



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118-03651

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Central Evaluation Section

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SUBJECT: MVN-2020-01161-CM

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to (X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403).

**PROPOSED BARGE FLEETING IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Lawrence J. Noel, Inc., c/o Wood Resources L.L.C., Attn: Mr. Stacy Trombley, 5821 River Road, Avondale, Louisiana 70094.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In the Mississippi River, Right Descending Bank (RDB), mile point 185.5 above head of passes, near Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, (30.185780, -91.019691), within the Lower Mississippi River-Baton Rouge Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Install 22 H-piles at 200-foot intervals by barge mounted pile driver to accommodate a new barge fleet which will be 4,445 feet long and 350 feet wide. At max capacity the fleet will be 22 barges long and 8 barges wide.

The comment period for the Department of the Army 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 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, ODR-C, Neil Gauthier.**

### **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, pre-historical, 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. Departments of Interior and Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the Pallid Sturgeon and the West Indian Manatee and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the IPaC for Endangered Species of Louisiana between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. 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 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.

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.

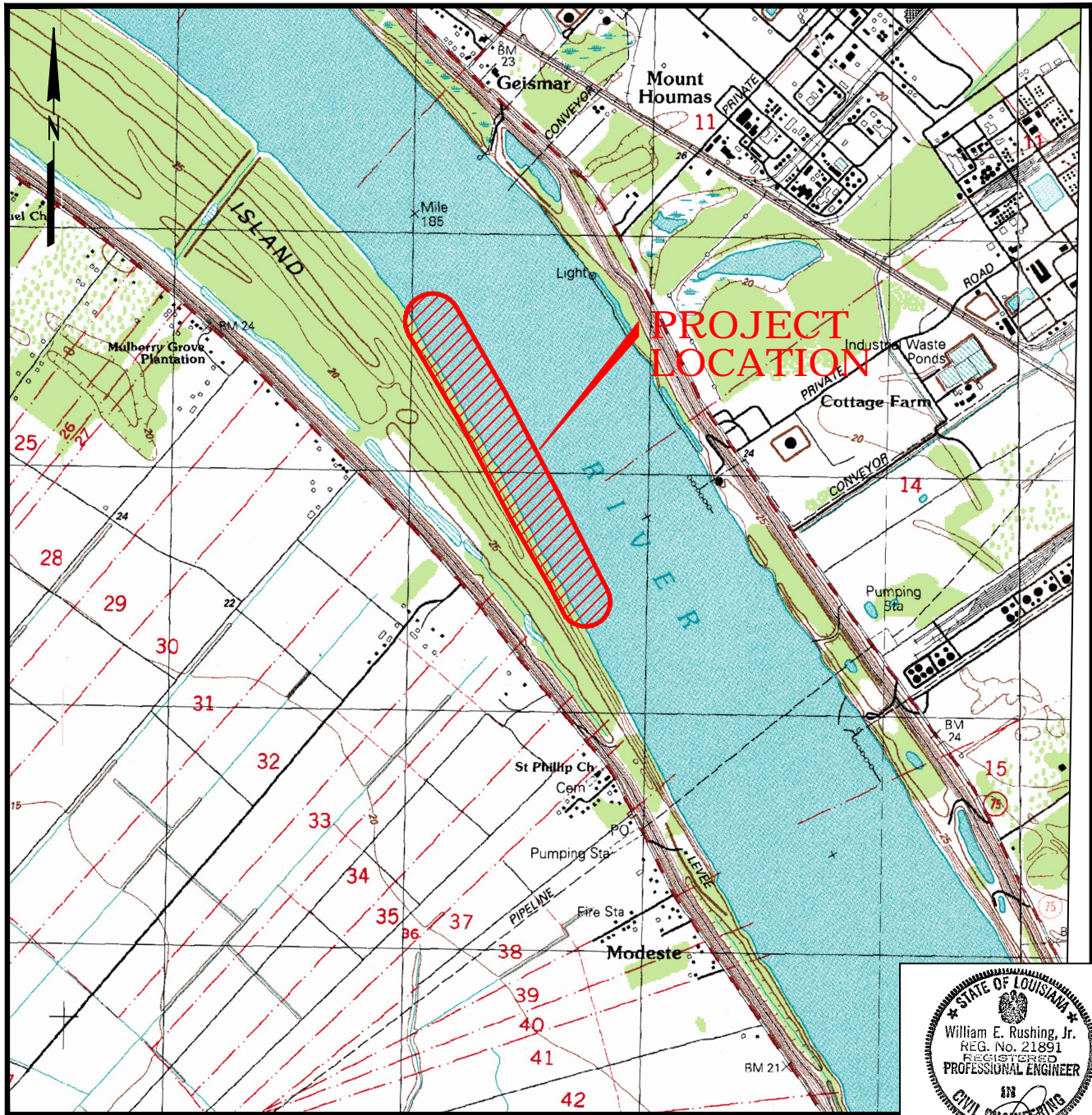
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

