

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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WQC Application Number
WQC 200604-01

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, Water Quality Certifications, 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).

LAKE CHARLES HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST RAIL CAR STORAGE YARD IN CALCASIEU PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Southland Environmental, L.L.C., on behalf of Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, ATTN: Mr. Cleveland Hoffpauir, 510 Clarence Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located in Lake Charles, Louisiana near the Chennault International Airport in Section 01, Township 10 South, Range 08 W, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Location: Latitude: 30.215002/Longitude: -93.136686
Hydrologic Unit Code: 08080206 – Lower Calcasieu. LA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District (LCHTD) is proposing to construct a rail car storage yard on approximately 13 acres of property located at the LCHTD Industrial Park East Site. The proposed rail car storage yard will consist of an aggregate access road and 15 sets of railroad tracks. Approximately 13,000 cubic yards of aggregate material and 4,500 cubic yards of earthen material will be placed to bring the railroad tracks to desired elevations. Approximately 5.5 acres of wetlands will be impacted by this project. Additional wetland acreage is located within the vicinity of the proposed rail car storage yard, however these areas will be avoided.

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. Copies of this public notice will be forwarded to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

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.

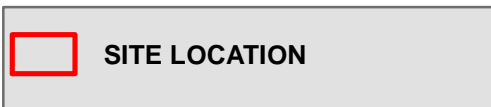
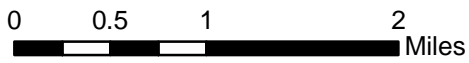
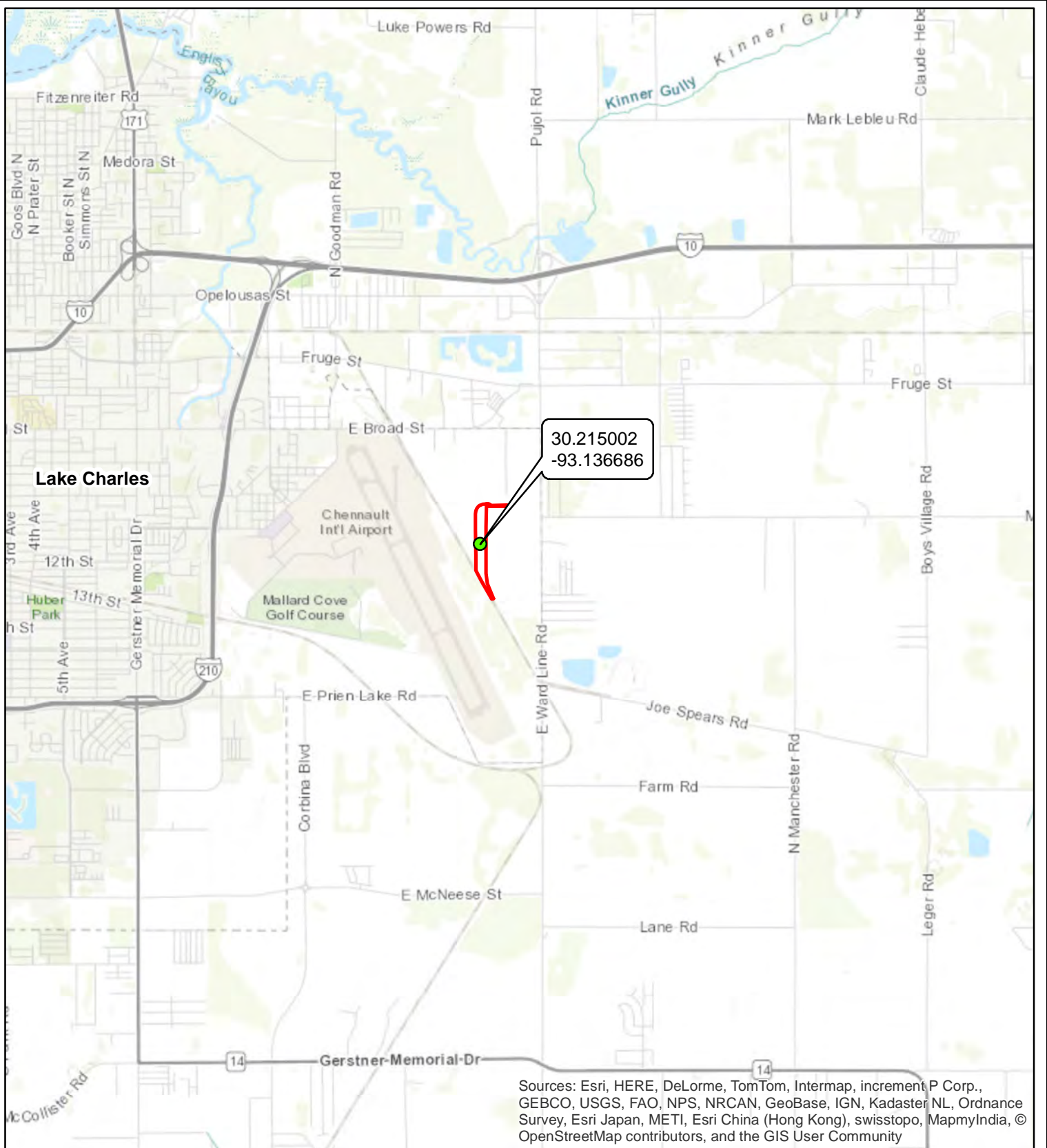
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Regulatory Branch

