

## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE May 11, 2020

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(504) 862-1954 Project Manager Michael Herrmann, Jr. Michael.H.Herrmann@usace.army.mil Permit Application Number MVN-2020-00158-WLL State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Water Permits Division Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

(225) 219-3225 Project Manager Elizabeth Hill elizabeth.hill@la.gov WQC Application Number WQC 200506-01

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 [] 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, Office of Environmental Services 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).

## PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN BEAUREGARD PARISH

**<u>NAME OF APPLICANT:</u>** DTE LOUISIANA GATERHING, LLC, c/o Mott MacDonald, Attn: Mr. Justin Miner, 5295 South Commerce Drive, Suite 500, Murray, UT 84107

**LOCATION OF WORK:** The proposed 3.8-mile natural gas pipeline will begin at an interconnect with an existing third-party pipeline system near the Cheniere/Gillis facility (Lat: 30.450593°N, Long: 93.149108°W) and transport natural gas to the project terminus at the Louisiana Storage/Cameron interconnect site (Lat: 30.438619°N, Long: 93.208999°W) in Ragley, Louisiana, within Beauregard Parish, and is in the Upper Calcasieu (08080203) watershed, outside of the coastal zone, as shown in the attached drawings.

**<u>CHARACTER OF WORK:</u>** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to install, operate and maintain a 20-inch diameter natural gas pipeline that will include the construction of a launcher/receiver facility at the origin of the pipeline and an interconnect facility at the terminus of the pipeline, with existing permanent access roads to each

facility site, and two existing temporary access roads for construction. The project activities include clearing the right-of-way, conducting trenching operations, installing various above and below ground pipeline and components, installing aboveground facilities, temporarily stockpiling materials, and performing horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and/or conventional boring operations. Following construction, areas temporarily impacted by the project will be restored to pre-construction grade and allowed to revegetate. The area within the permanent right-of-way easement will be maintained throughout the operation of the pipeline as herbaceous habitat.

Implementation of the proposed project will impact approximately 12.63 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 165 square feet of other waters of the U.S., of which approximately 2.85 acres of forested wetlands and 7.14 acres of herbaceous wetlands that will be temporarily impacted by construction, and approximately 2.11 acres of forested wetlands will be converted to non-forested wetlands within the permanent pipeline right-of-way. The project will result in the permanent loss of 0.19 of an acre of herbaceous wetlands as the result of the installation of the launcher/receiver facility and placement of 102 cubic yards of gravel fill material in herbaceous wetlands and 0.34 acre of herbaceous wetlands at the terminal interconnect facility site which will require the placement of 183 cubic yards of gravel fill material in wetlands. No other project facilities will result in the placement of fill in any waters of the U.S.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable by co-locating the proposed route with existing rights-of-way, co-locating the proposed aboveground facilities with existing third-party utilities, utilizing HDDs and/or conventional bores, reducing the construction footprint to 75 feet in wetlands, and use of existing access roads. The applicant proposes to offset unavoidable wetland impacts through purchase of wetland mitigation credits/acres through an established mitigation bank within the New Orleans District is a permit is authorized.

The comment period for the Department of Army and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close in <u>20 days</u> from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modification 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 be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, <u>ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH</u>. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing, faxing, or emailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any requests 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 requester 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. 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 the 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 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 not adversely affect any species listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the South Louisiana Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES), as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The model was run on October 01, 2019, and it has been determined that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect the Louisiana Pinesnake and would have no effect on all other listed species which include the Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the American Chaffseed.

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  $\underline{0}$  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.

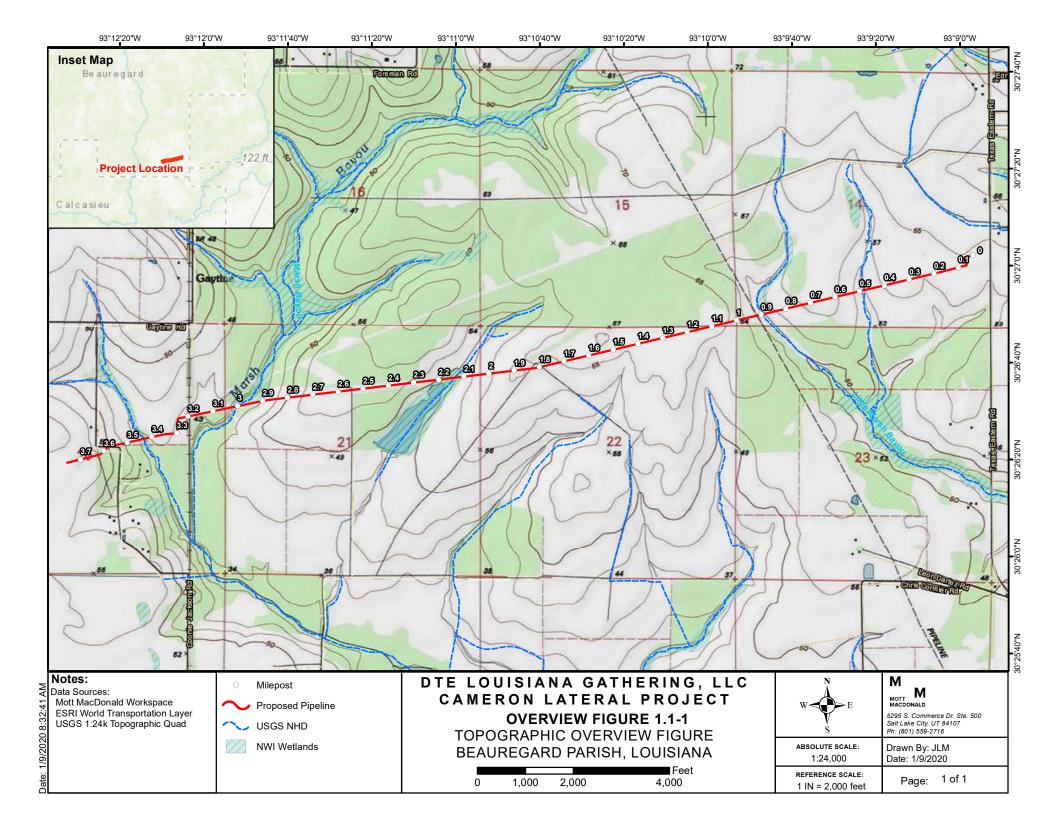
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

