## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

## March 28, 2022

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Division 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Project Manager: Jamie Crowe (504) 862-2675 Jamie.M.Crowe@usace.army.mil Application #: MVN 2021-00485 CO State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Water Permits Division Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

Certification Analyst: Elizabeth Hill (225) 219-3225 WQC Application Number: WQC 2250322-01

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), [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 LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

## BARGE FLEET AND WATER LINE IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN IBERVILLE PARISH

**<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>**: Shamrock Marine, LLC, c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., 4101 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70115.

**LOCATION OF WORK**: In the Mississippi River, left descending bank, mile 191, near Carville, LA (lat. 30.1991667, long. -91.1169444), within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings.

**<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>**: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to install and maintain a 1-inch potable water line extending from the Parish's water main, over the levee, and to the existing office building in the batture. The applicant also proposes to install twenty 48-inch monopiles to secure 10 tiers, each 10 barges wide. Approximately 150 cubic yards of rip-rap will be installed around the monopiles. Approximately 0.03 acres of maintained batture and 0.01 acre of non-vegetated waterbottoms will be impacted by the proposed activity.

The applicant states that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The proposed pipeline will be placed adjacent to the existing roadway. No other wetland impacts are proposed. Therefore, no mitigation is proposed. Should it later be determined that

compensatory mitigation is required, the applicant will purchase 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 <u>30 days</u> 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/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number and preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, <u>ATTENTION: REGULATORY</u> <u>DIVISION, RGC, Jamie Crowe</u>. 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.

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. The comment period for Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close in 20 days from the date of this joint public notice.

The public notice can also be reviewed at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ.

## **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 notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any species as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Utilizing the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect to any listed species.

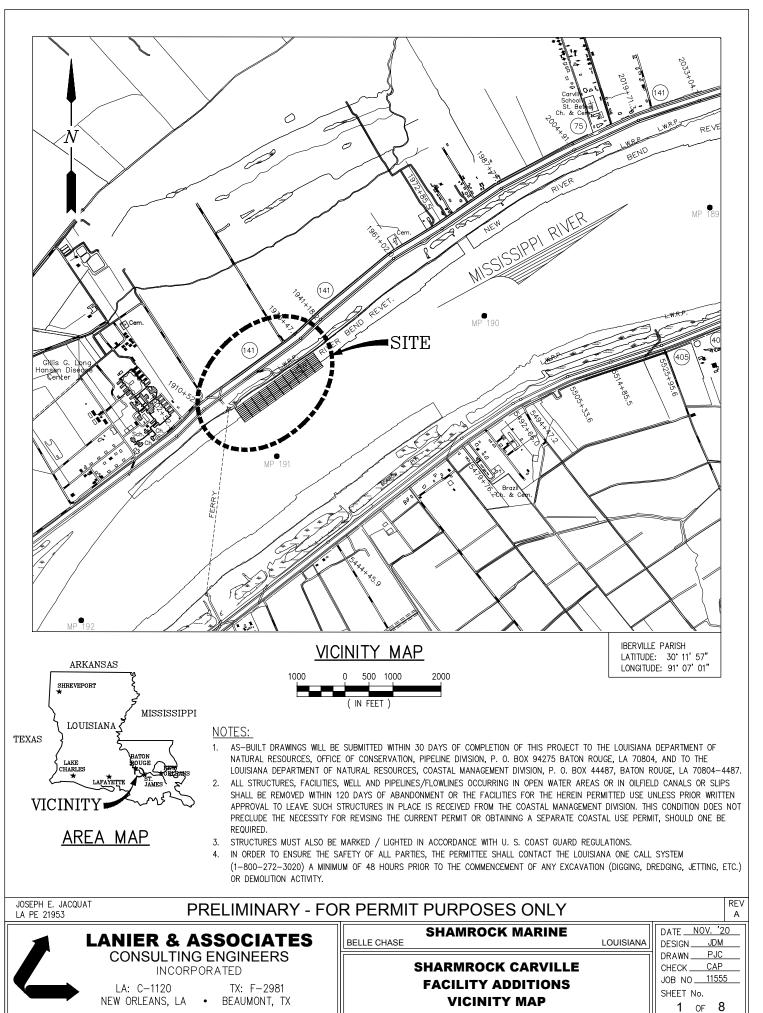
The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species (IPaC) procedure, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

