## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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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).

## PROPOSED PILE SUPPORTED LOADING PLATFORM, DOLPHINS, PIPE RACK, ACCESS WALKWAYS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING DOCK IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA IN IBERVILLE PARISH

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

**LOCATION OF WORK**: Within the Mississippi River Basin, in the Lower Mississippi River – Baton Rouge hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), in the Mississippi River, right descending bank, mile 205, near Plaquwmine, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish (Latitude 30.27611 N, Longitude -91.17444 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested to modify an existing Department of the Army permit authorization. The proposed permit modification includes the construction of a of a ship dock expansion to be installed at the existing Shintech facility. The ship dock expansion consists of a pile supported loading platform, 4 breasting dolphins, 4 mooring dolphins, a pipe rack and access way, marine walkways to access the dolphins, and other appurtenant structures. The proposed ship dock (loading platform) would extend from the existing ship dock's approach way. All proposed construction would be performed in the river by a barge mounted crane. The proposed modification is needed to expand delivery capacity to and from Shintech's Plaquemine facility. Approximately 0.01 acre of waterbottoms would be impacted by the permit modification due to the placement of approximately 500 cubic yards of rip rap placement.

The applicant stated that the impacted area has been minimized through the proposed use of the existing approach way to gain access to the dock expansion and that all construction will occur outside of wetland areas. Compensatory mitigation is not anticipated due to the permit modification only proposing to impact jurisdictional Other Waters of the US.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close <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 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**.

## **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 US 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 US 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.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Utilizing 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, the Corps has determined that with the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and will have no effect on other known species.

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 <u>NA</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.

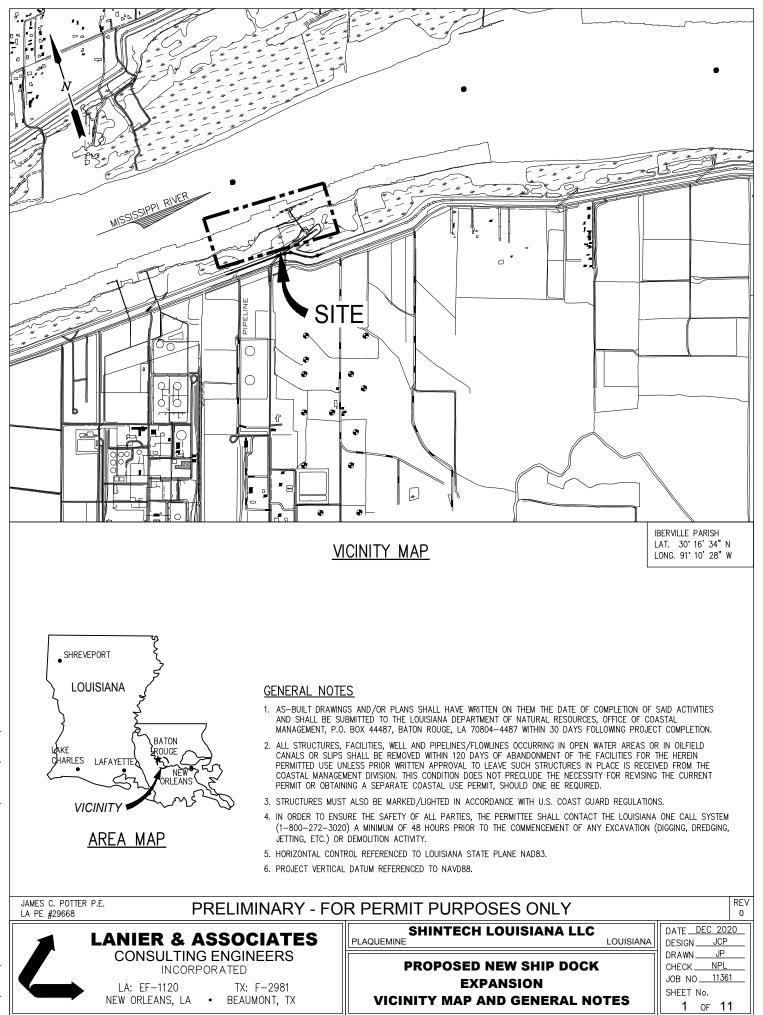
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by