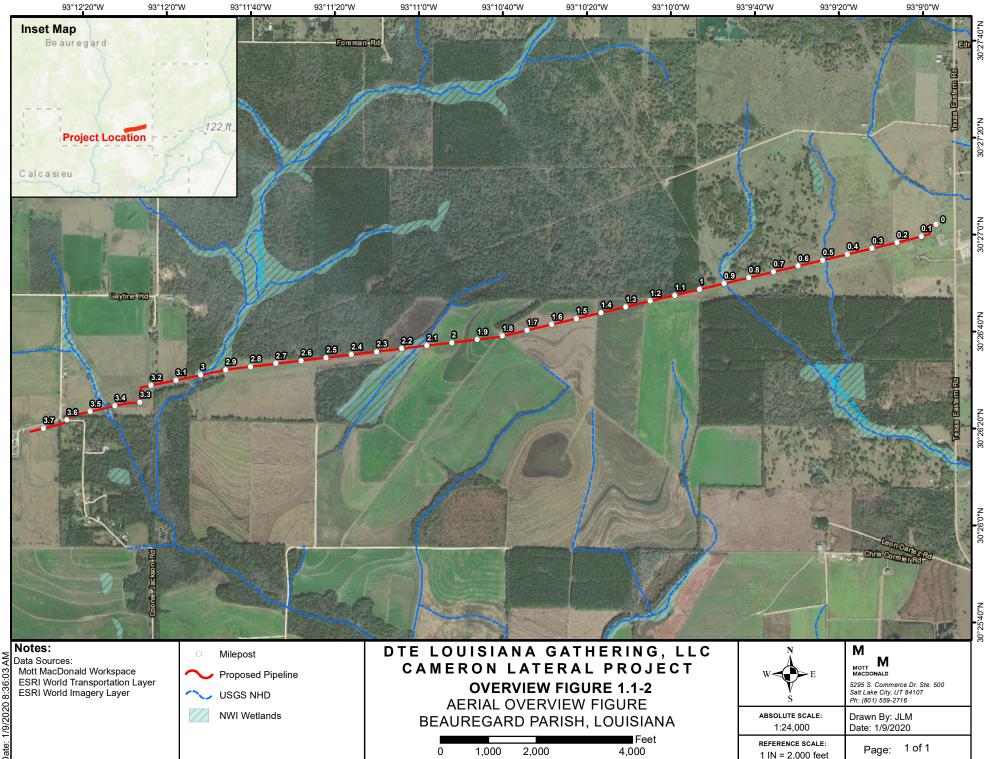
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

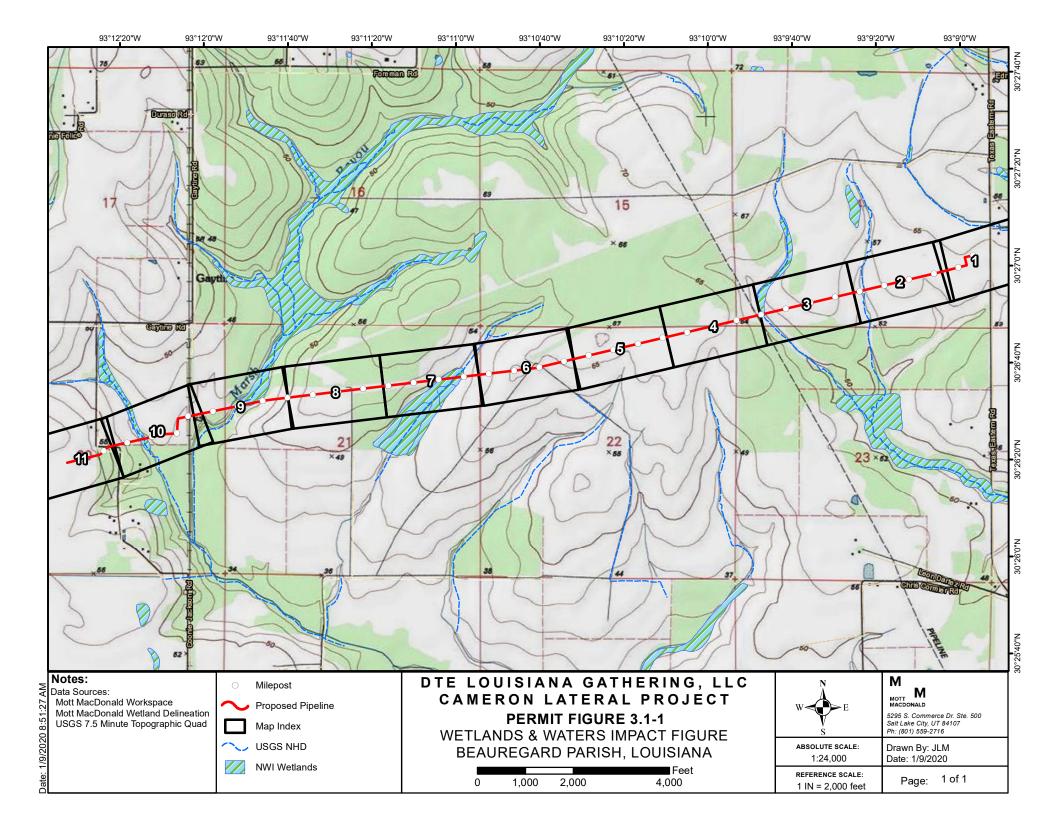
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell Barbara Chief, Western Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

