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Central Evaluation Branch

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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).

PROPOSED WELL PADS AND ACCESS ROADS TO DRILL AND OPERATE THREE NEW BRINE WELLS AT THE WHITE CASTLE SALT DOME FACILITY IN IBERVILLE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Texas Brine Company, LLC, c/o Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc., Attn: Mr. Joel J. Miller, 601 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana 70538.

LOCATION OF WORK: In Iberville Parish, North 30.126725, West -91.233769, on Ridge Road, approximately 2.9 miles from its intersection with Louisiana Highway 404, southwest of White Castle, Louisiana, in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070300, Lower Grand River), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, fill and grade three 400' by 300' well pads with access roads ranging from 30' by 200' to 30' by 400', to drill three new brine wells, the locations and roads will be filled with 33,822 cubic yards of earthen fill material and 5,668 cubic yards of limestone material. A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact 8.57 acres of forested wetlands.

The applicant states that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction in the well pads and access roads would not meet engineering construction standards at the project site, therefore rendering the project impracticable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate with inkind wetland acres from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit will close in 20 days from the date of this public notice, which is available for review online at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ. 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 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 preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, James W. Little, Jr. 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 Branch 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.

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 would have No Effect on 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. Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species (IPaC) procedure, as signed on January 27, 2020, 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 would have no effect on any listed species by letter dated 6 June 2022.

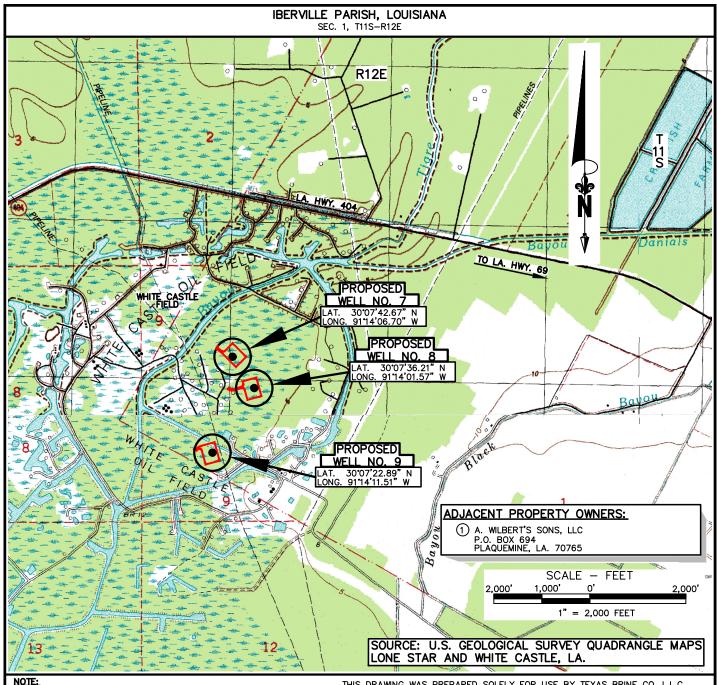
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to <u>N/A</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid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

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 (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P # 20210956). 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN Chief, Central Evaluation Branch Regulatory Division



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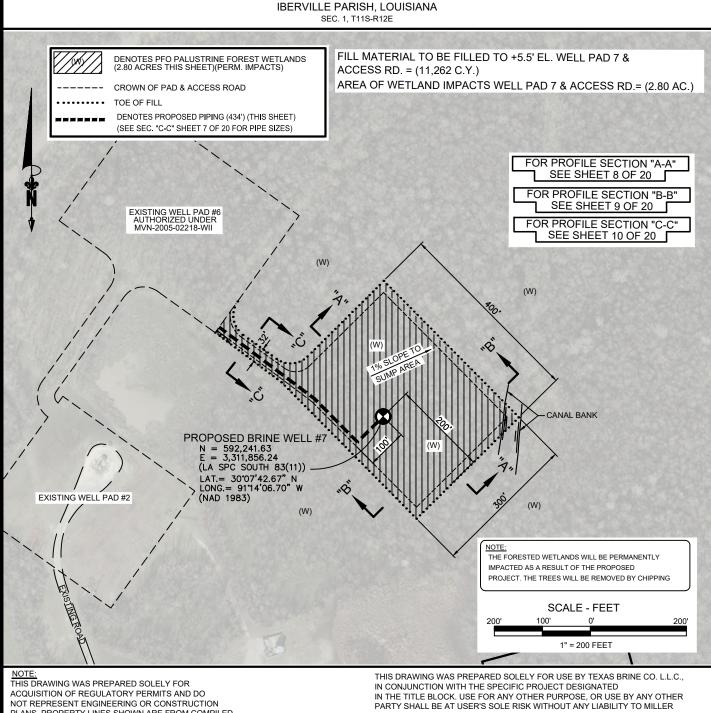