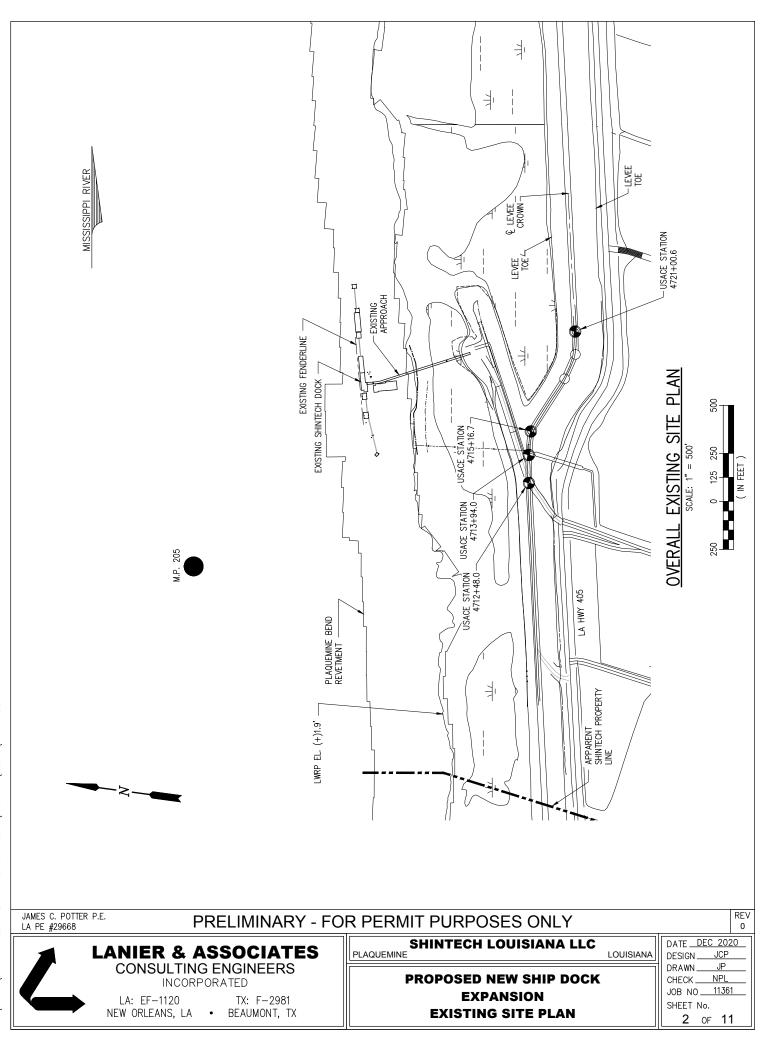
the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

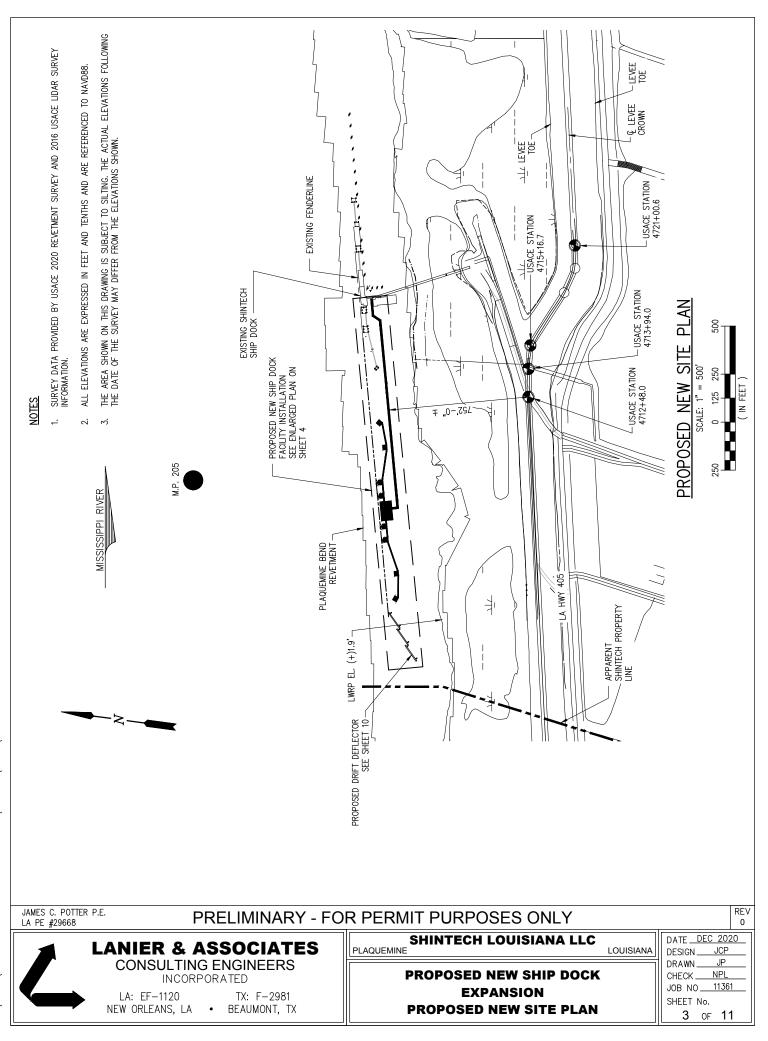
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