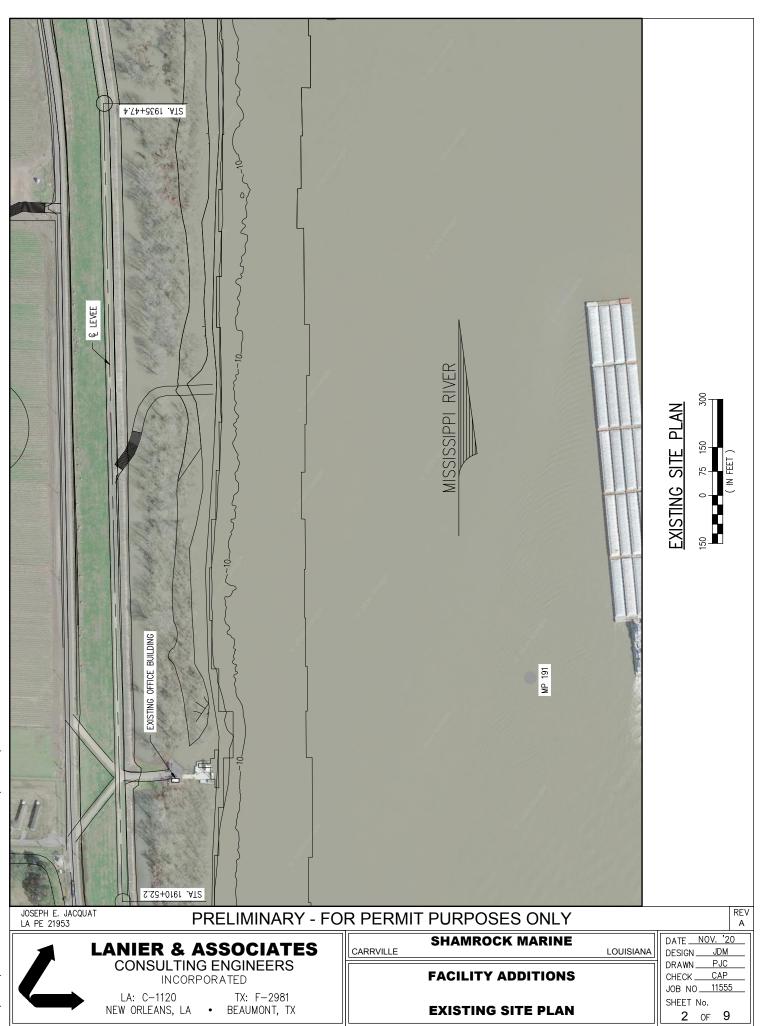
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration and/or disturbance of <u>n/a</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum 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.

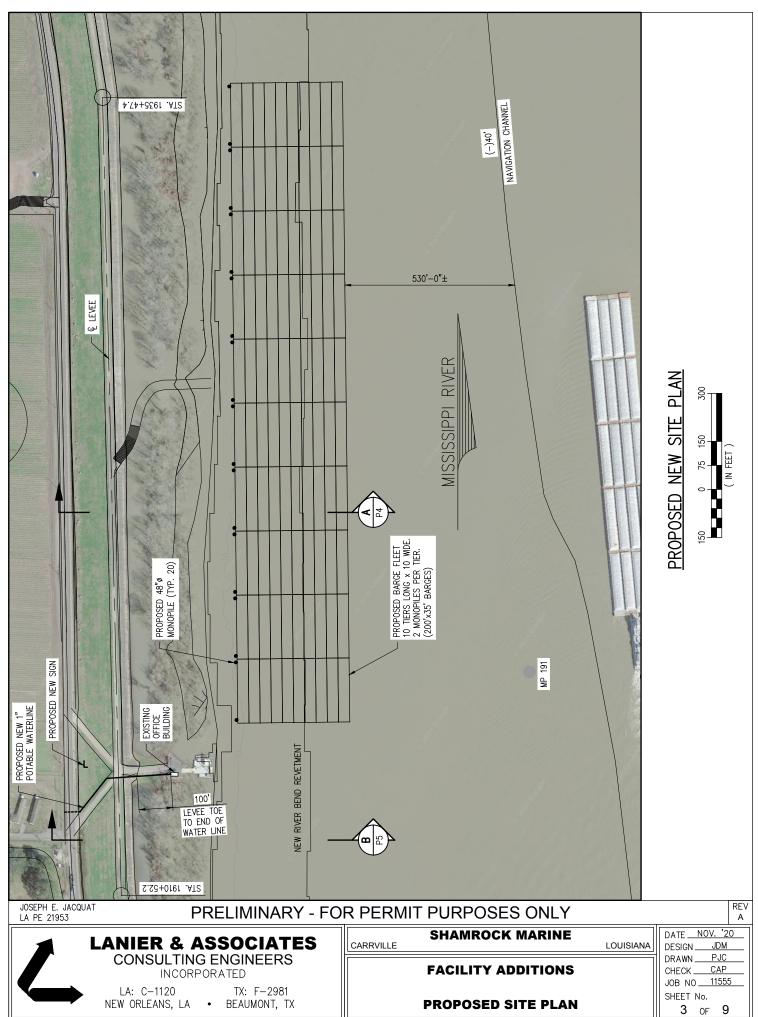
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