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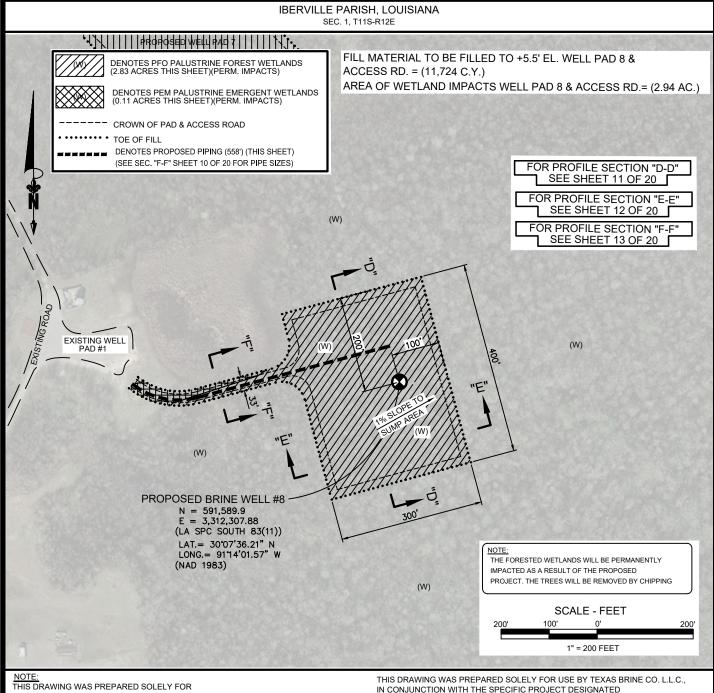
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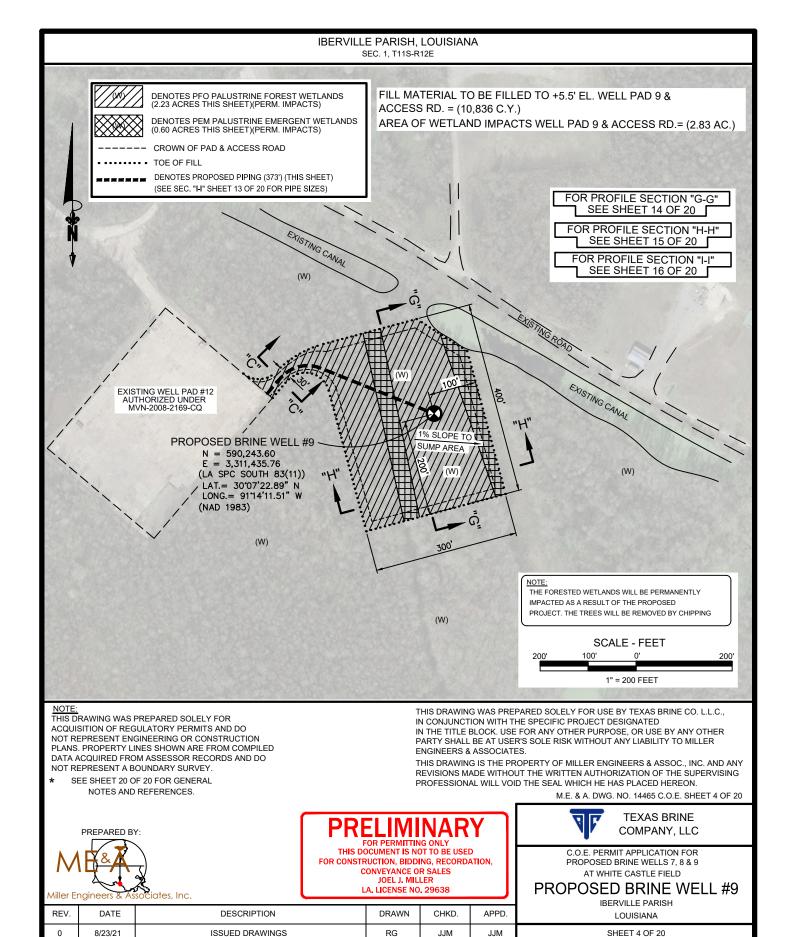
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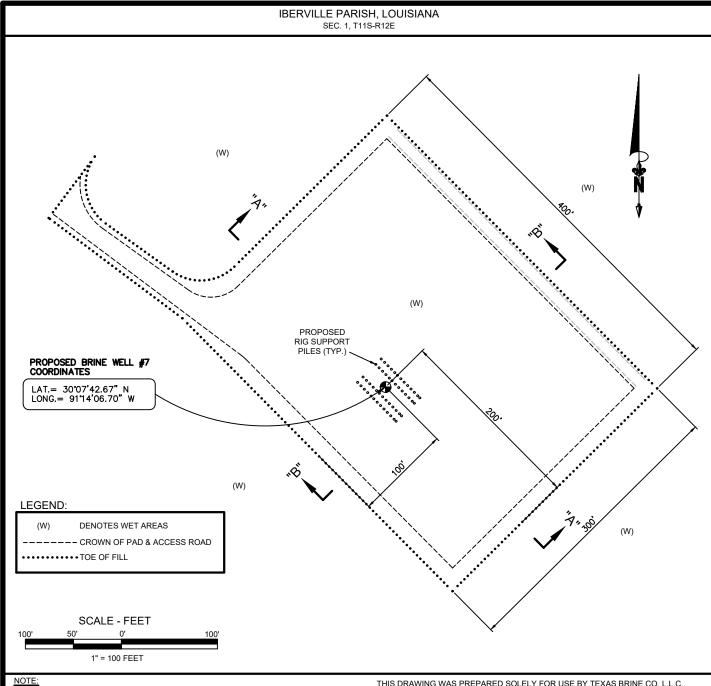
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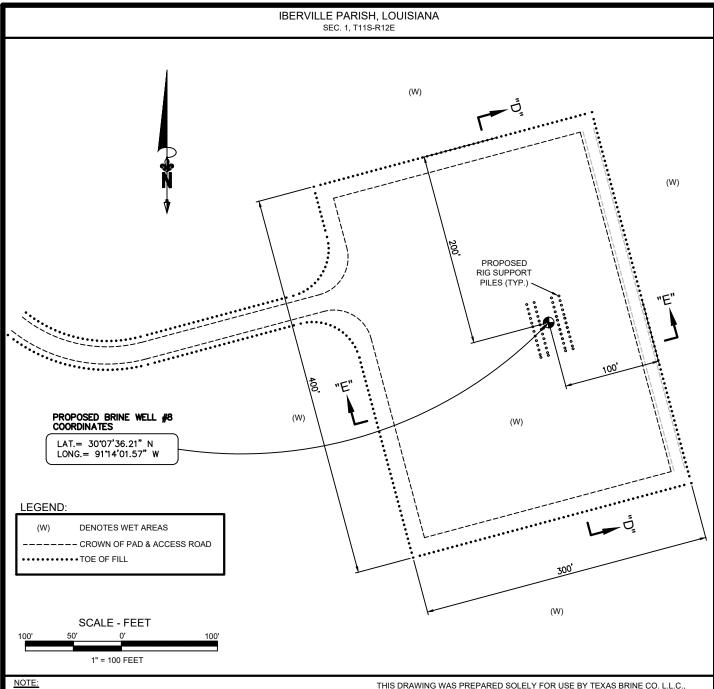
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PROPOSED BRINE WELL #7 (RIG LAYOUT)