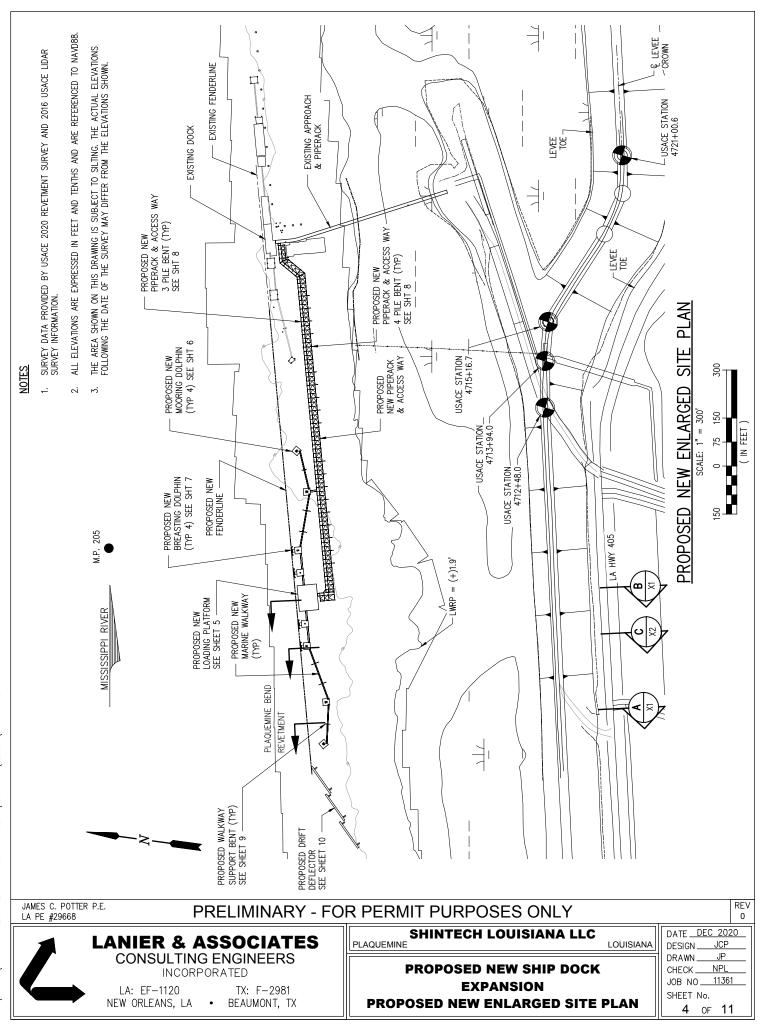
JOHN M. HERMAN Chief, Central Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

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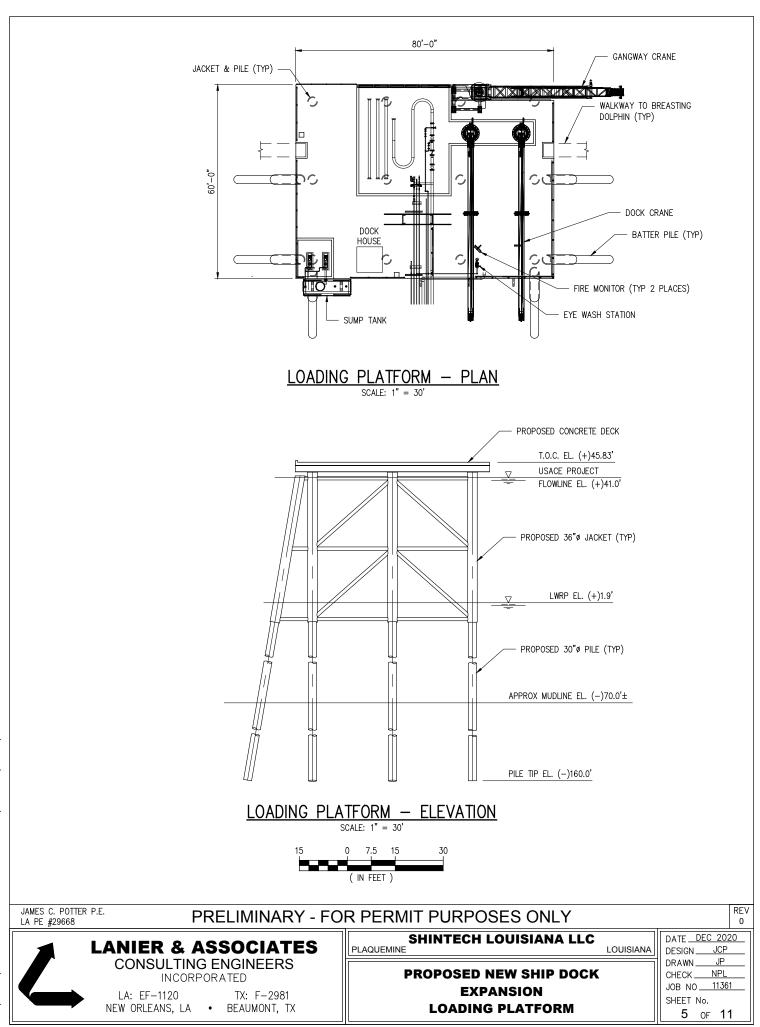