# ASCENSION PARISH, LA.

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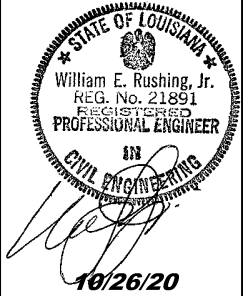
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**PROJECT LOCATION**

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## VICINITY MAP



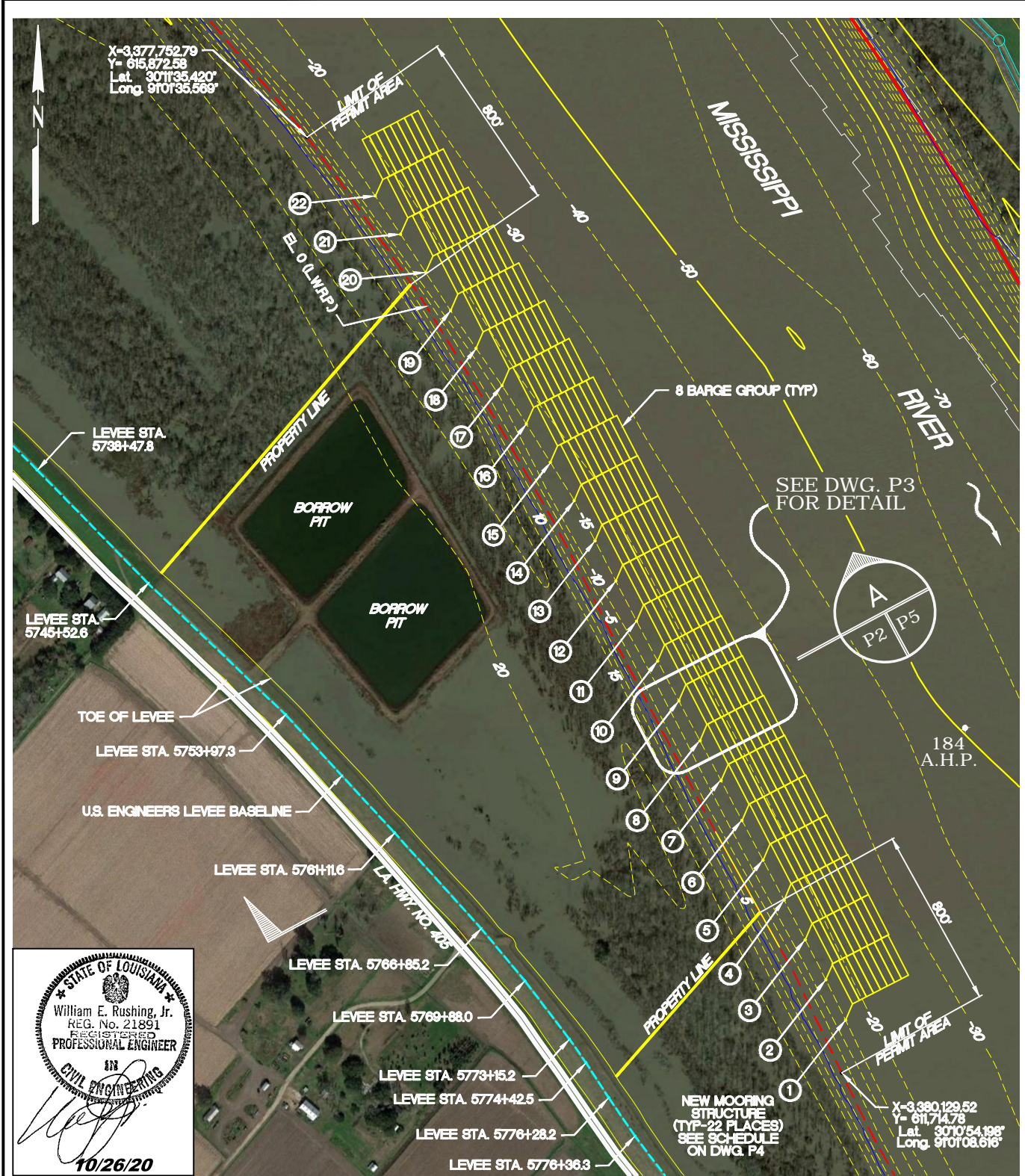
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LEVEE STA. 5745+52.6

