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Application #: MVN-2023-00041-EBB

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

NEW BARGE FLEET ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: MBIII Consulting LLC, c/o Cali & LaPlace Engineers, LLC, Attention: Stephen Cali, 58 Cycas, Kenner, Louisiana 70065, or scali@clengrs.com.

LOCATION OF WORK: At approximately Latitude: 29.850278, Longitude: -89.984167, on the Mississippi River, mile 75.5, right-descending bank, in Belle Chase, Louisiana, in Plaquemines Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090100 (Lower Mississippi- New Orleans)

CHARACTER OF WORK: Install and maintain 12 monopiles for a new barge fleet approximately 1,270-feet in length. All work will be performed from barge mounted equipment. No wetland impacts are anticipated as a result of the project, therefore compensatory mitigation is not proposed.

The comment period on the requested Department of the Army Permit 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 request, and must be submitted 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 can be preferably emailed to angelle.v.greer@usace.army.mil or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION (RGE, Angelle Greer). This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a Section 10/404 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 any 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. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), dated January 27, 2020 between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, it has been determined that the activity is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee or the Pallid Sturgeon. Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal is not expected to result in the destruction or alteration of 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.

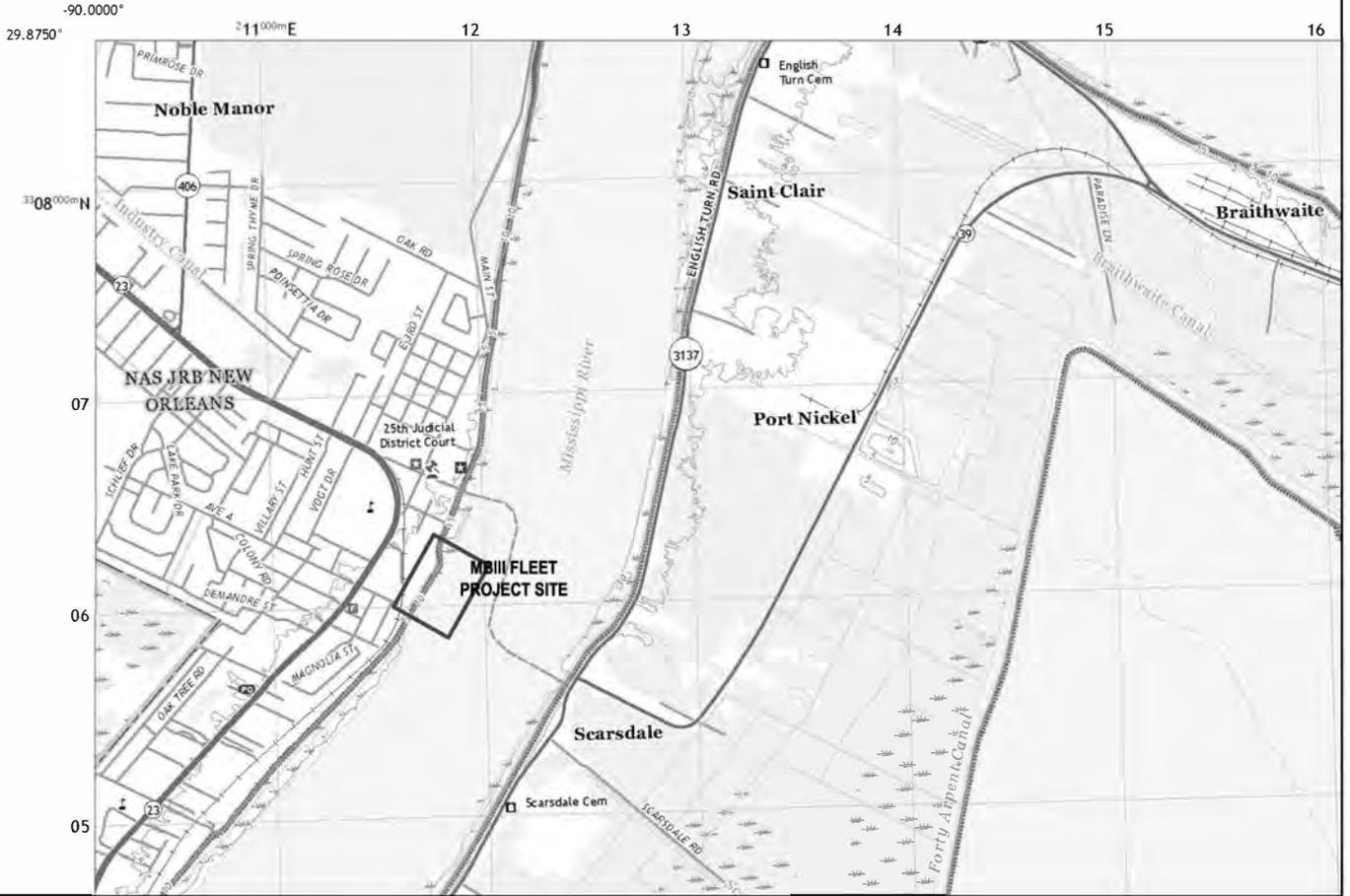
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