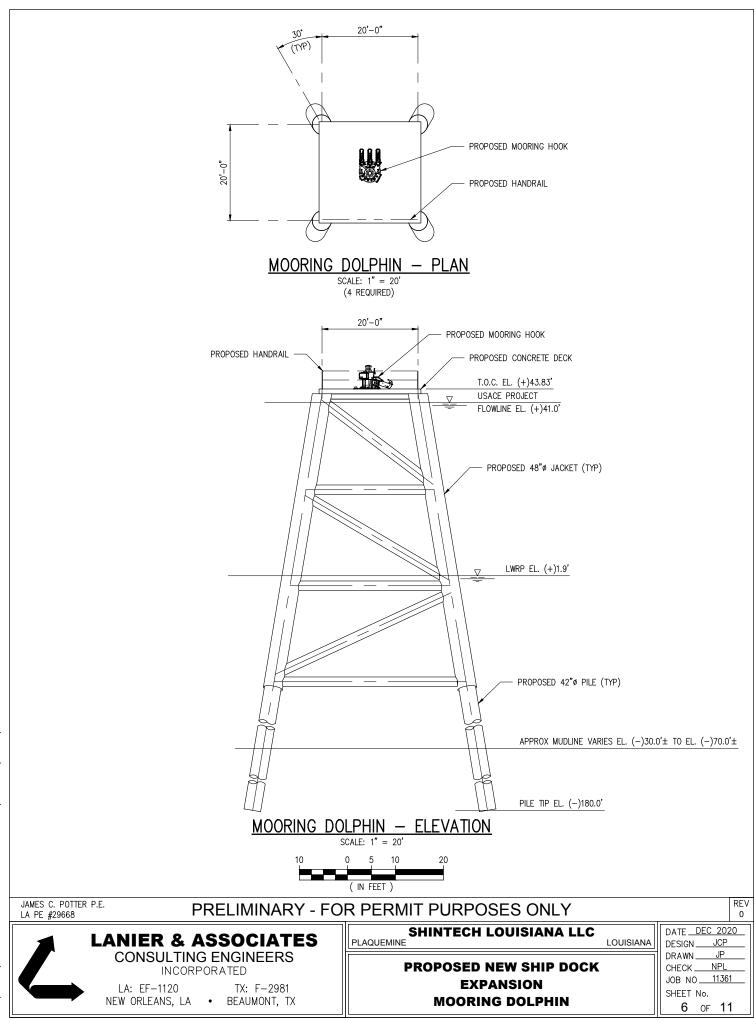




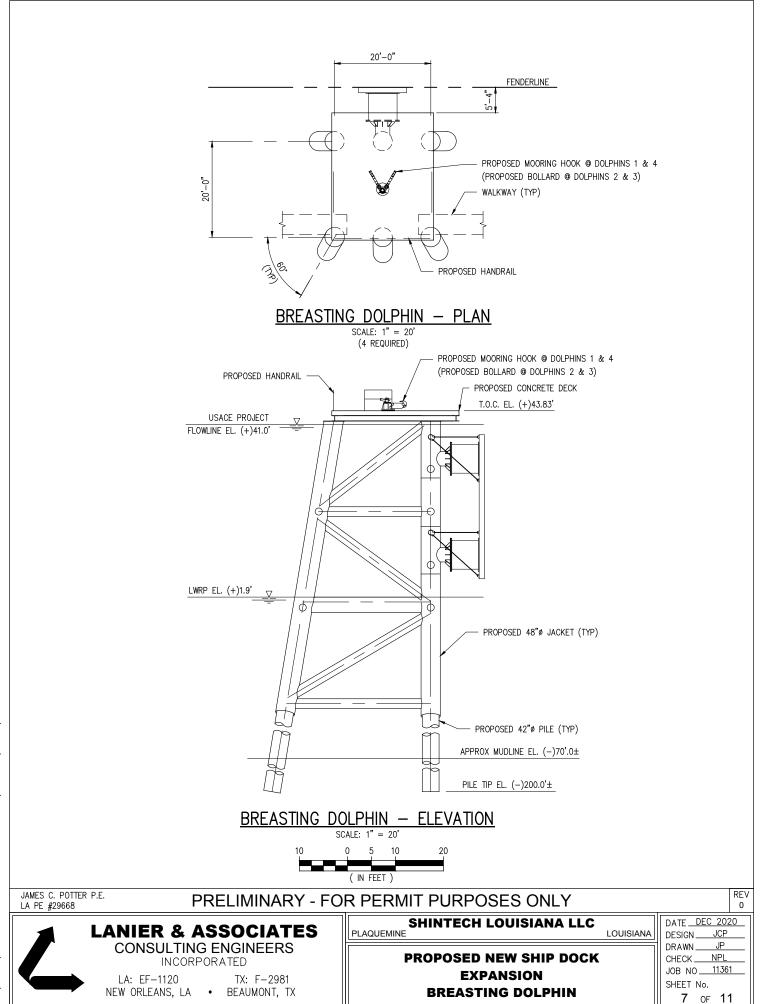


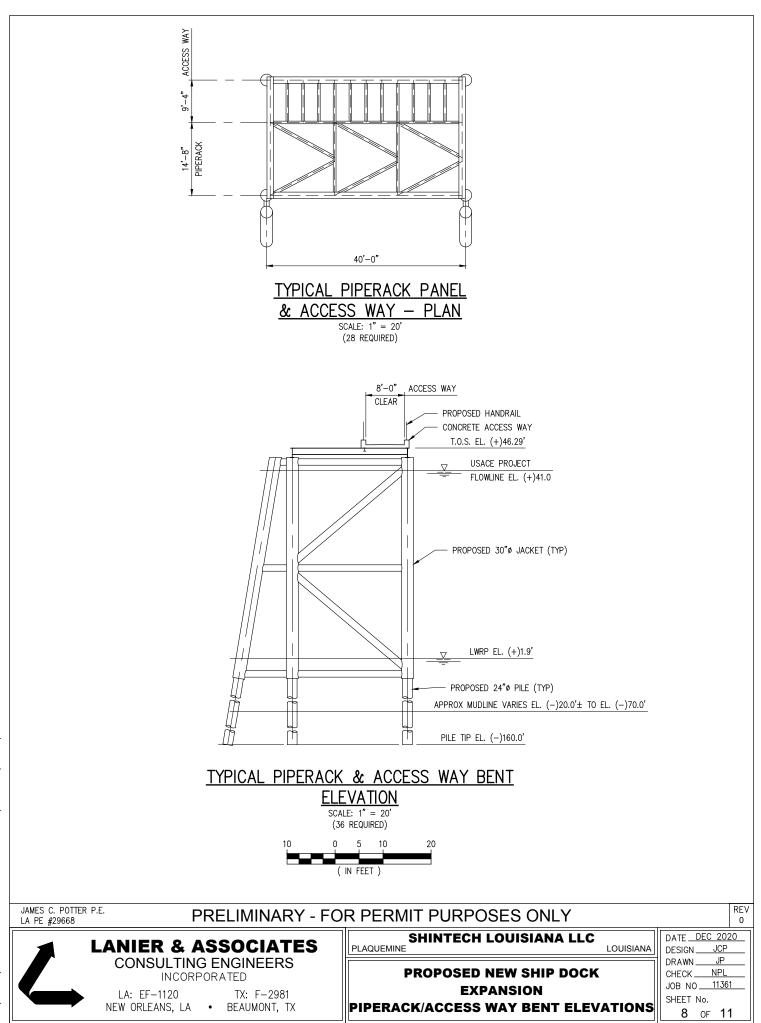