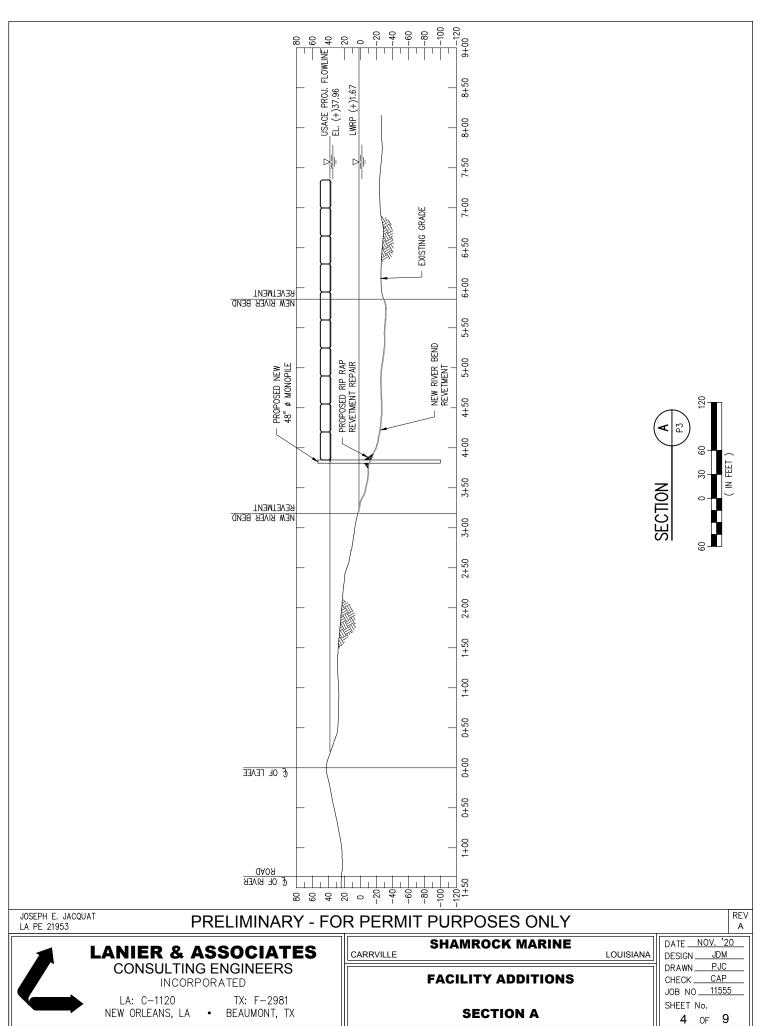
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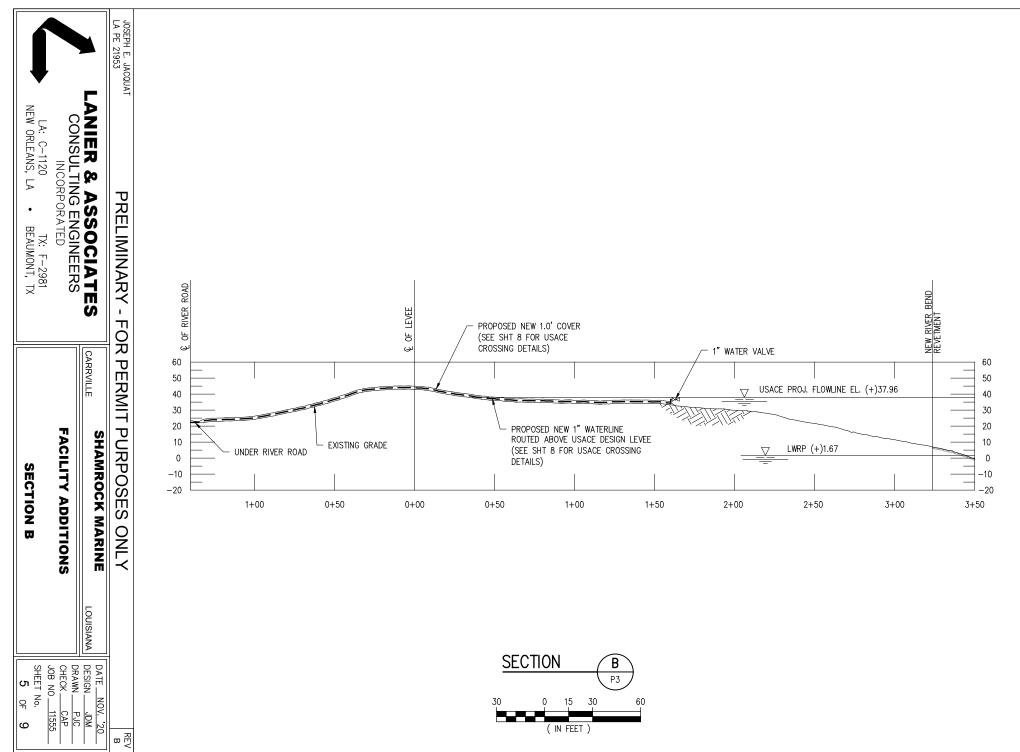