TOE OF LEVEE

LEVEE STA. 5753+97.3

U.S. ENGINEERS LEVEE BASELINE

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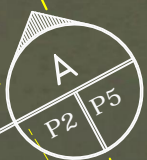
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LEVEE STA. 5776+36.3

8 BARGE GROUP (TYP)

SEE DWG. P3 FOR DETAIL



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NEW MOORING STRUCTURE (TYP-22 PLACES) SEE SCHEDULE ON DWG. P4

X-3,360,129.52  
 Y- 611,714.78  
 Lat. 30°10'54.196"  
 Long. 91°01'08.616"

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# SITE PLAN



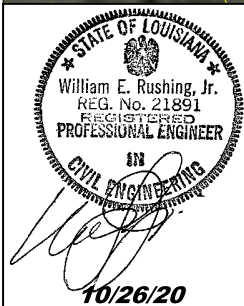
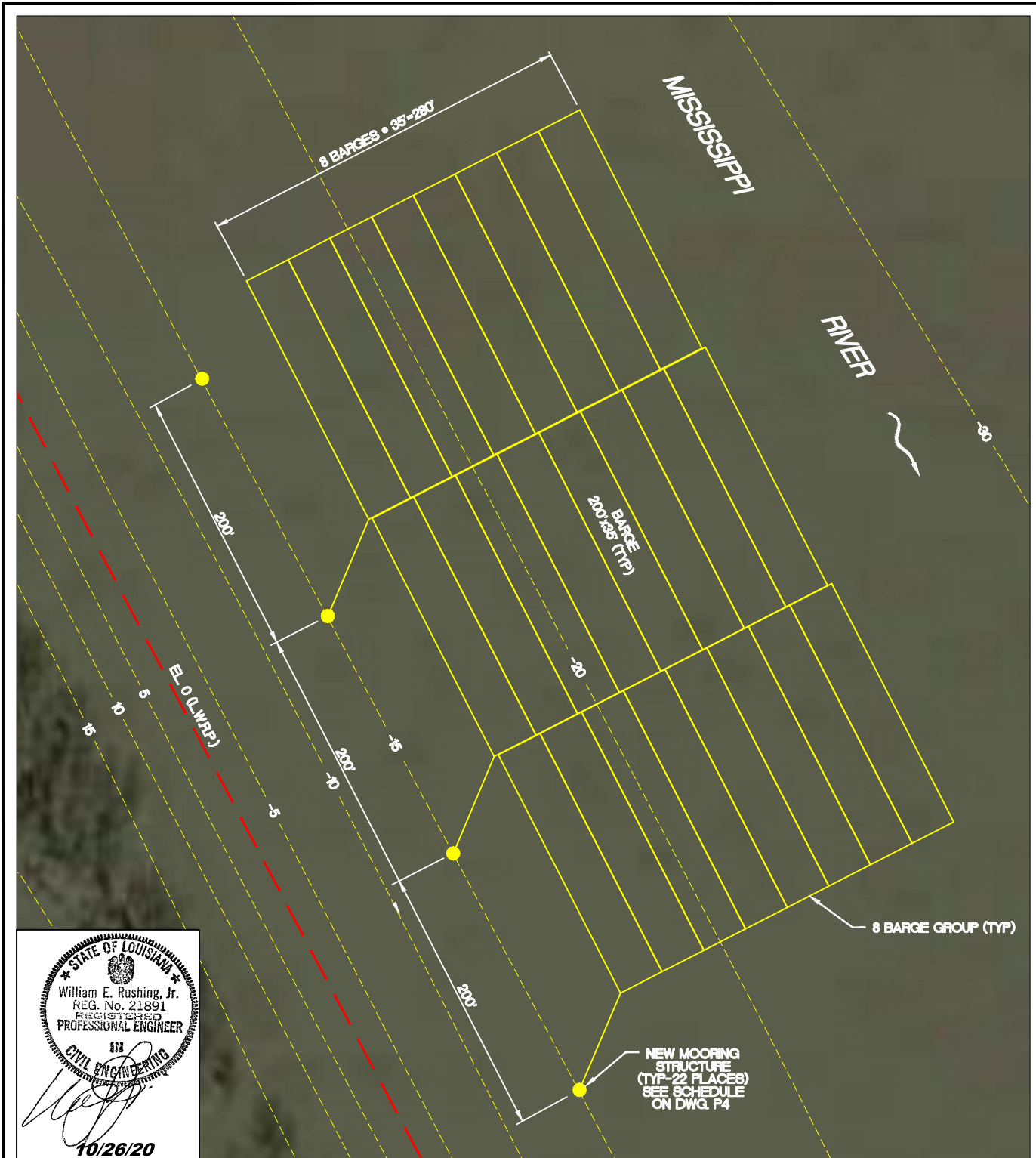
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## DETAILED SITE PLAN