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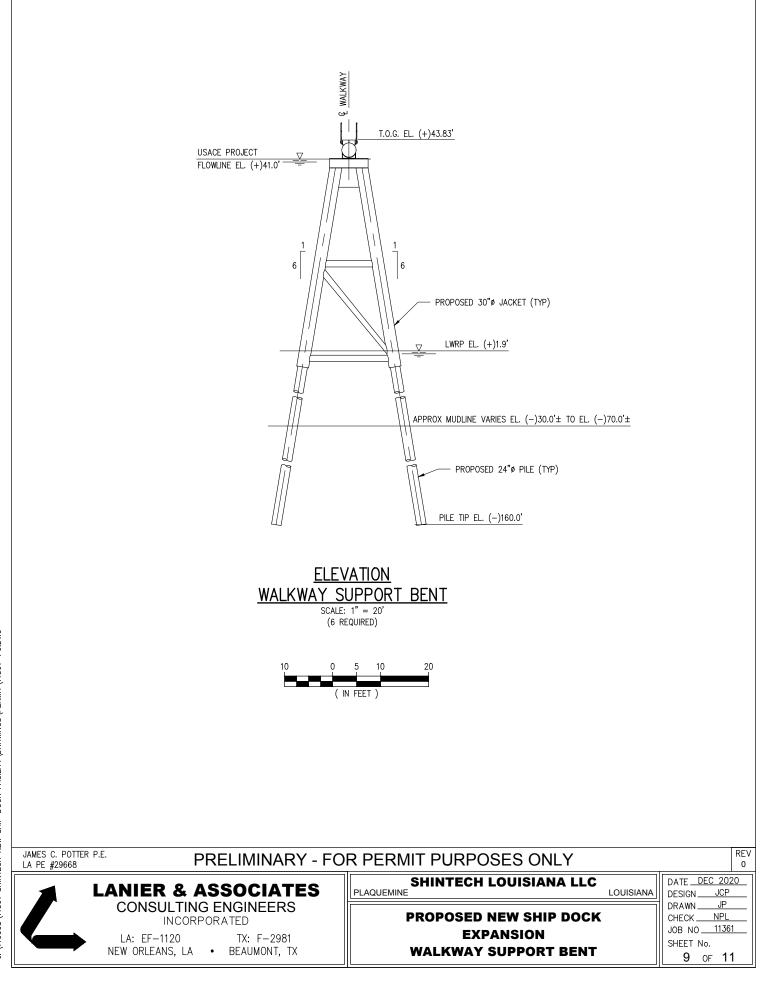