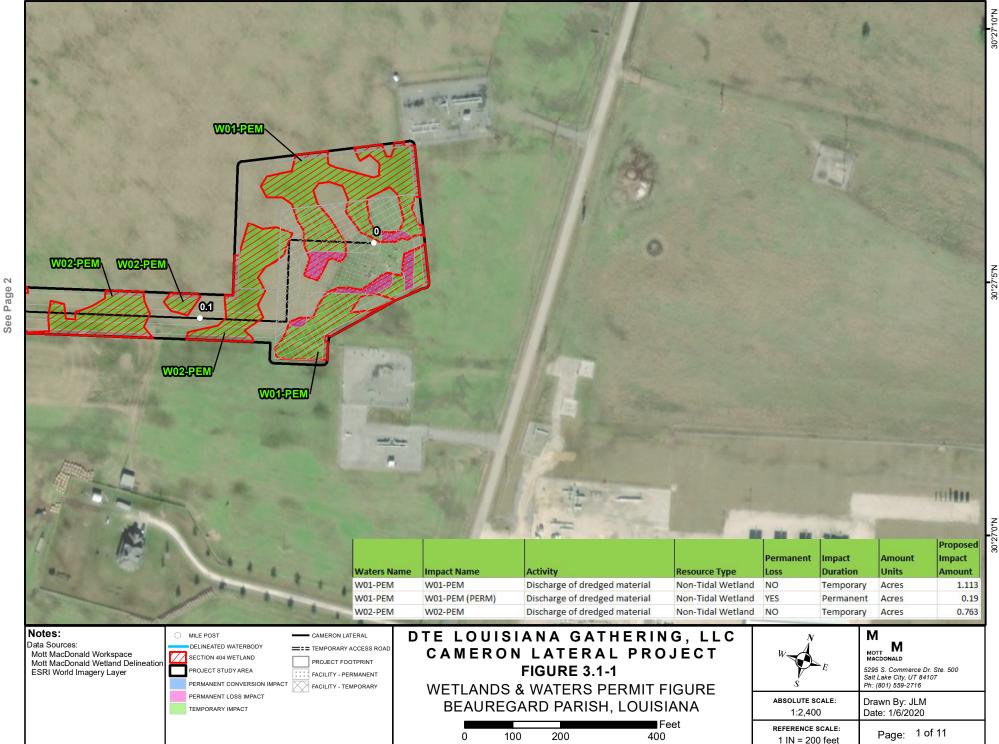
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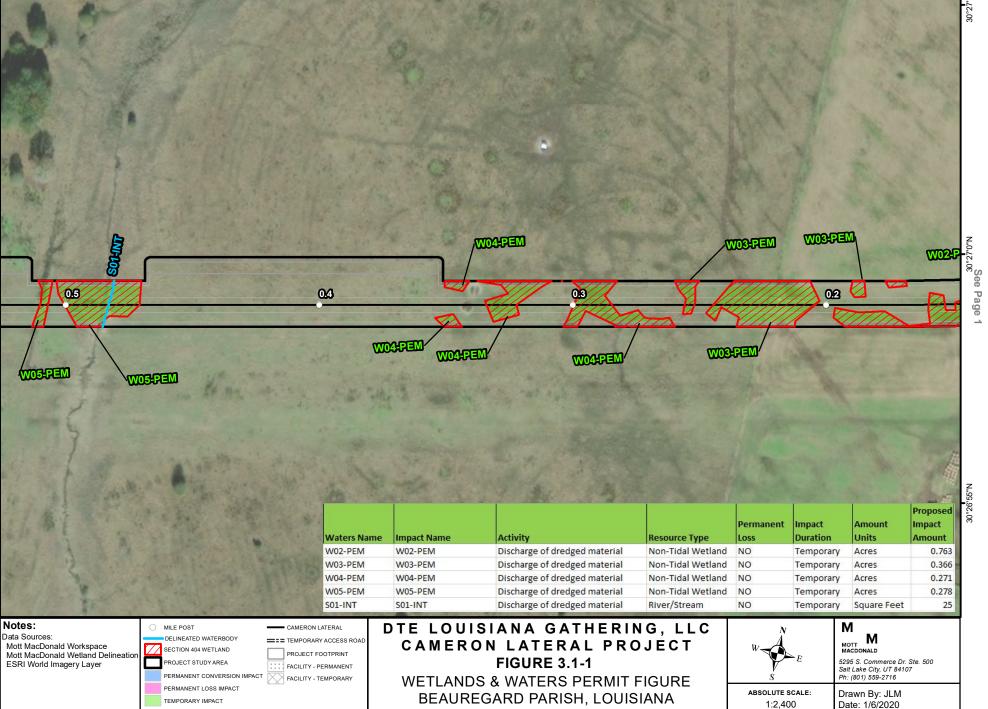