100    50    0    100    200    300 FT.



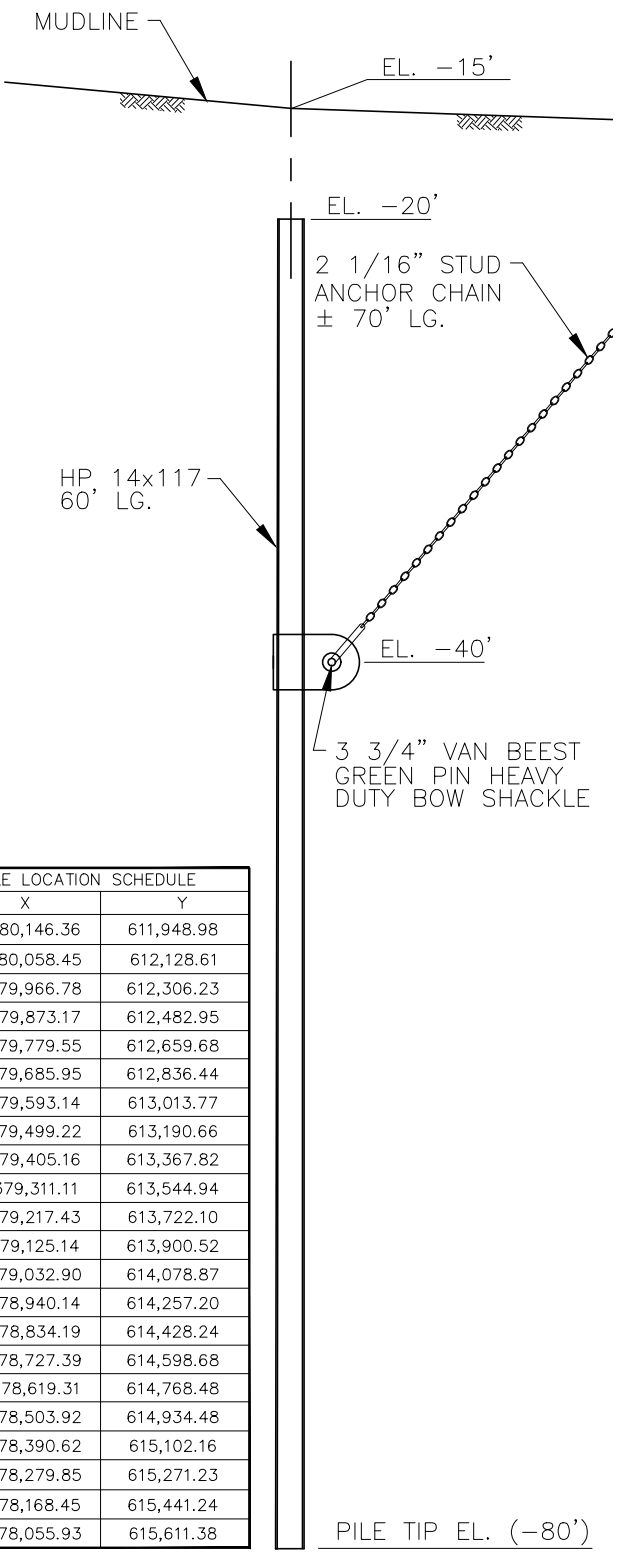
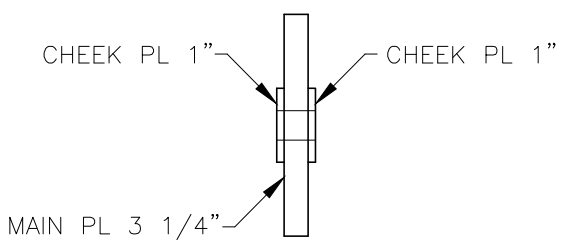
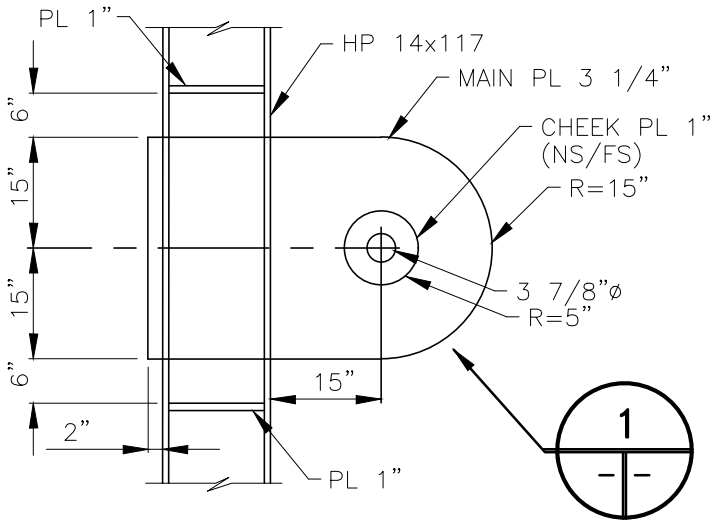
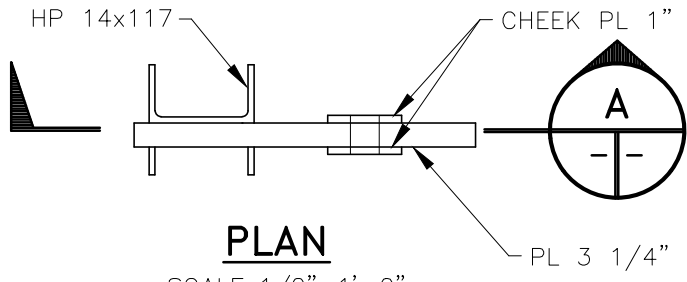
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⑧	3,379,499.22	613,190.66
⑨	3,379,405.16	613,367.82
⑩	3,379,311.11	613,544.94
⑪	3,379,217.43	613,722.10
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㉑	3,378,168.45	615,441.24
㉒	3,378,055.93	615,611.38

