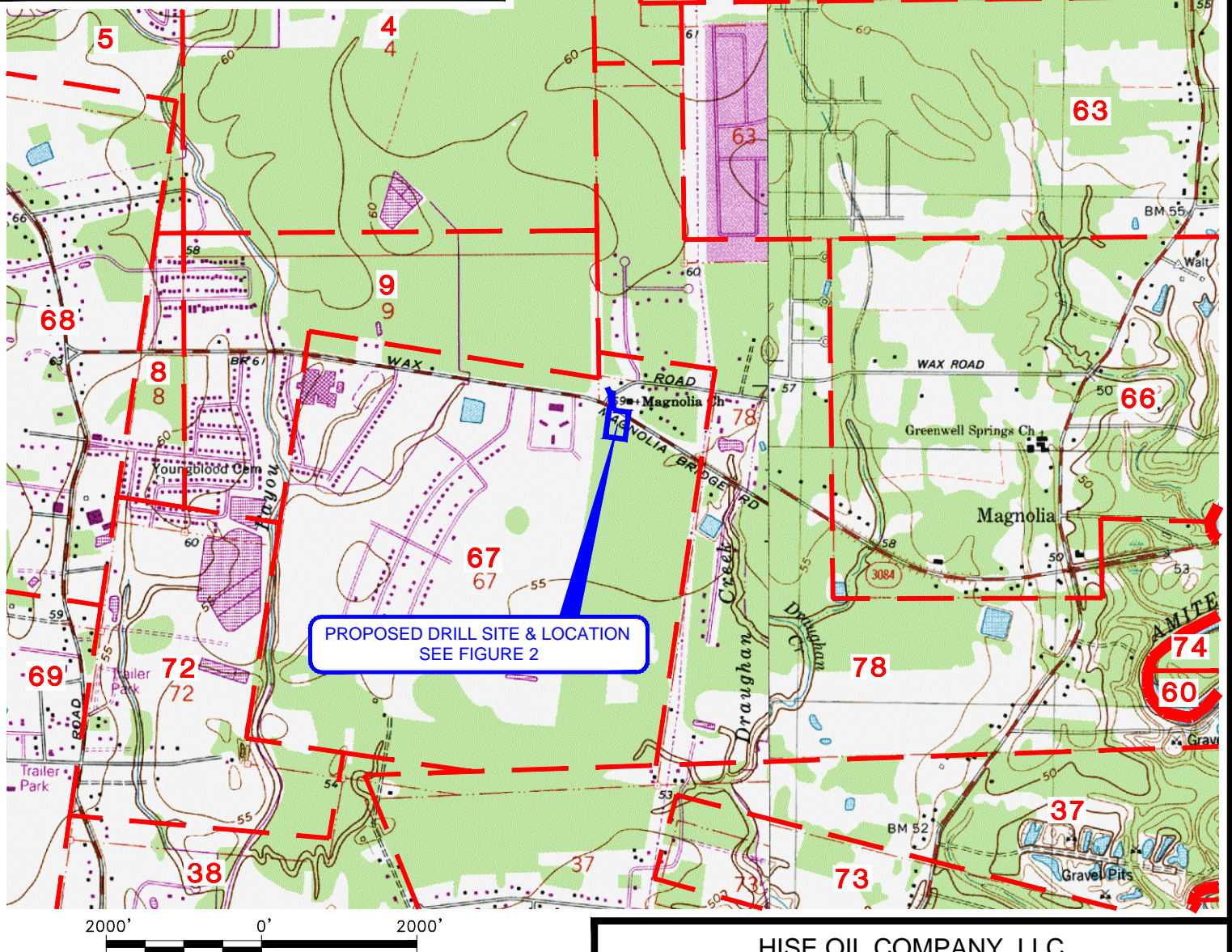
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information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

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



VICINITY MAP
REPRODUCED FROM STATE HIGHWAY MAP



HISE OIL COMPANY, LLC
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED DRILL SITE & LOCATION
CATAMOUNT PROSPECT
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA

FIGURE 1

MAP NO. FIG1-COE

APRIL 2, 2019

REFERENCE: BASE MAP FROM U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE MAPS
"COMITE, LA" 1962, REVISED 1994 AND "WATSON, LA" 1980,
AT A SCALE OF 1:24000.