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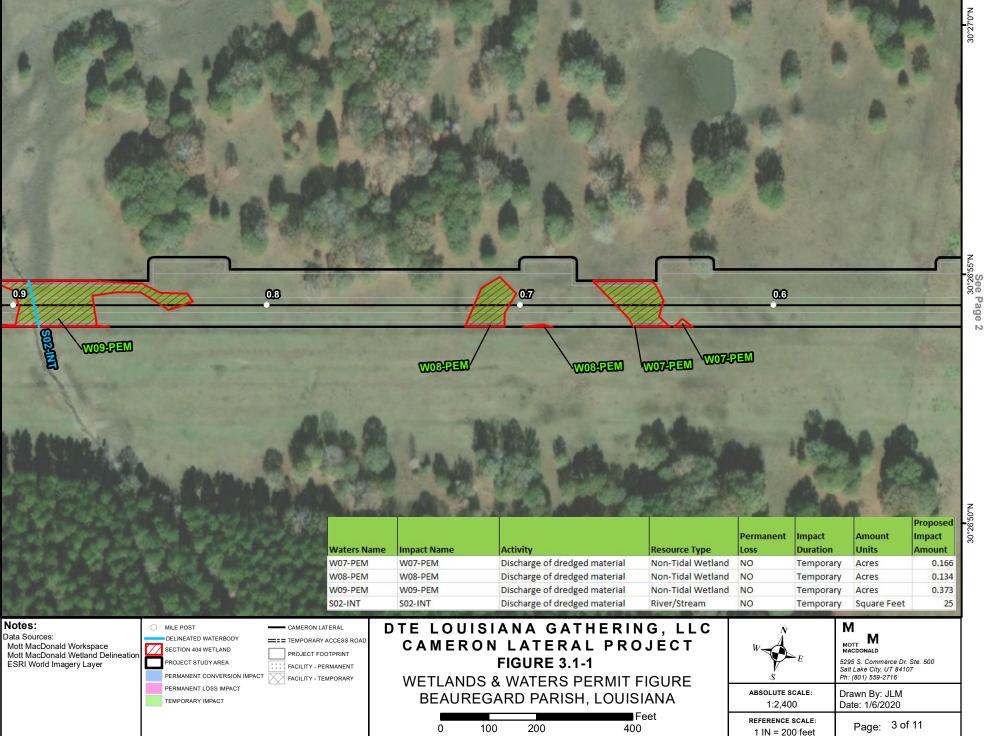
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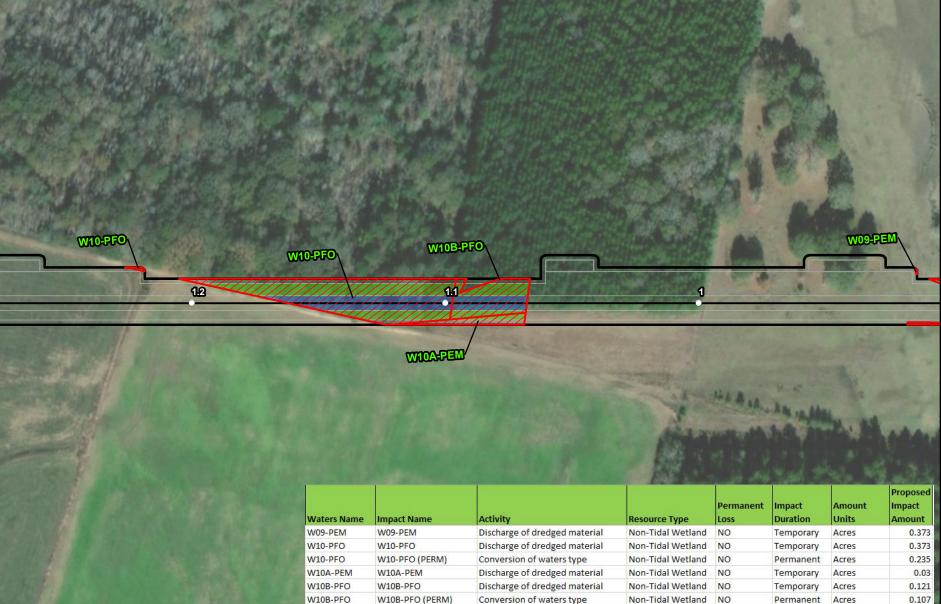


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DTE LOUISIANA GATHERING, LLC