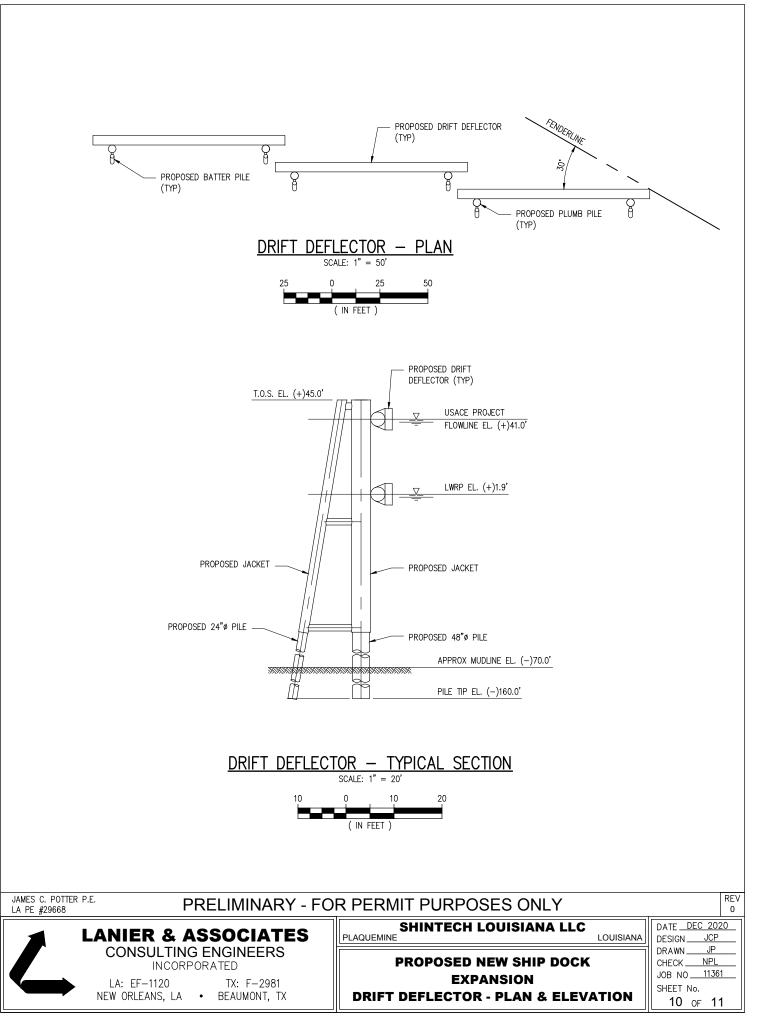


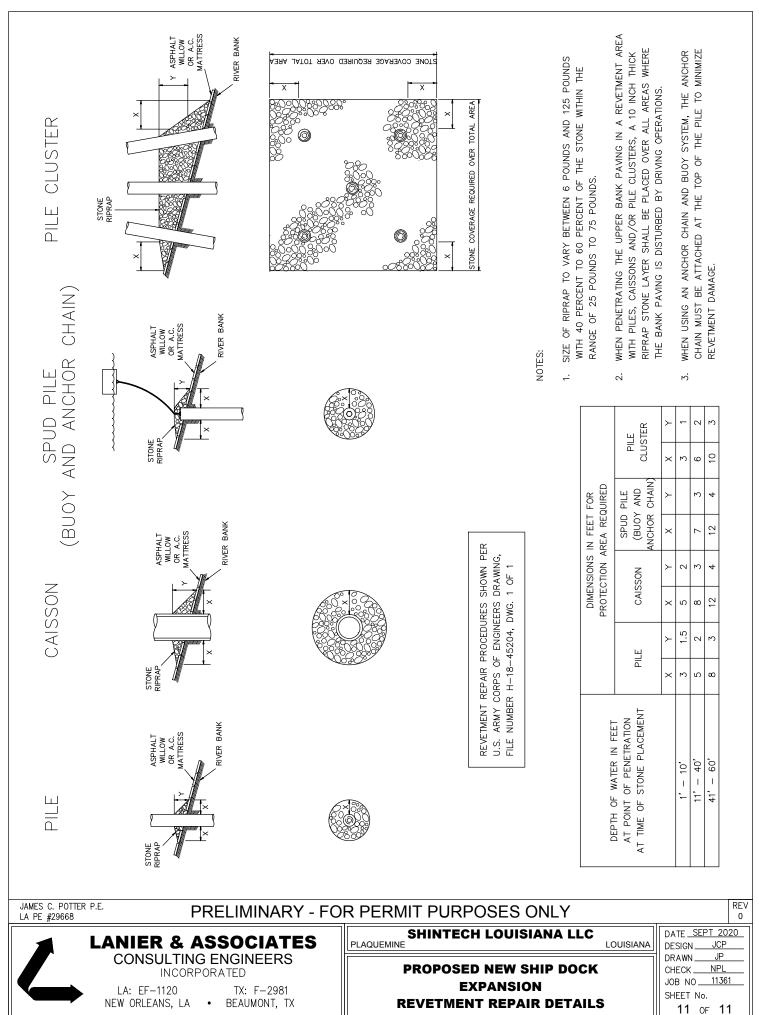