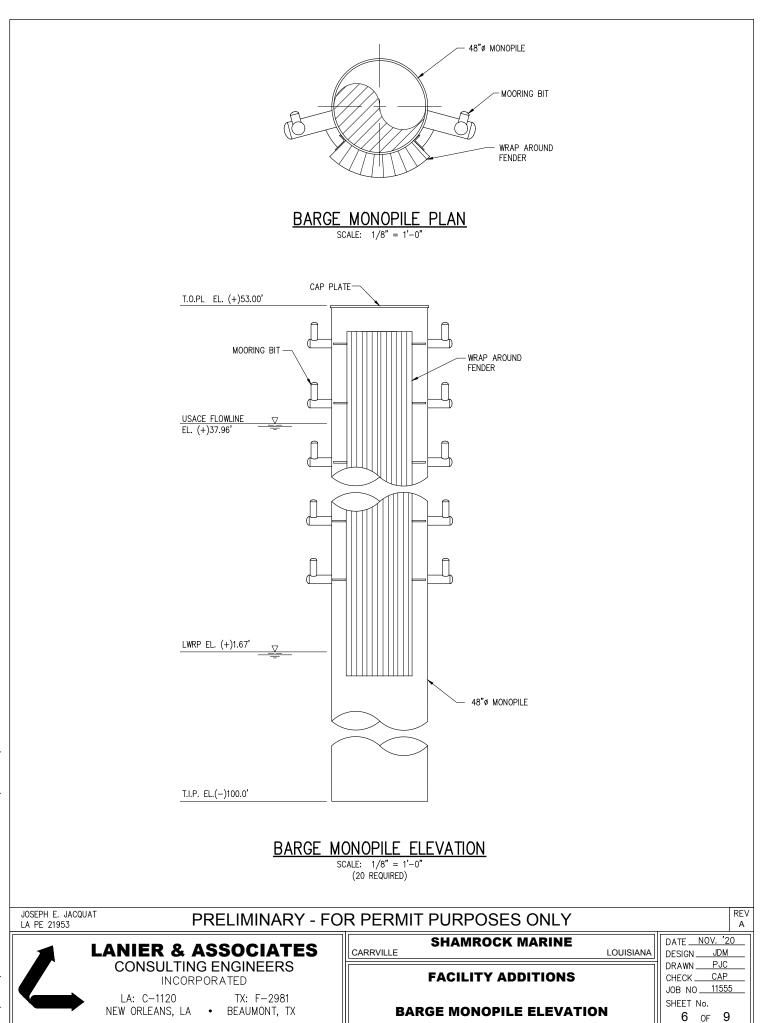


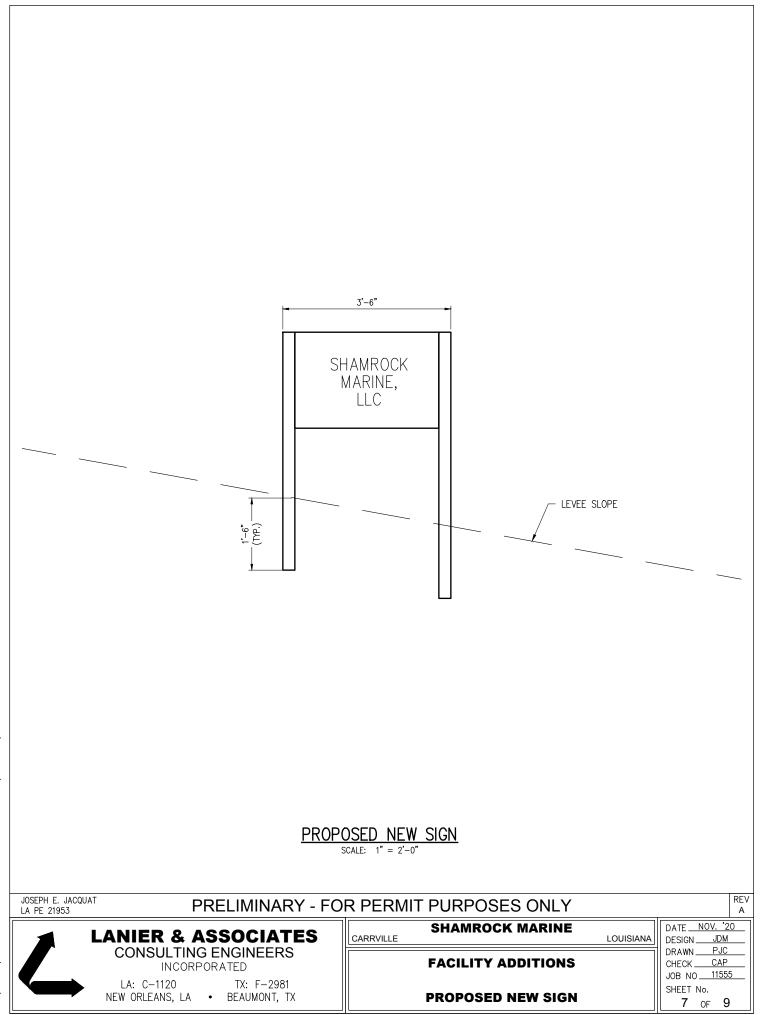
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