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 P20220764). 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.

Brad P. LaBorde
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Branch
Regulatory Division



VICINITY MAP
GRAPHIC SCALE: IN MILES



VICINITY

The applicant must submit for and receive a Levee Permit Letter of No Objection from CPRA, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Plaquemines Parish Government prior to commencement of the activity.

LDNR 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 built under the authorization and conditions of this permit shall be removed from the site within 120 days of abandonment of the facilities for the herein permitted use, or when these structures fall into a state of disrepair such that they can no longer function as intended. This condition does not preclude the necessity for revising the current permit or obtaining a separate Coastal Use Permit, should one be required, for such removal activities.
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 permittee 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.

PROJECT LOCATION

PARISH:	PLAQUEMINES PARISH
LATITUDE:	N 29-51-01
LONGITUDE:	W 089-59-03
RIVER MILE:	75.7 RIGHT DESCENDING BANK
LEVEE BL STA:	301+00 approx

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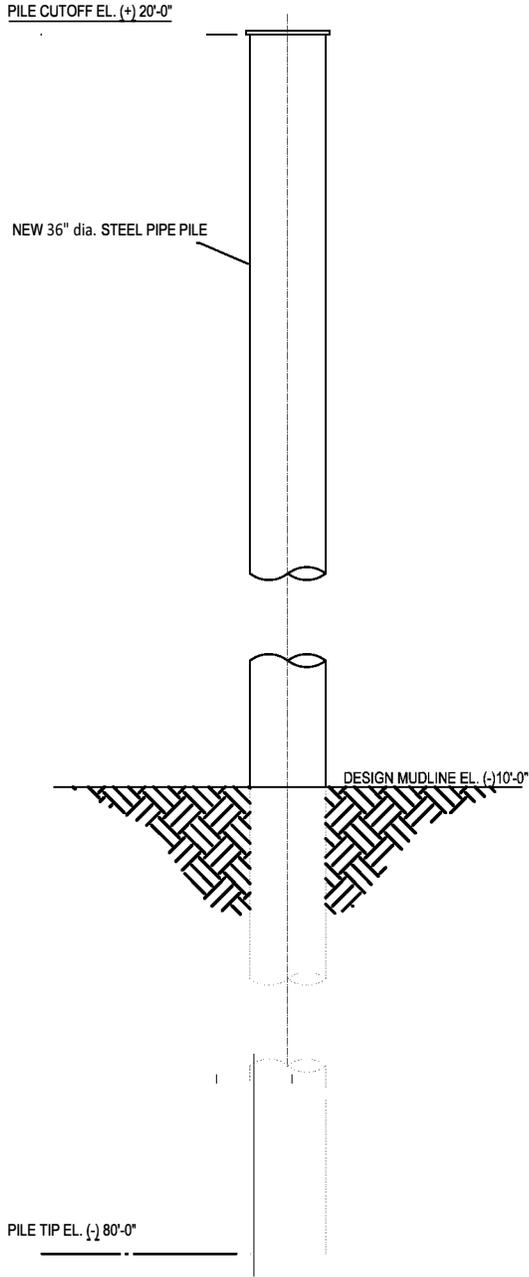


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 O.H.W.M = 12.0

SITE PLAN
 SCALE: 1" = 400'-0"