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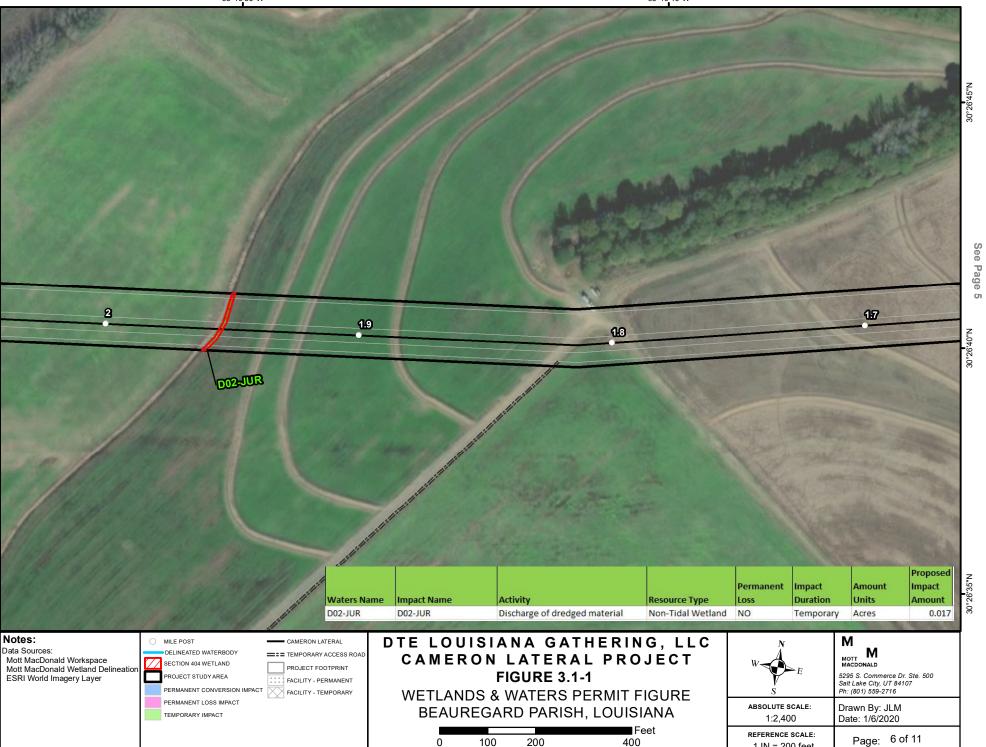
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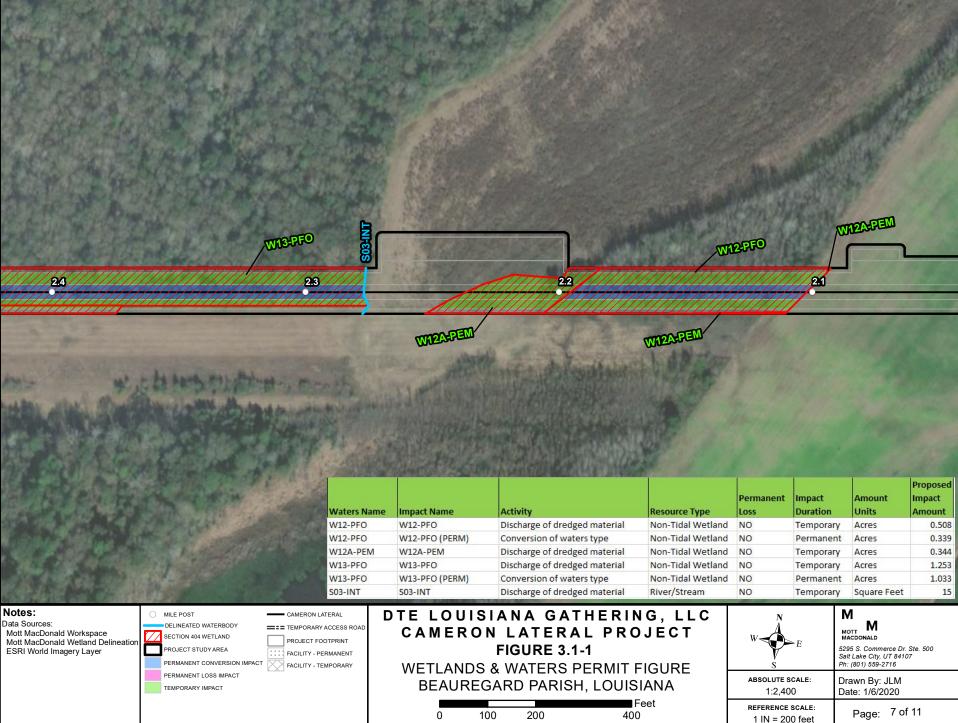
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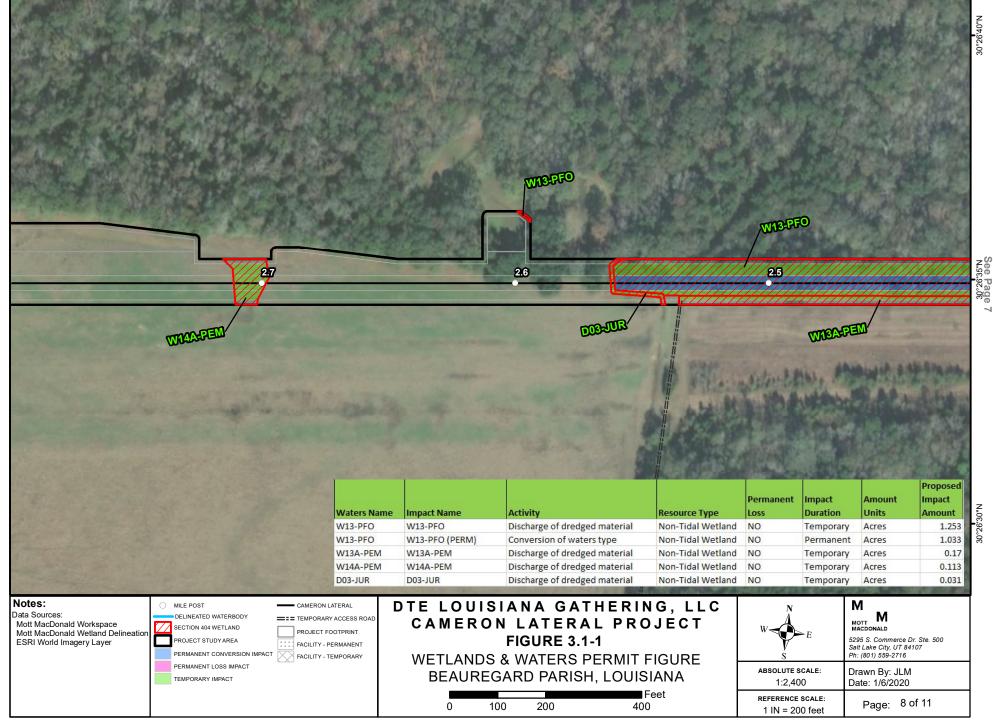