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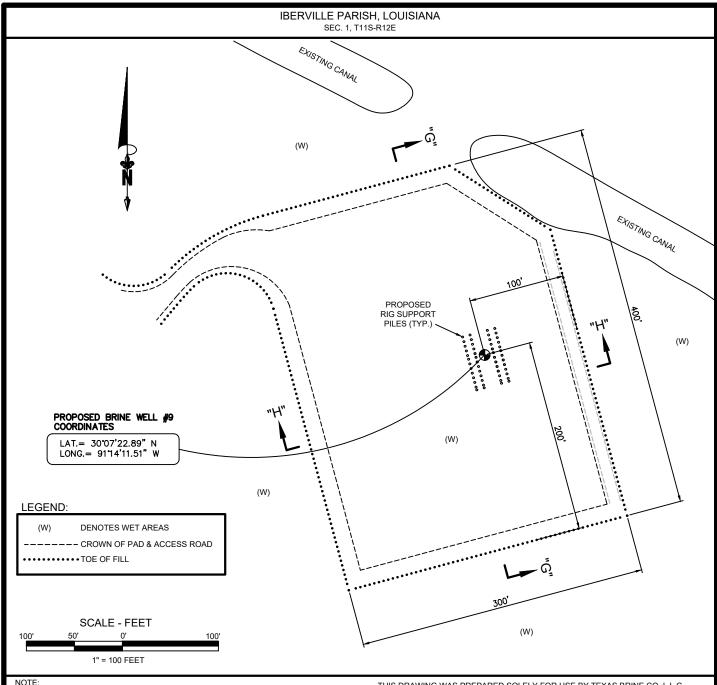
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PROPOSED BRINE WELL #8
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PROPOSED BRINE WELL #9 (RIG LAYOUT)