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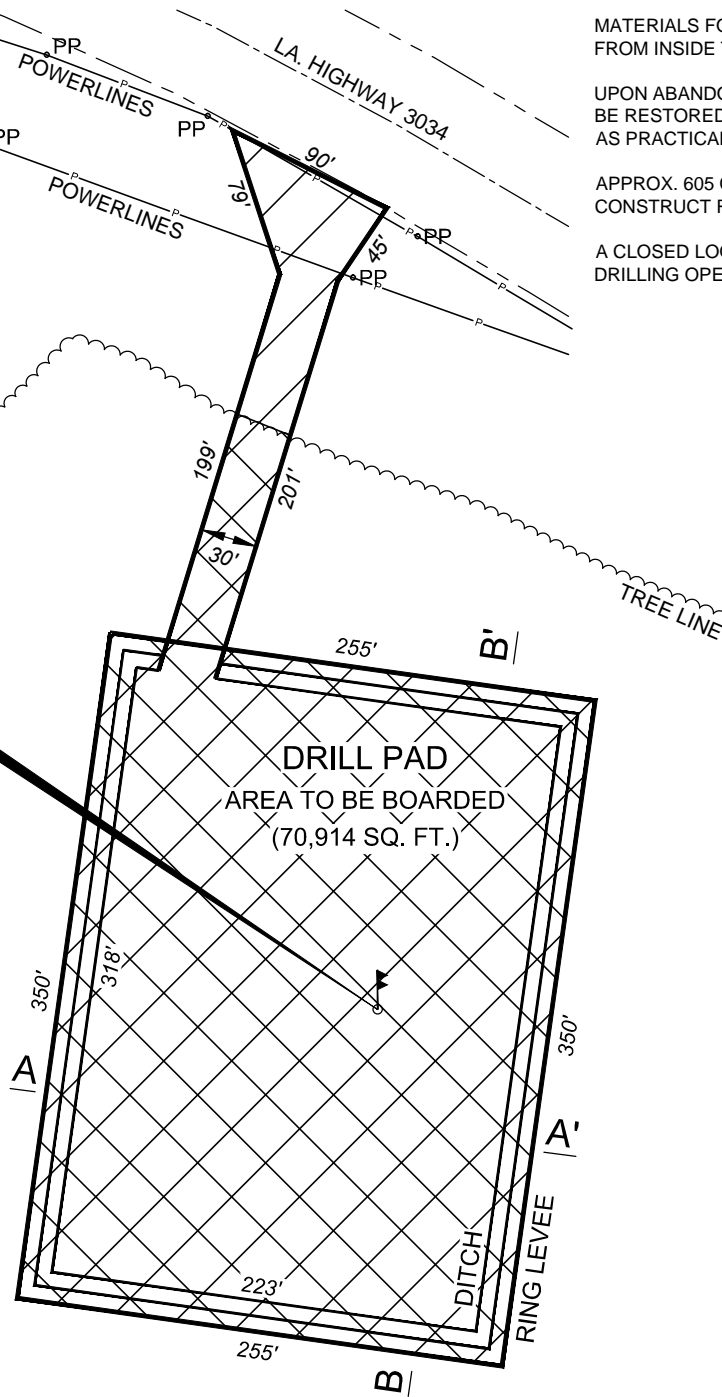
MATERIALS FOR RING LEVEES MUST BE EXCAVATED FROM INSIDE THE LEVEED AREA.

UPON ABANDONMENT OF LOCATION WETLANDS WILL BE RESTORED AS NEAR TO PREPROJECT CONDITIONS AS PRACTICABLE.

APPROX. 605 CU. YDS. OF EXCAVATION REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT RING LEVEES.

A CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM WILL BE UTILIZED DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS.

PROPOSED LOCATION	
X=	3,383,760' (83)
Y=	741,920' (83)
Lat=	30°32'22.9"N
Lon=	91°00'23.0"W
X=	2,102,961' (27)
Y=	681,211' (27)



LAMBERT GRID NORTH
NAD 1927 LA. S.Z.

