

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 190517-01

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 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).

MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF PASS TANTE PHINE IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Hilcorp Energy Company c/o Providence Engineering and Environmental, Attention: Regina Staten, at 1201 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

LOCATION OF WORK: Pass Tante Phine, approximately 7.5 miles southeasterly from Venice, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings.
Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090100; Lower Mississippi River – New Orleans
Latitude: 29.174828, Longitude: -89.417183

CHARACTER OF WORK: To perform annual propwashing of approximately 11,252 cubic yards of material from the end of Pass Tante Phine. Project implementation will require temporary impacts to 8.76 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms. No permanent adverse impacts to special aquatic sites are proposed; no compensatory mitigation is anticipated at this time.

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 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 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. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species.

Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity is "not likely to adversely affect" the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) or the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*).

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 **8.76** 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.

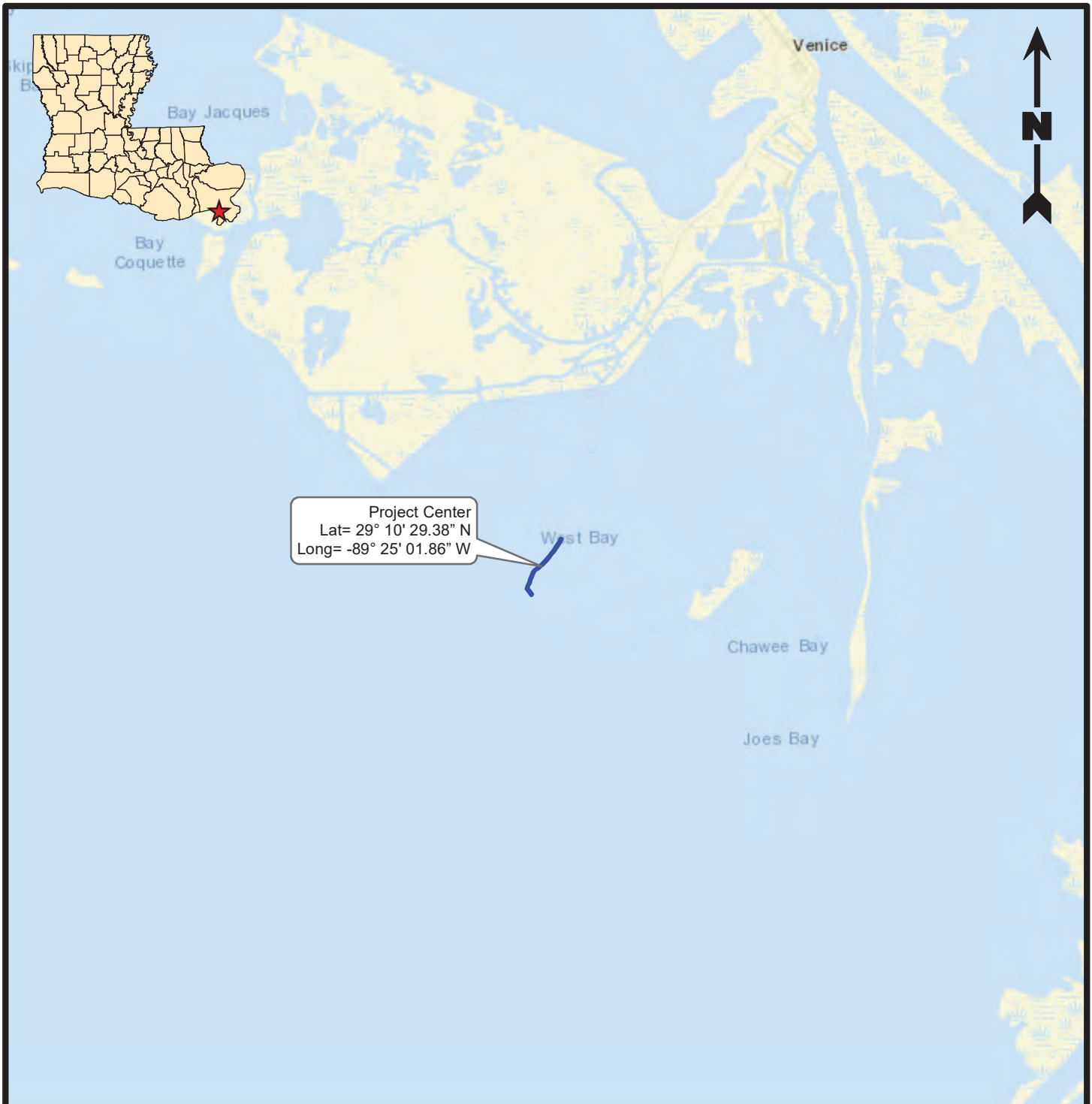
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