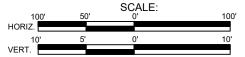
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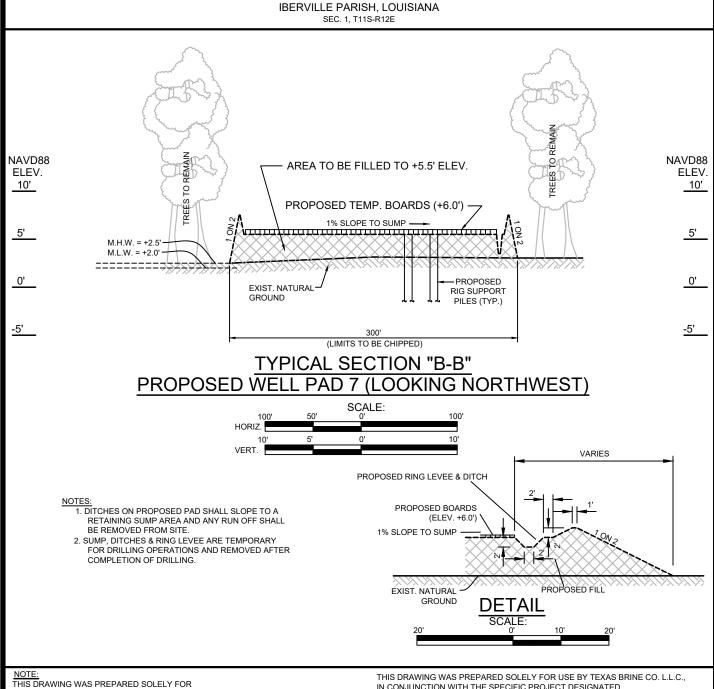