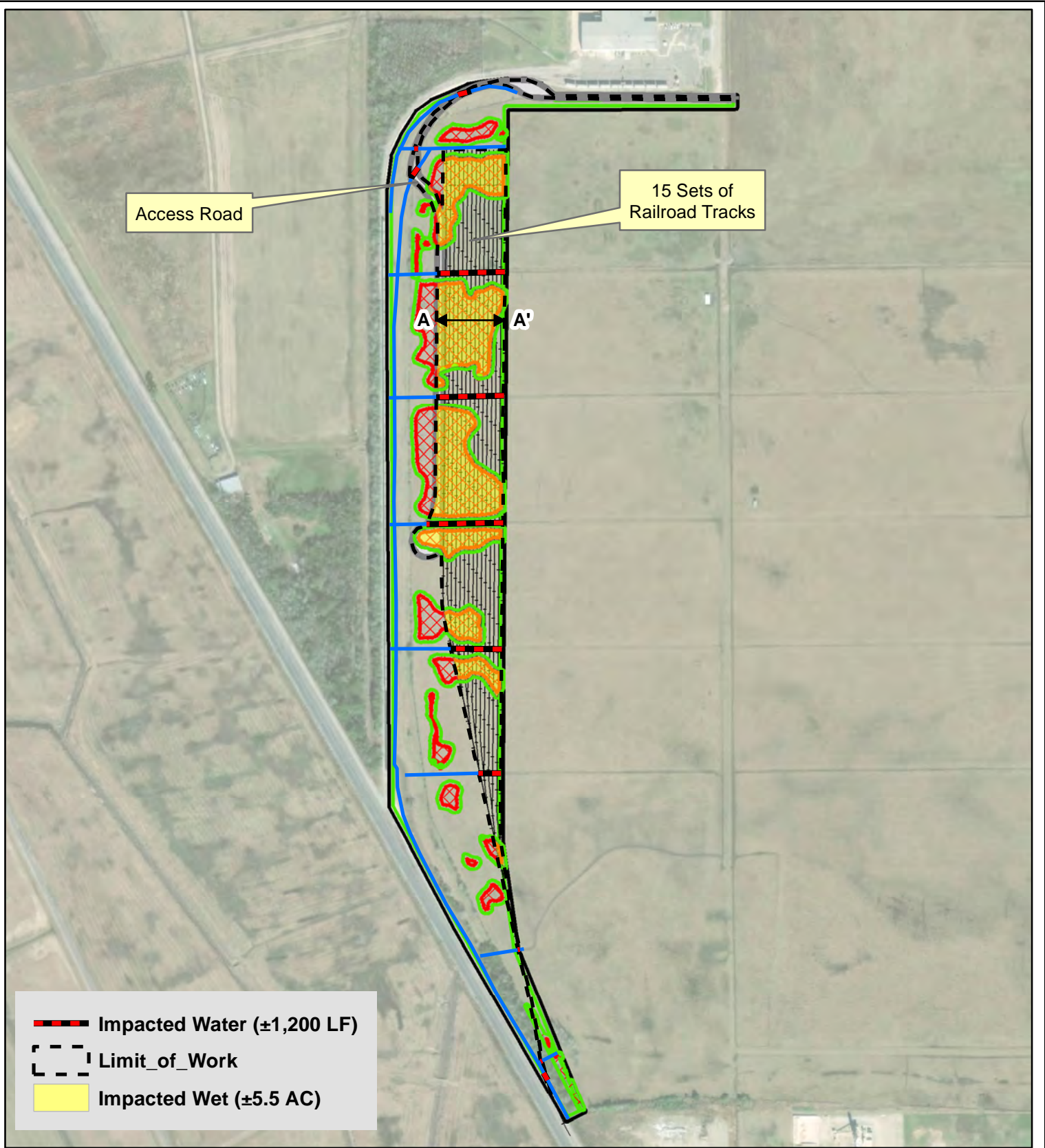
Enclosure



**FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION MAP**

PERMIT APPLICATION
LAKE CHARLES HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST
LAKE CHARLES, CALCASIEU PARISH
01-10S-08W