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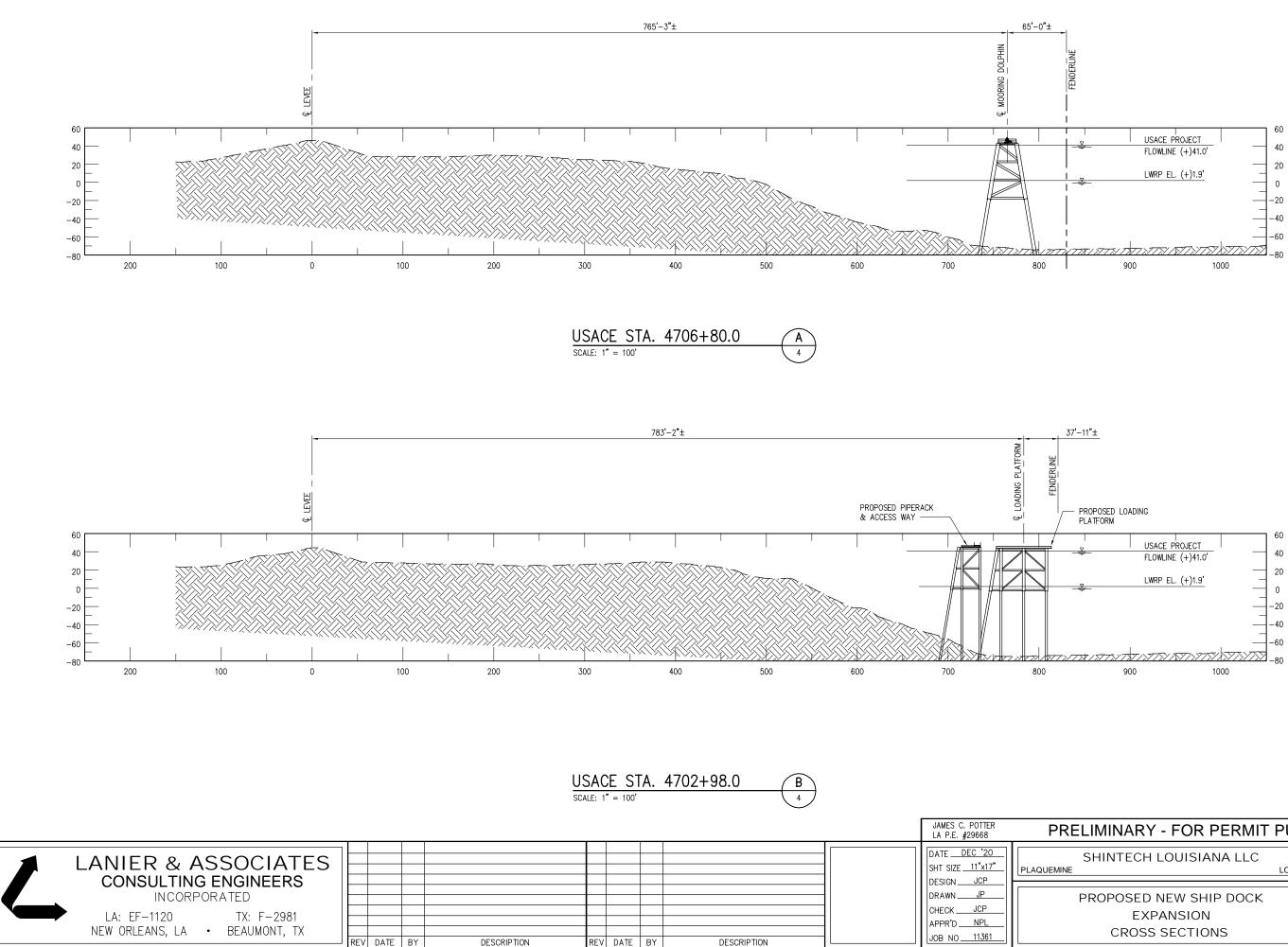