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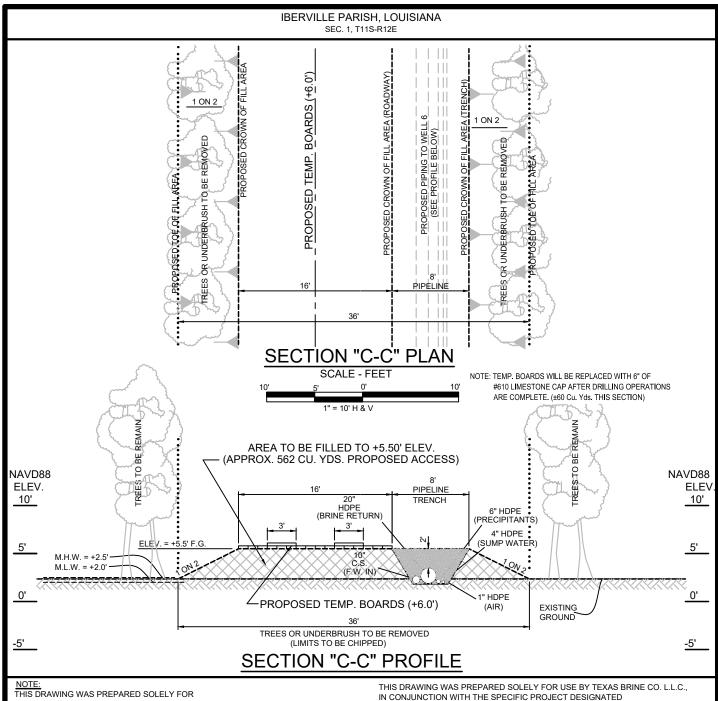
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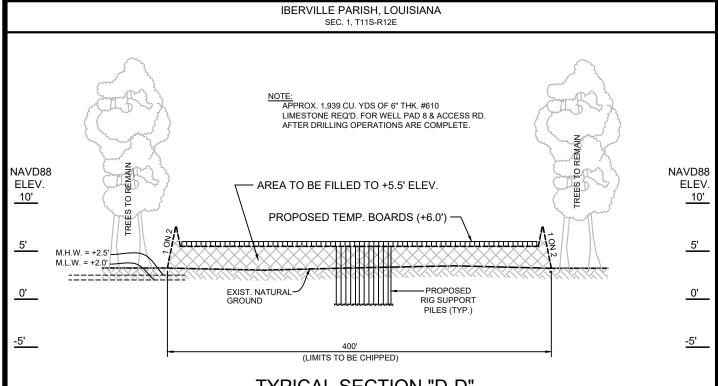
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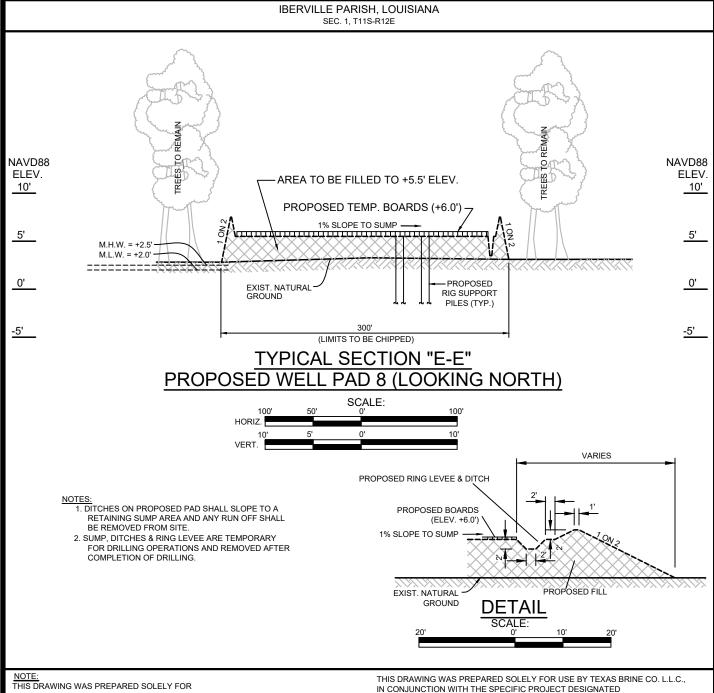
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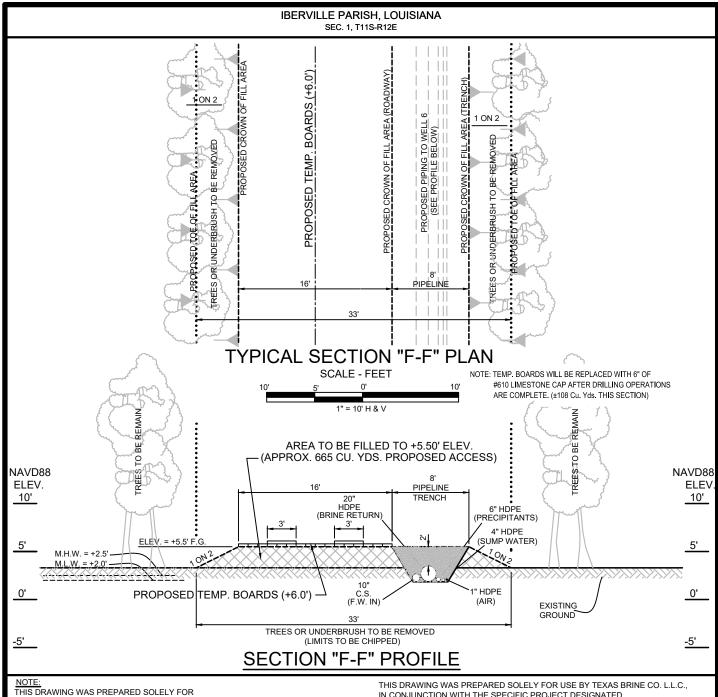