Drawn By: CRH	Date: 03/10/20	SE Project # 11809
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Impacted Water ($\pm 1,200$ LF)

Limit_of_Work

Impacted Wet (± 5.5 AC)

REVIEW AREA (± 31 AC)

NON-WETLAND (± 22.6 AC)

AVOIDED WETLAND (± 2.87 AC)

NON-WETLAND WATERS ($\pm 6,900$ LF)

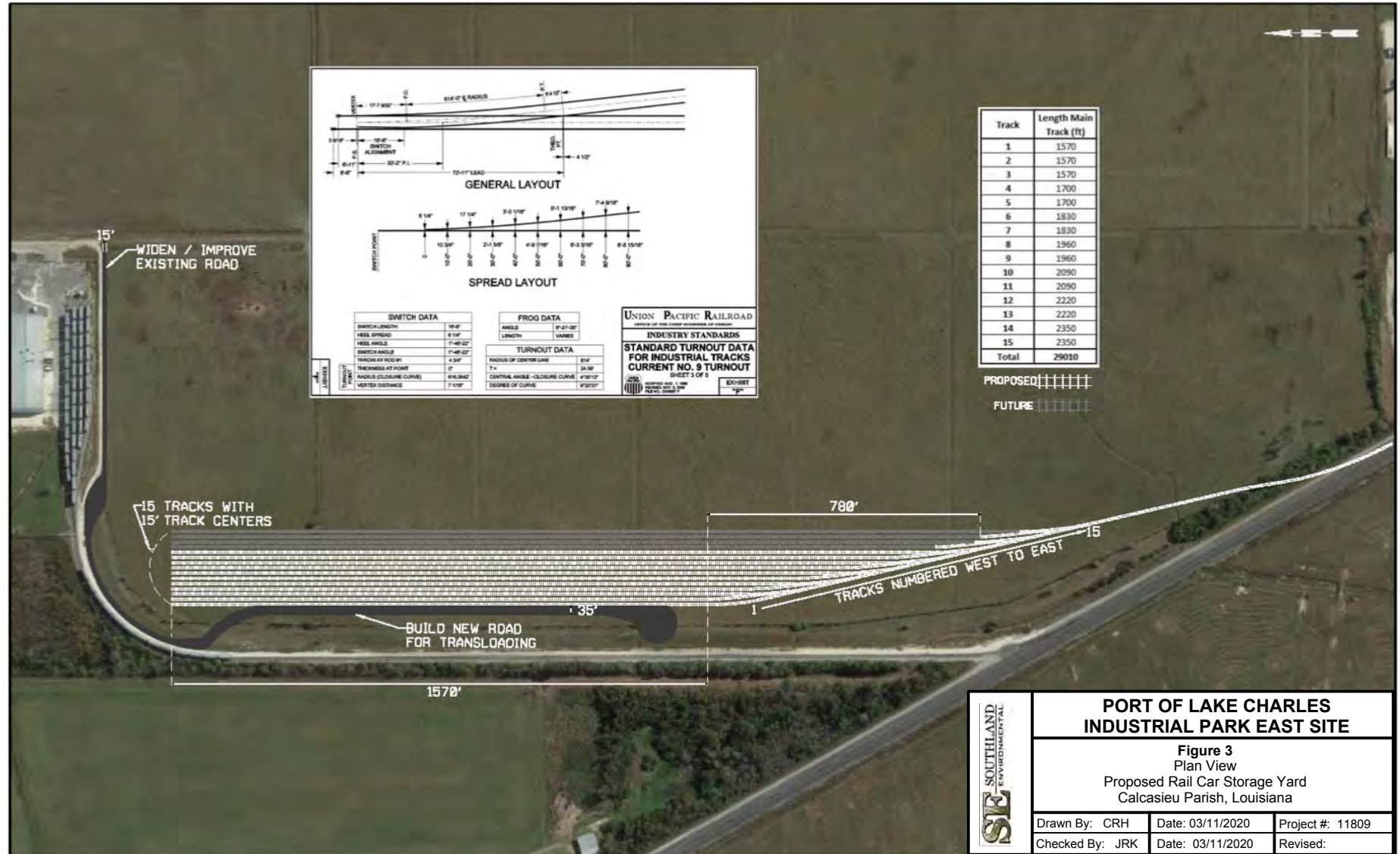


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FIGURE 2
SITE DIAGRAM

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INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST
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Drawn By: CRH	Date: 03/10/20	SE Project # 11809
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Track	Length Main Track (ft)
1	1570
2	1570
3	1570
4	1700
5	1700
6	1830
7	1830
8	1960
9	1960
10	2090
11	2090
12	2220
13	2220
14	2350
15	2350
Total	29010