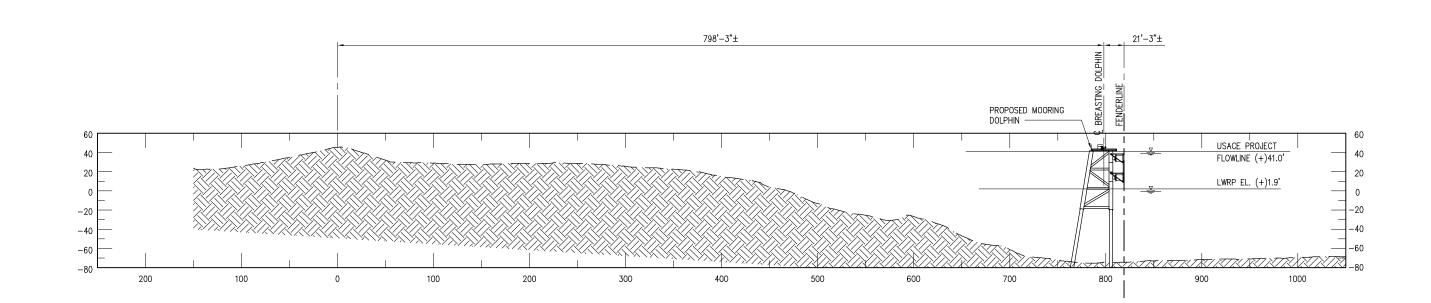




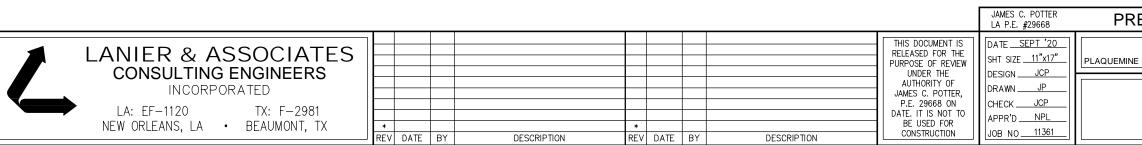




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