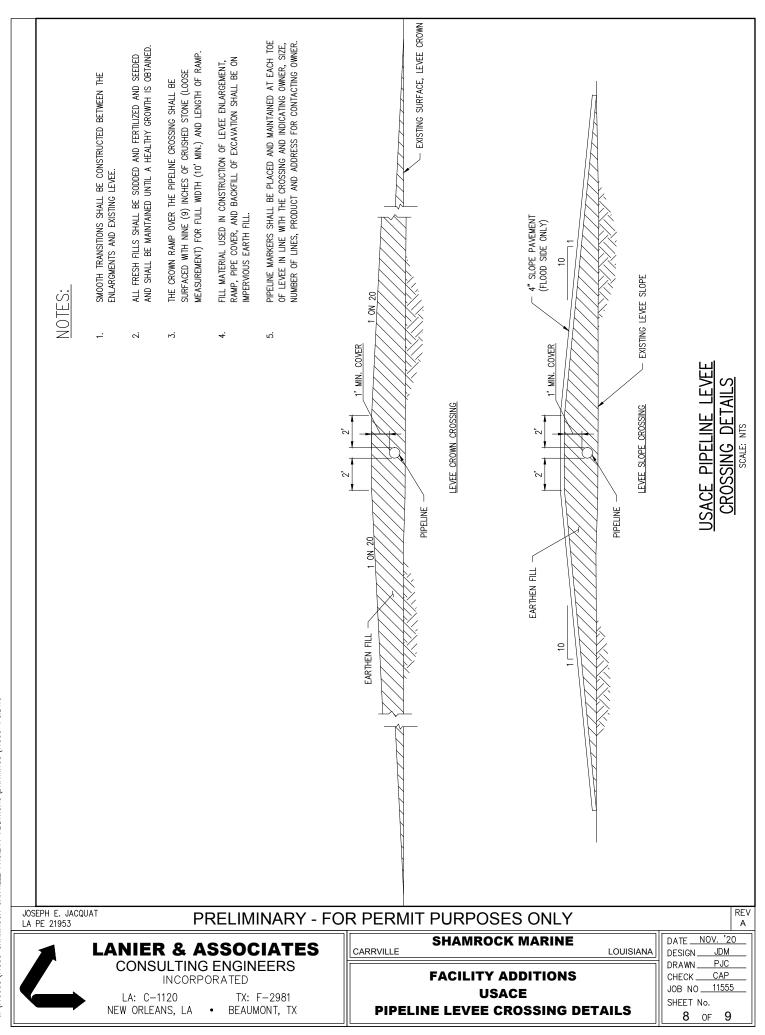
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