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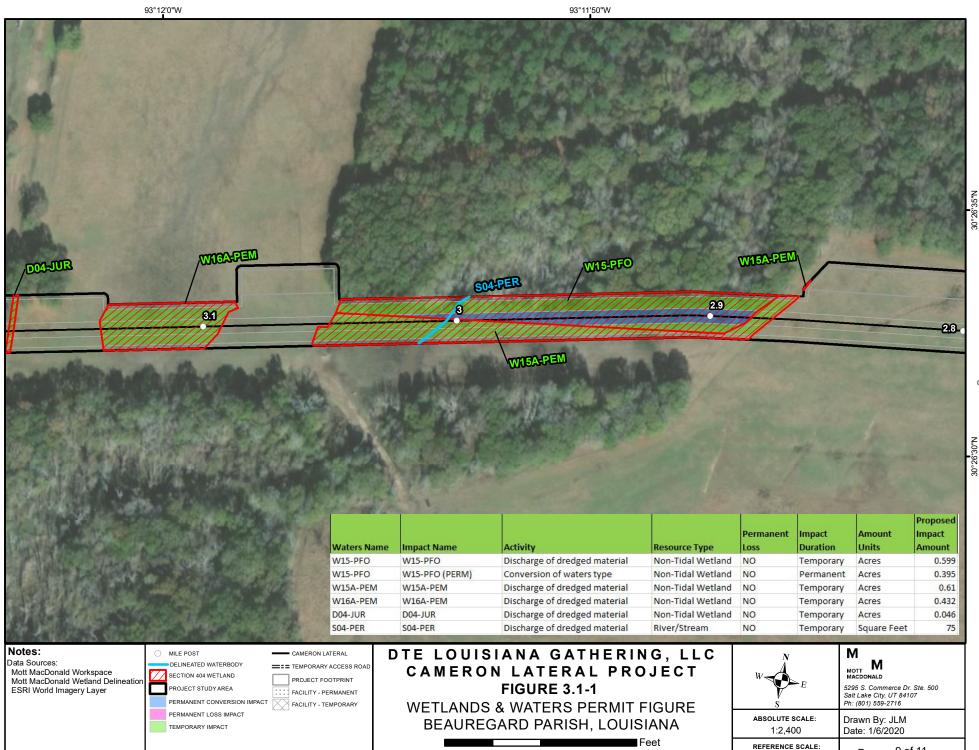
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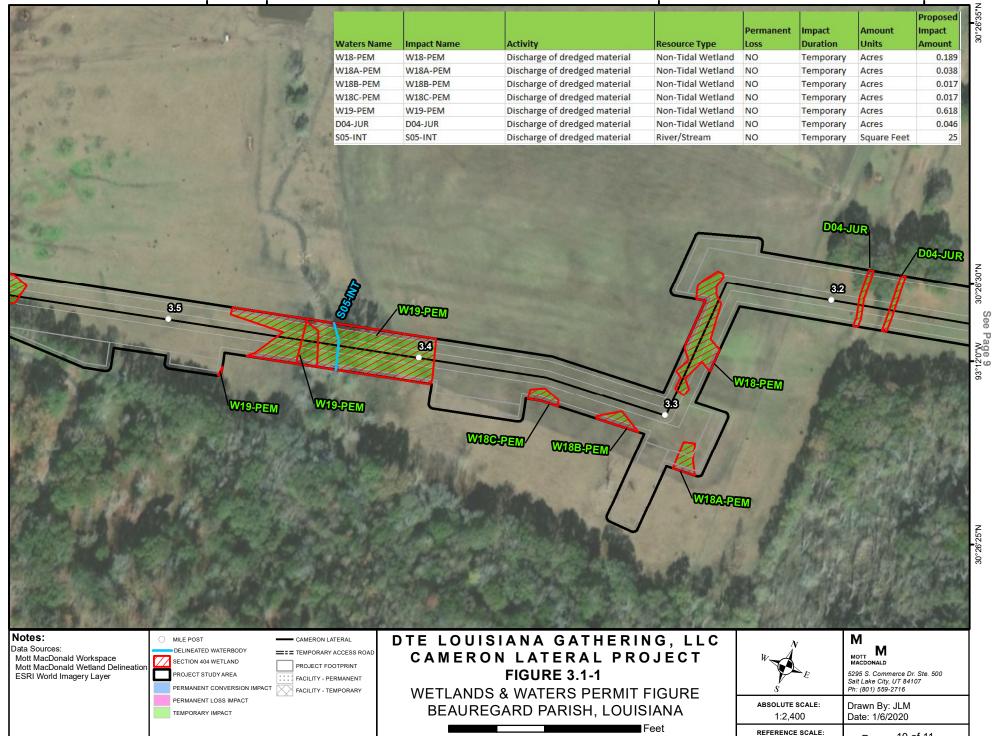
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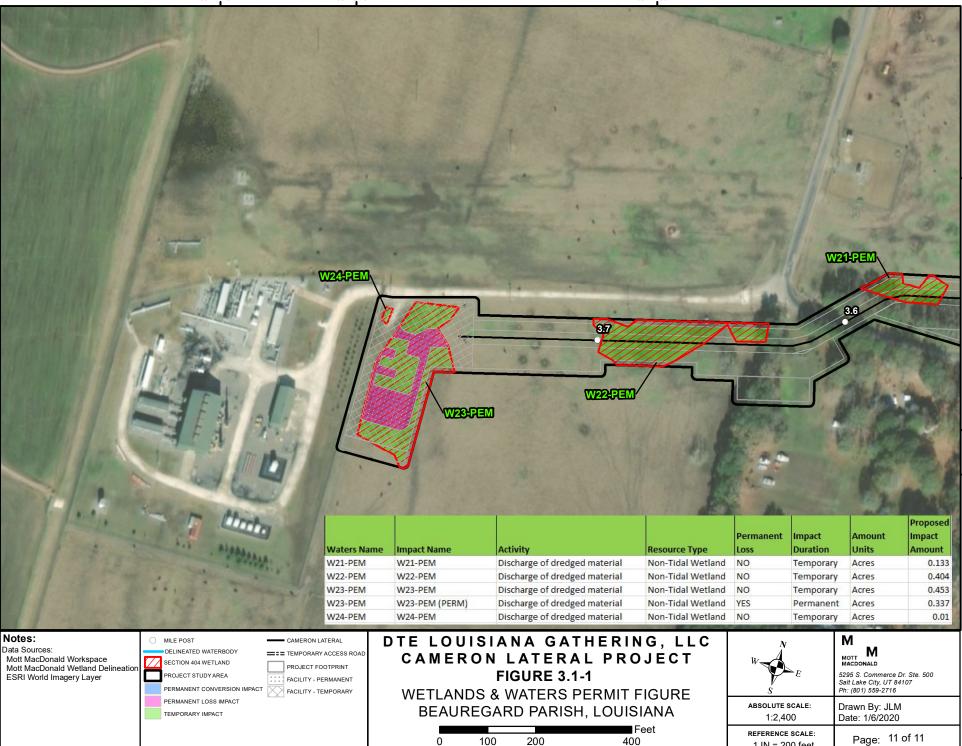