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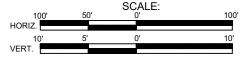
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IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA SEC. 1, T11S-R12E NOTE APPROX. 1,835 CU. YDS OF 6" THK. #610 LIMESTONE REQ'D. FOR WELL PAD 9 & ACCESS RD. AFTER DRILLING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETE. 2 AREA TO BE FILLED TO +5.5' ELEV. NAVD88 NAVD88 TREES ELEV. **ELEV** 10' 10' 9 PROPOSED TEMP. BOARDS (+6.0')-5' 5' M.H.W. = +2.5' M.L.W. = +2.0' -0' **FXIST NATURAL** 0' PROPOSED GROUND RIG SUPPORT PILES (TYP.) 400' -5' <u>-5'</u> (LIMITS TO BE CHIPPED)

TYPICAL SECTION "G-G" PROPOSED WELL PAD 9 (LOOKING EAST)



NOTES

- 1. DITCHES ON PROPOSED PAD SHALL SLOPE TO A RETAINING SUMP AREA AND ANY RUN OFF SHALL BE REMOVED FROM SITE.
- 2. SUMP, DITCHES & RING LEVEE ARE TEMPORARY FOR DRILLING OPERATIONS AND REMOVED AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING.

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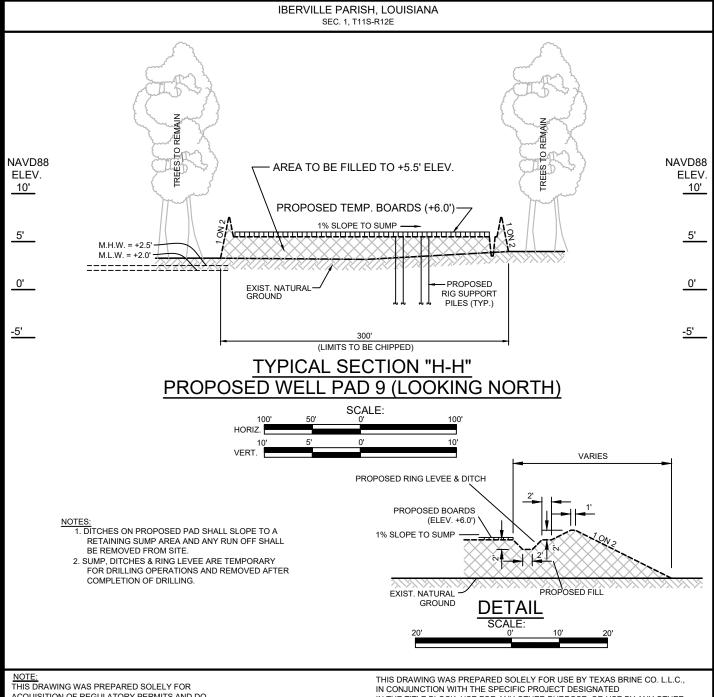


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TYPICAL SEC. "G-G" PROPOSED WELL PAD 9