SWITCH DATA		FROG DATA	
SWITCH LENGTH	16'0"	ANGLE	8°21'30"
HEEL SPREAD	8'11"	LENGTH	VARIABLE
HEEL ANGLE	1°48'30"	TURNOUT DATA	
SWITCH ANGLE	1°48'30"	RADIUS OF CENTER LINE	81'
SWITCH AT RICE PT	4'30"	TR	24.50'
TRAVELING AT POINT	0"	CENTRAL ANGLE - CLOSURE CURVE	4°30'11"
RADIUS (CLOSURE CURVE)	474.842'	DEGREES OF CURVE	1°22'31"
VERTEX DISTANCE	7'11"		

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF TRACKS
INDUSTRY STANDARDS
STANDARD TURNOUT DATA
 FOR INDUSTRIAL TRACKS
 CURRENT NO. 9 TURNOUT
 SHEET 3 OF 5

	PORT OF LAKE CHARLES INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST SITE		
	Figure 3 Plan View Proposed Rail Car Storage Yard Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana		
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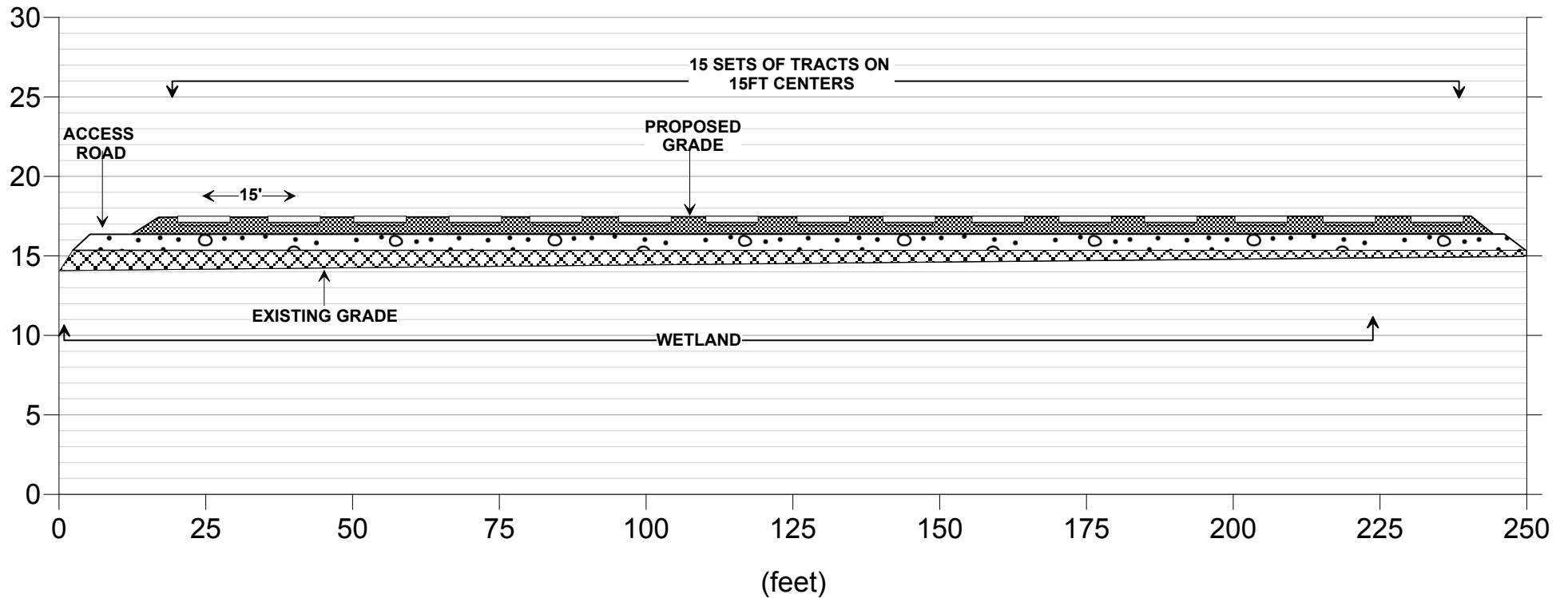
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(NOT TO SCALE) DATE: 07-01-19

REVISIONS			
NO.	BY	DATE	DESCRIPTION


PORT OF LAKE CHARLES
STORAGE YARD CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
 DRAWING No. **001**



CROSS SECTION A-A'

-  **STONE (±5,000 CY)**
-  **CRUSHED LIMESTONE (±8,000 CY)**
-  **EARTHEN FILL (±4,500 CY)**

NOTE: DRAWING NOT TO SCALE, DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN
ELEVATION FEET BASED ON NATURAL GRADE.

	PORT OF LAKE CHARLES INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST SITE		
	Figure 4 Cross-Section Proposed Rail Car Storage Yard Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana		
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