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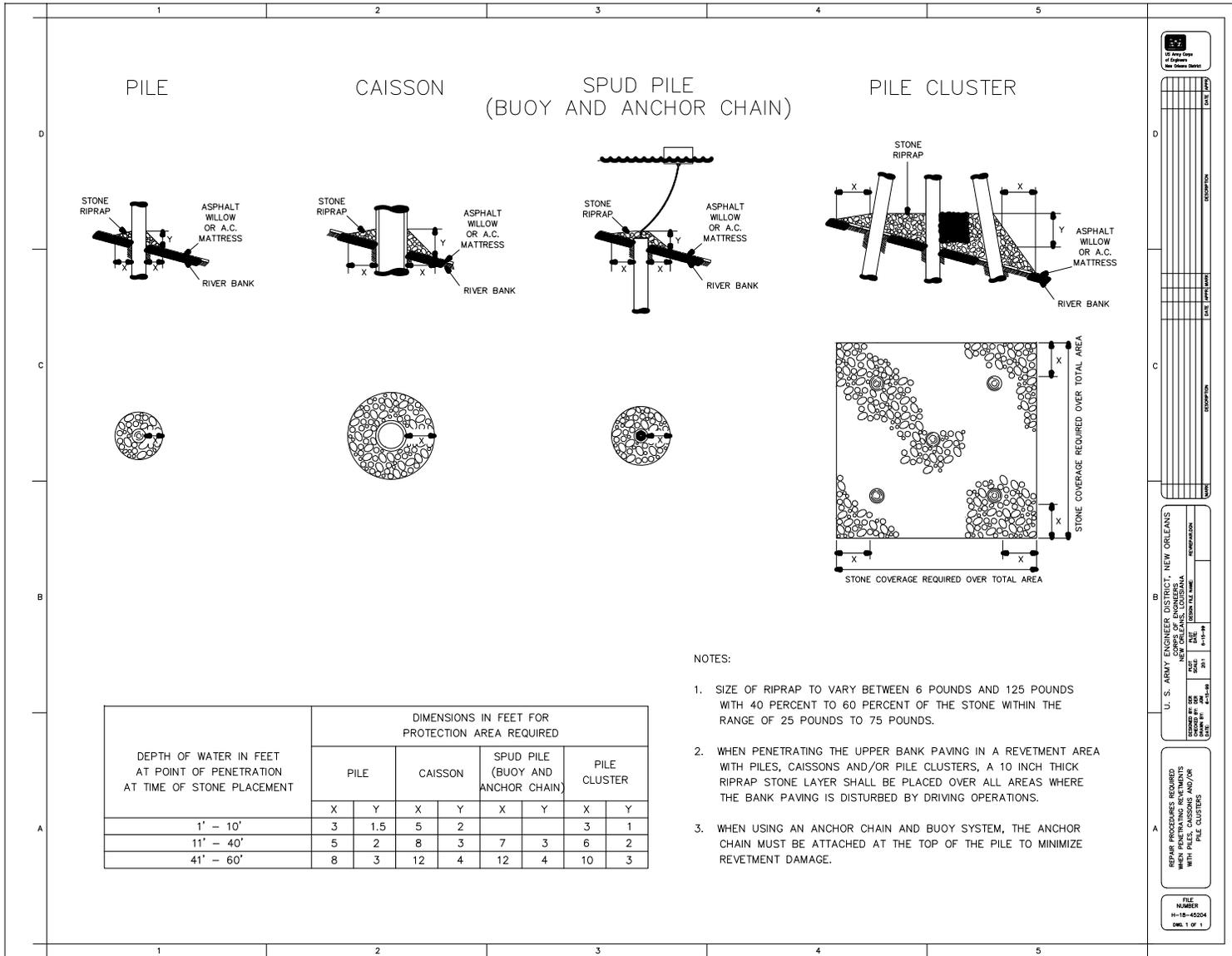


PILE DETAIL

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NOTES:

1. SIZE OF RIPRAP TO VARY BETWEEN 6 POUNDS AND 125 POUNDS WITH 40 PERCENT TO 60 PERCENT OF THE STONE WITHIN THE RANGE OF 25 POUNDS TO 75 POUNDS.
2. WHEN PENETRATING THE UPPER BANK PAVING IN A REVETMENT AREA WITH PILES, CAISSONS AND/OR PILE CLUSTERS, A 10 INCH THICK RIPRAP STONE LAYER SHALL BE PLACED OVER ALL AREAS WHERE THE BANK PAVING IS DISTURBED BY DRIVING OPERATIONS.
3. WHEN USING AN ANCHOR CHAIN AND BUOY SYSTEM, THE ANCHOR CHAIN MUST BE ATTACHED AT THE TOP OF THE PILE TO MINIMIZE REVETMENT DAMAGE.

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REPAIR PROCEDURES REQUIRED WHEN PENETRATING REVETMENTS WITH PILE CLUSTERS

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