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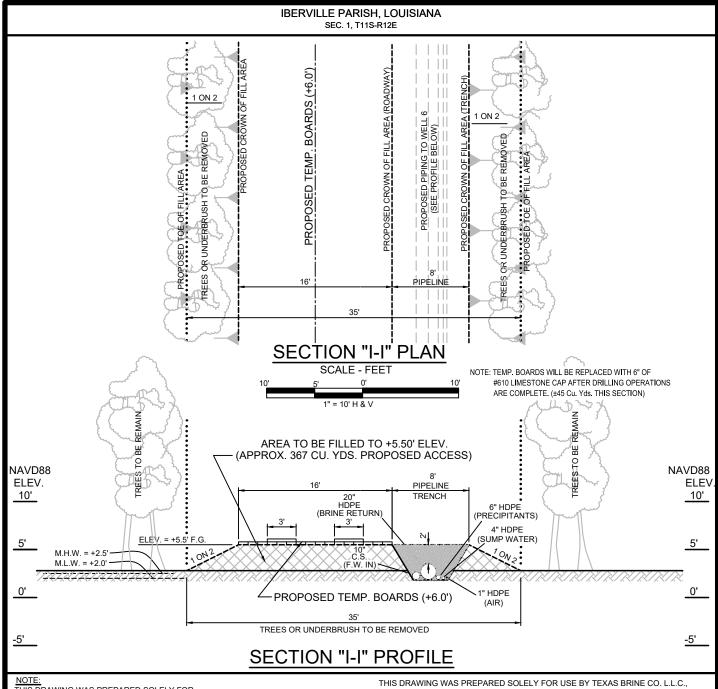
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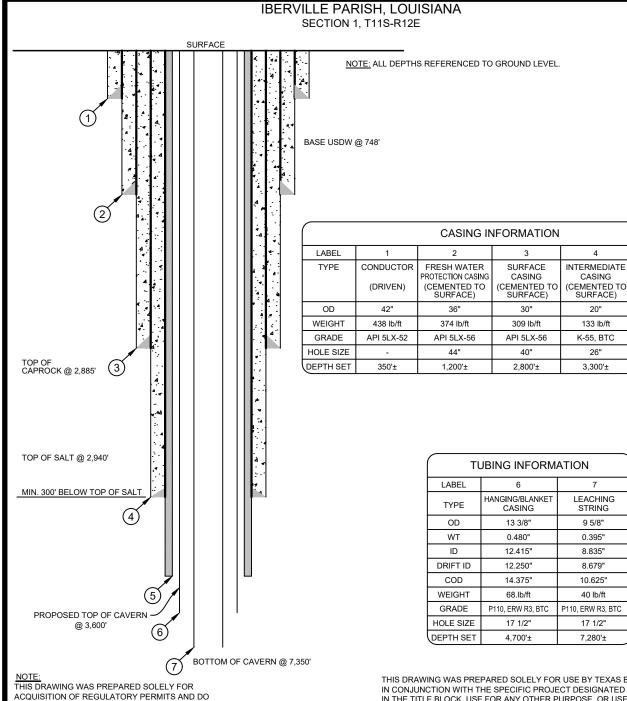


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SEC. "I-I" FOR PROPOSED ACCESS TO WELL PAD 9

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PRODUCTION

CASING

(CEMENTED TO SURFACE)

16"

97 lb/ft

HCQ-125, BTC, SMLS

22"

3,500'±

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BELOW GROUND DETAIL FOR BRINE WELL #7

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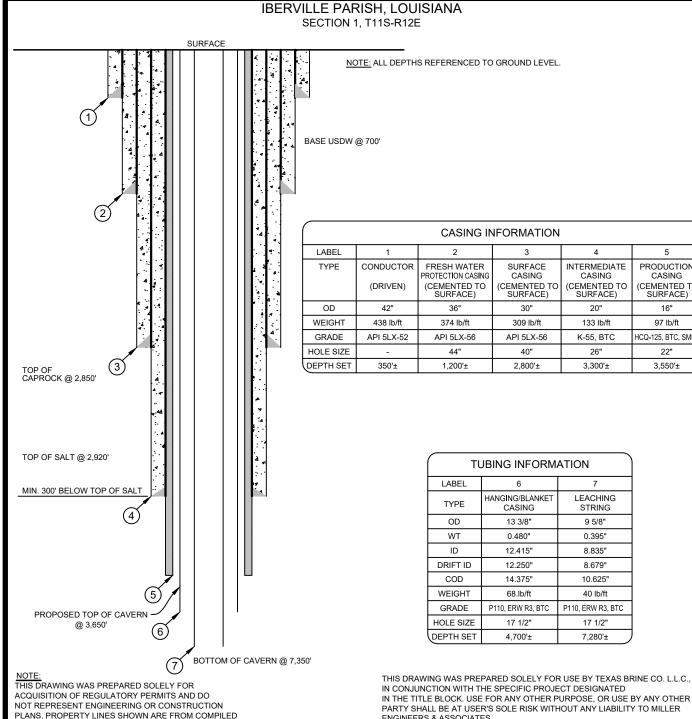
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16"