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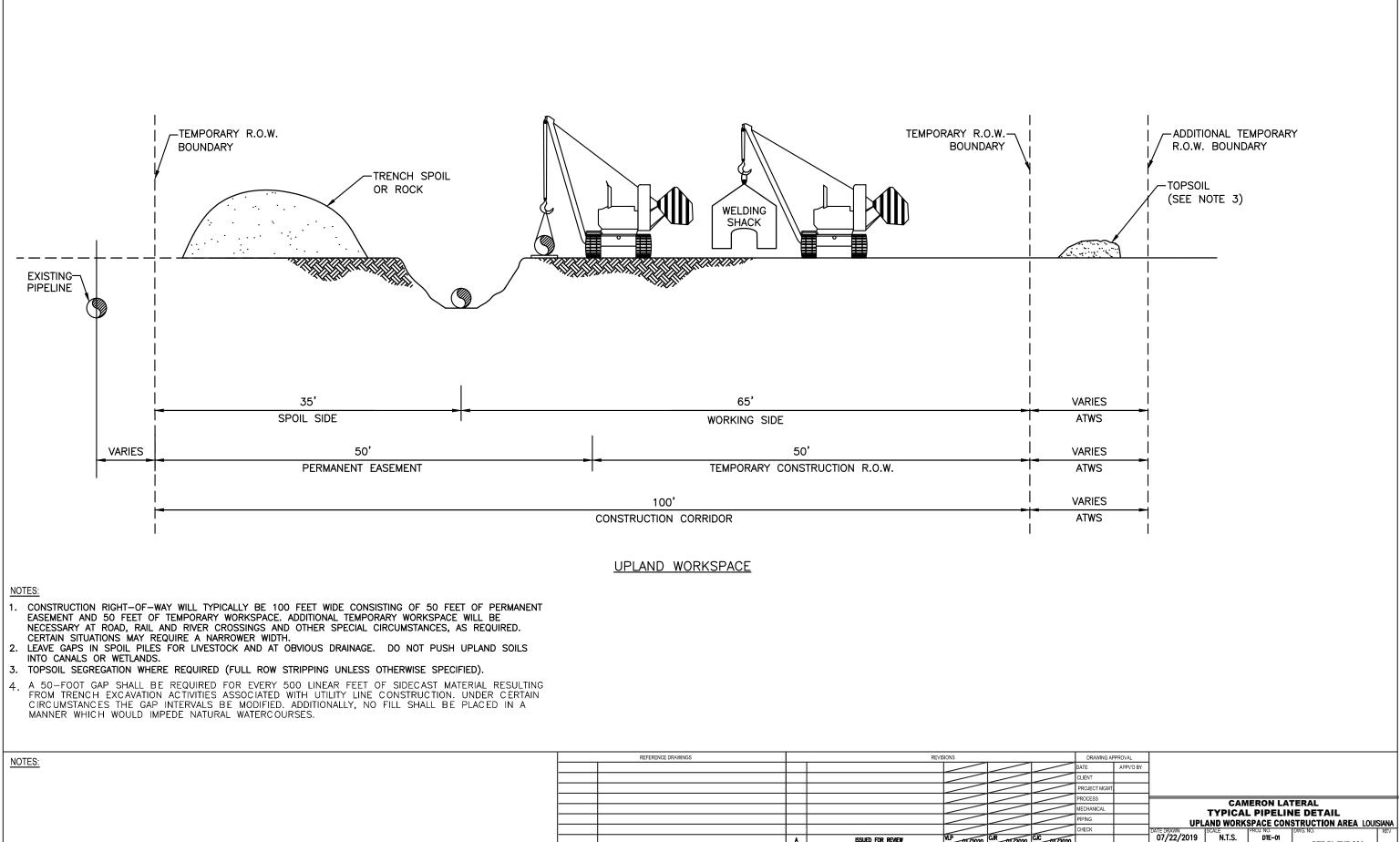
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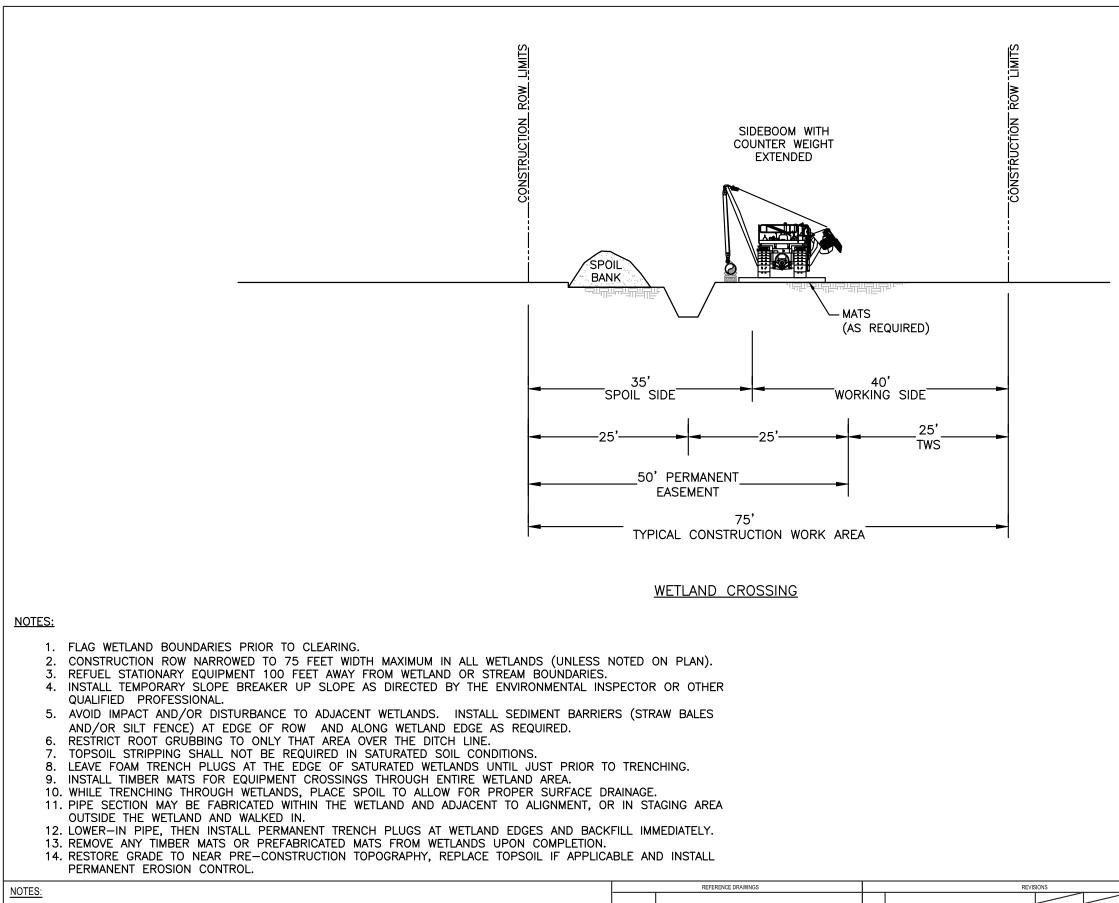