- DENOTES HERBACEOUS WETLANDS (0.14 ACS)
- DENOTES BOTTOM LAND HARDWOODS (2.13 ACS)
3,429 CU.YDS. OF CHIPPED TREES



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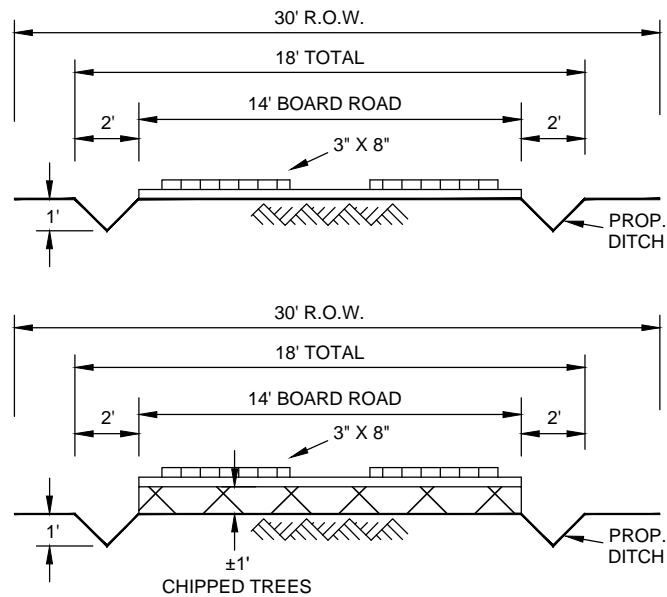
FIGURE 2

HISE OIL COMPANY, LLC
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED DRILL SITE & LOCATION
CATAMOUNT PROSPECT
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA

MAP NO. FIG2-COE

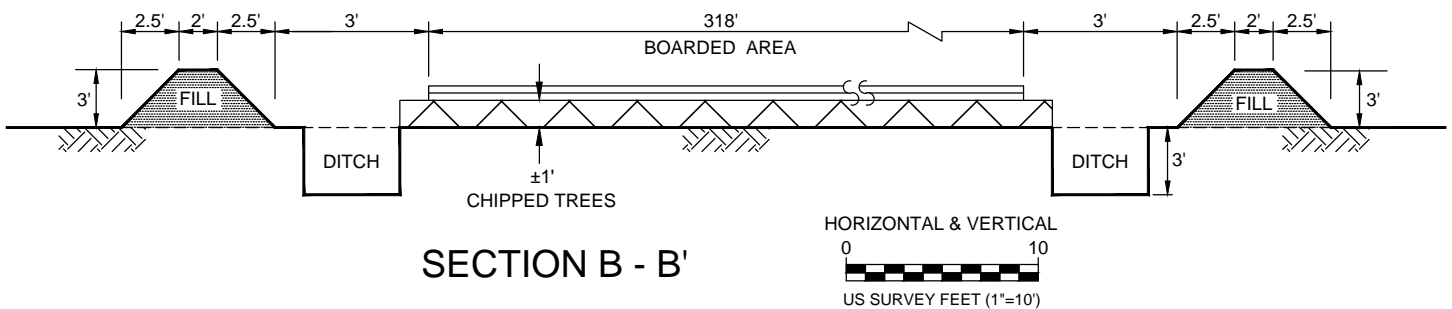
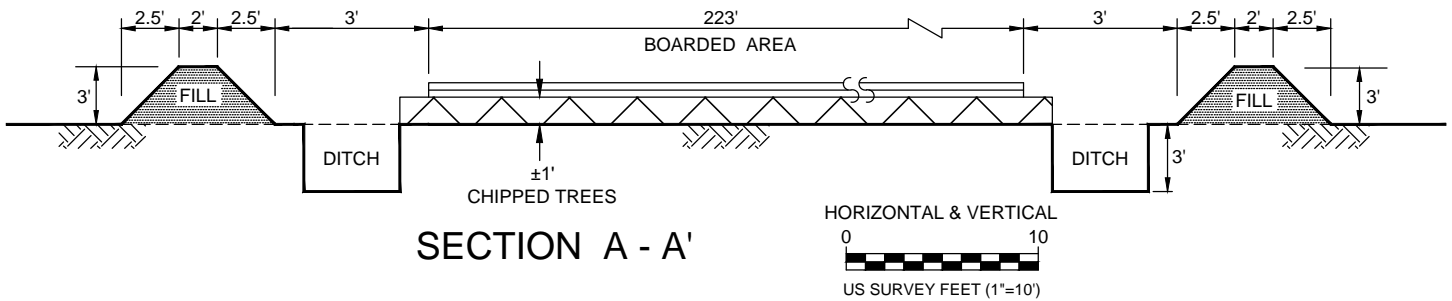
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GROUND TO BE GRADED
BEFORE MAT IS INSTALLED

TYPICAL ROAD SECTION

NOT TO SCALE



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FIGURE 3

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