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.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosures



Legend

Proposed Propwash Area (75' W X 5,091' L)

Reference

Base map comprised of ESRI StreetMap USA data.

Vicinity Map

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Drawing Number 1140-102-A001	



Project Center
 Lat= 29° 10' 29.38" N
 Long= -89° 25' 01.86" W



Legend

Proposed Propwash Area (75' W X 5,091' L)

Reference

Base map comprised of United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic map, "Pass Tante Phine, LA".

Site Location Map

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Legend

-  Proposed Propwash Area (75' W X 5,091' L)
-  Proposed Access

Reference

Base map comprised of 2017 aerial photograph from USDA/FSA - Aerial Photography Field Office.

Site Plan

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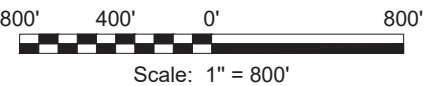


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Name		Latitude (83)	Longitude (83)
Proposed Propwash - 1	POB	29°10'49.22" N	89°24'45.55" W
	POE	29°10'37.70" N	89°24'54.18" W
Proposed Propwash - 2	POB	29°10'37.70" N	89°24'54.18" W
	POE	29°10'30.33" N	89°25'01.97" W
Proposed Propwash - 3	POB	29°10'30.33" N	89°25'01.97" W
	POE	29°10'12.62" N	89°25'13.62" W
Proposed Propwash - 4	POB	29°10'12.62" N	89°25'13.62" W
	POE	29°10'08.89" N	89°25'10.41" W



Legend

- Denotes existing channel
- Denotes access path (propwash required - total 11,252 c.y.)

Notes

1. Mean High Water = +0.9' and Mean Low Water = 0.0'
2. Proposed 6.0' water depth.
3. Water Line at the time of survey = -0.2' Average.

Reference

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 2018.

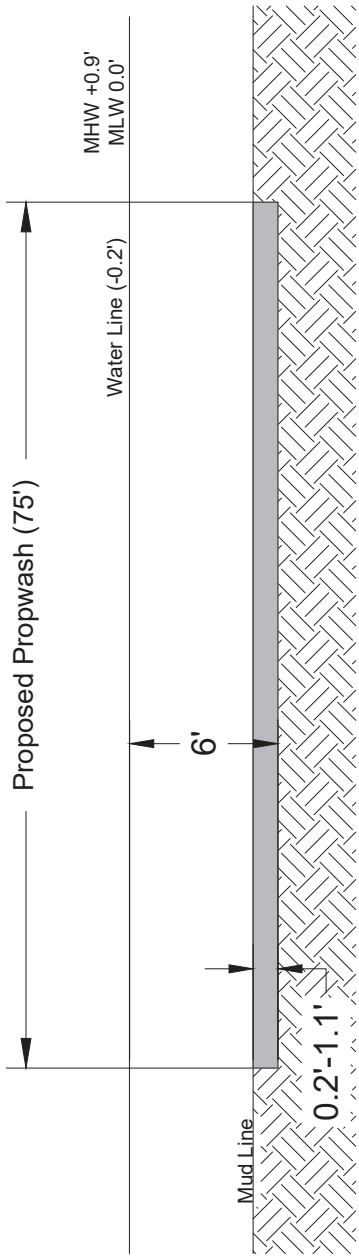
Access Site Map

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Typical Cross Section
Not to Scale

Typical Cross Section

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