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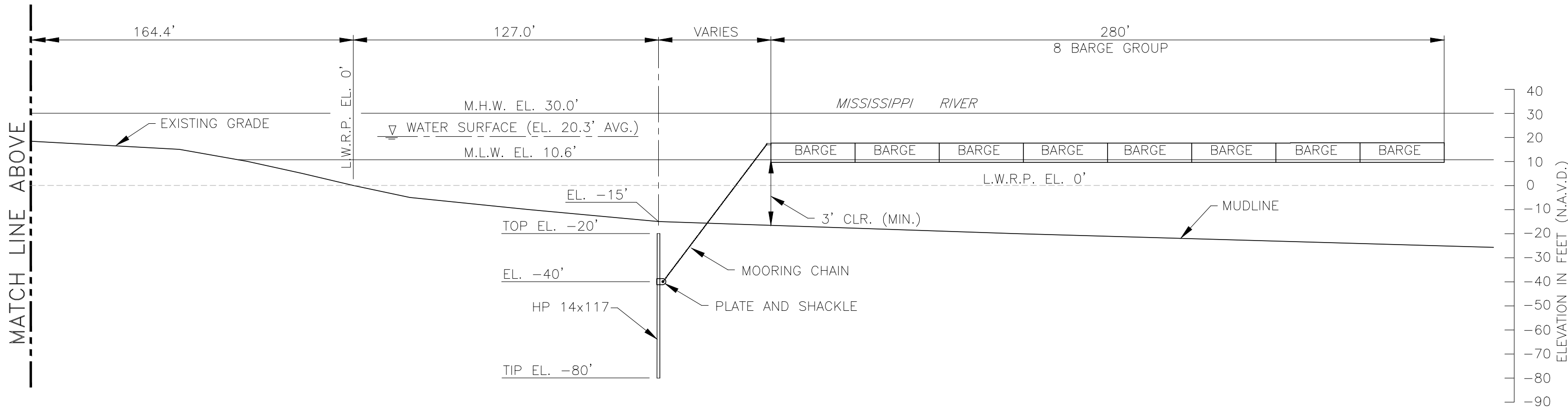
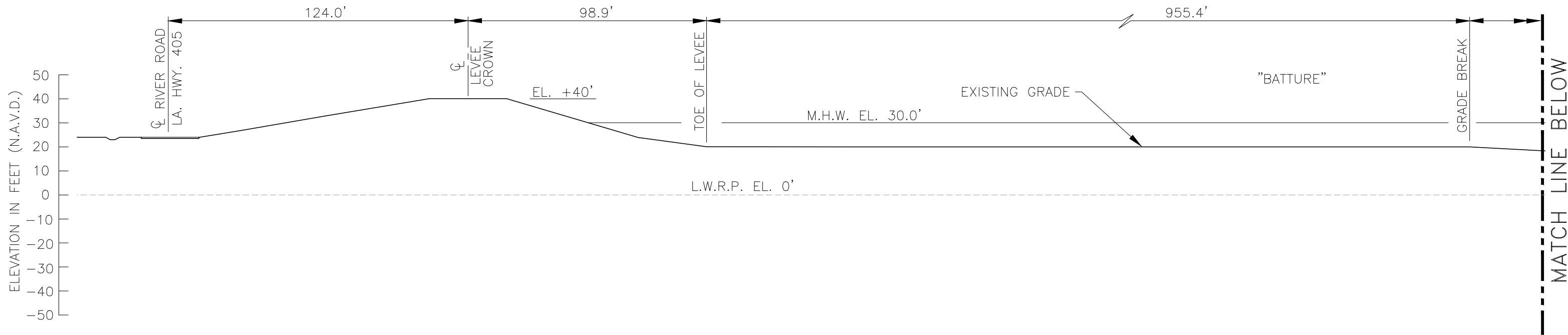
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**ELEVATION**  
 SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

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**A** SECTION  
 P2 | P5 SCALE: 1"=40'

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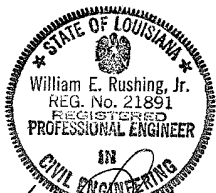
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## GENERAL NOTES

1. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS AND/OR PLATS SHALL HAVE WRITTEN ON THEM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF SAID ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, P. O. BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA. 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.
2. ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELLS AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS OR IN OILFIELD CANALS OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED.
3. STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U. S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.
4. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITEE 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.
5. PILE DRIVING SHALL OCCUR WHEN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER STAGE IS BELOW +11.0 FEET ON THE CARROLLTON GAGE. NO WAIVER WILL BE GRANTED DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION.
6. PILES SHALL BE INSTALLED USING AN IMPACT HAMMER; NO VIBRATORY METHODS WILL BE PERMITTED DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION.



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