97 lb/ft

HCQ-125, BTC, SMLS

22"

3,550'±

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BELOW GROUND DETAIL FOR BRINE WELL #8

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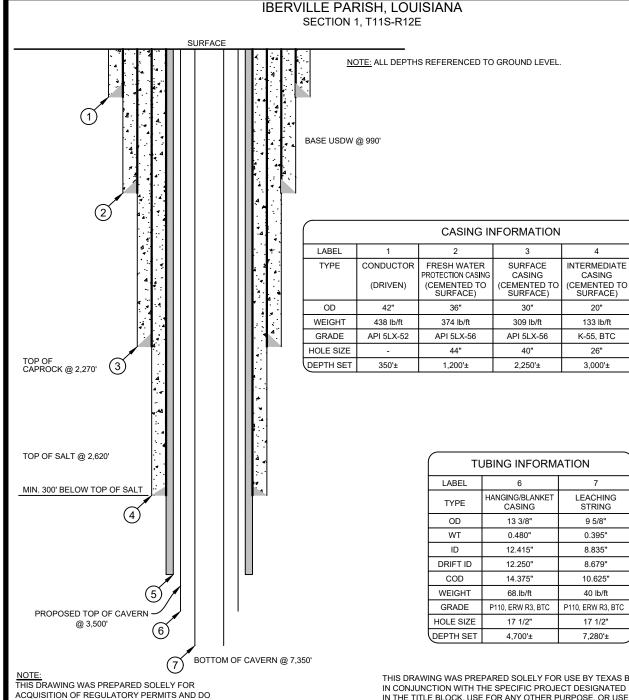
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PRODUCTION

CASING

(CEMENTED TO

SURFACE)

16"

97 lb/ft

HCQ-125, BTC, SMLS

22"

3,400'±

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BELOW GROUND DETAIL FOR BRINE WELL #9

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NOTES:

NORTH ARROW AND GRID COORDINATES REFER TO THE LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE (NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 (NAD 83)). BASED ON RTK GPS OBSERVATIONS.

ELEVATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO THE NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM (N.A.V.D. 88). BASED ON RTK GPS OBSERVATIONS.

DISTANCES IN FEET BY HORIZONTIAL MEASURMENT.

PARISH, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, AND RANGE SCALED FROM REFERENCED U.S.C & G.S. QUADRANGLES, LONE STAR & WHITE CASTLE, LA. 1994

PROPOSED EXCAVATION LOCATIONS AND DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE BASED ON DATA PROVIDED TEXAS BRINE CO. LLC

SURVEY PARTY CHIEF: HERSHEL SAUCE

DATE OF SURVEY: JULY 6, 2021

SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
AMPHIBIOUS TRACK EXCAVATOR (60' REACH) (FOR CHIPPING)	1
NON-AMPHIBIOUS TRACK EXCAVATOR (35' REACH) (FOR PIPELINE WORK)	1
TANDEM & TRACTOR TRAILER DUMP TRUCKS (ACCESS RD & PAD FILL)	1
BULL DOZER/GRADER (ACCESS RD & PAD CONSTRUCTION)	1
LAND BASED DRILLING RIG	1
1/2 TON & 3/4 TON CREW TRUCKS (CONSTRUCTION & DRILLING SUPPORT)	1

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

TOTAL SAND VOLUME = 33,822 CU. YDS. (FILL) (WELL PADS & ACCESS)

TOTAL #610 LIMESTONE VOLUME = 5,668 CU. YDS. (6" THK.) (FILL)

TOTAL PROJECT PERMANENT IMPACTS (WETLAND) = 8.57 AC.

TOTAL CASING CEMENT = 1,457 CU. YDS.

DESCRIPTION

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TOTAL EXCAVATION FOR WELLS FROM DRILLING = 2,273 CU.YDS.

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