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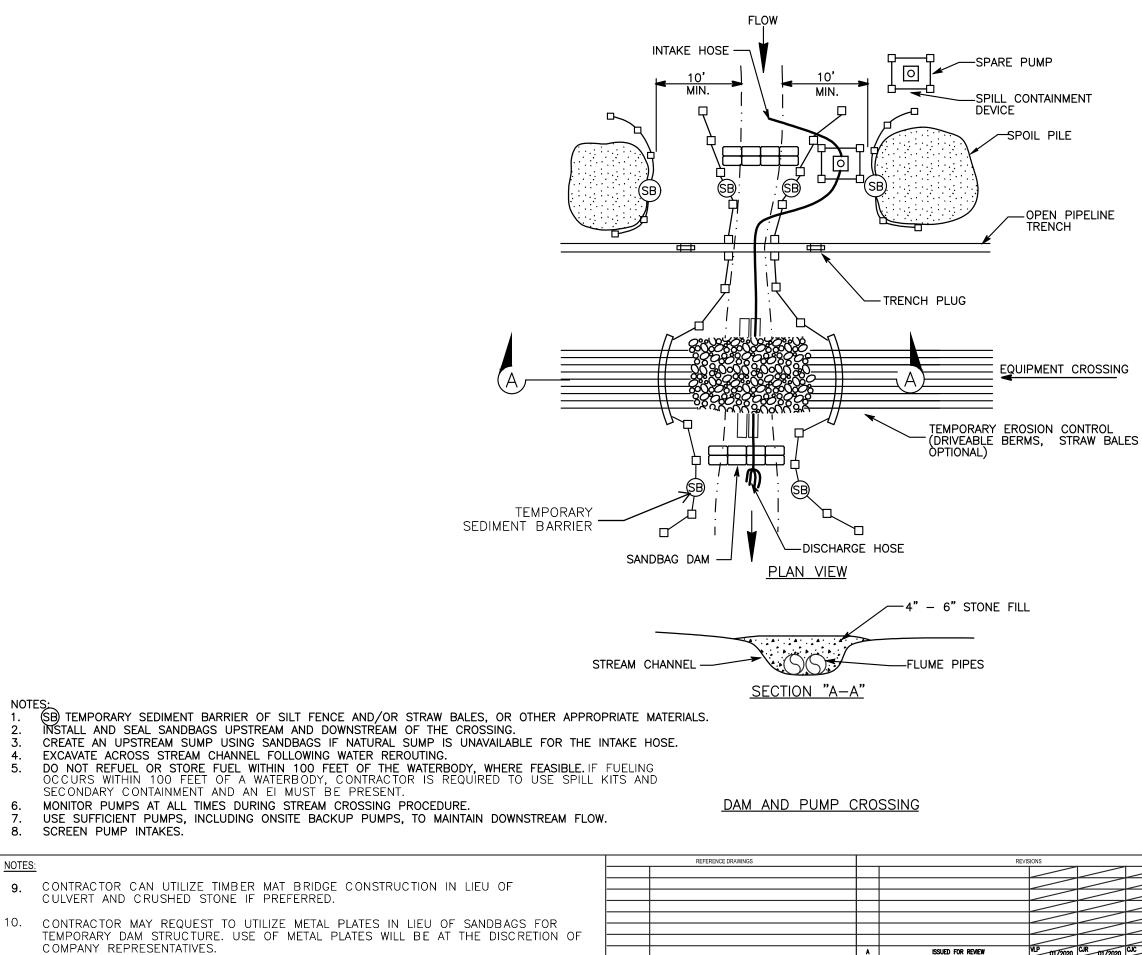
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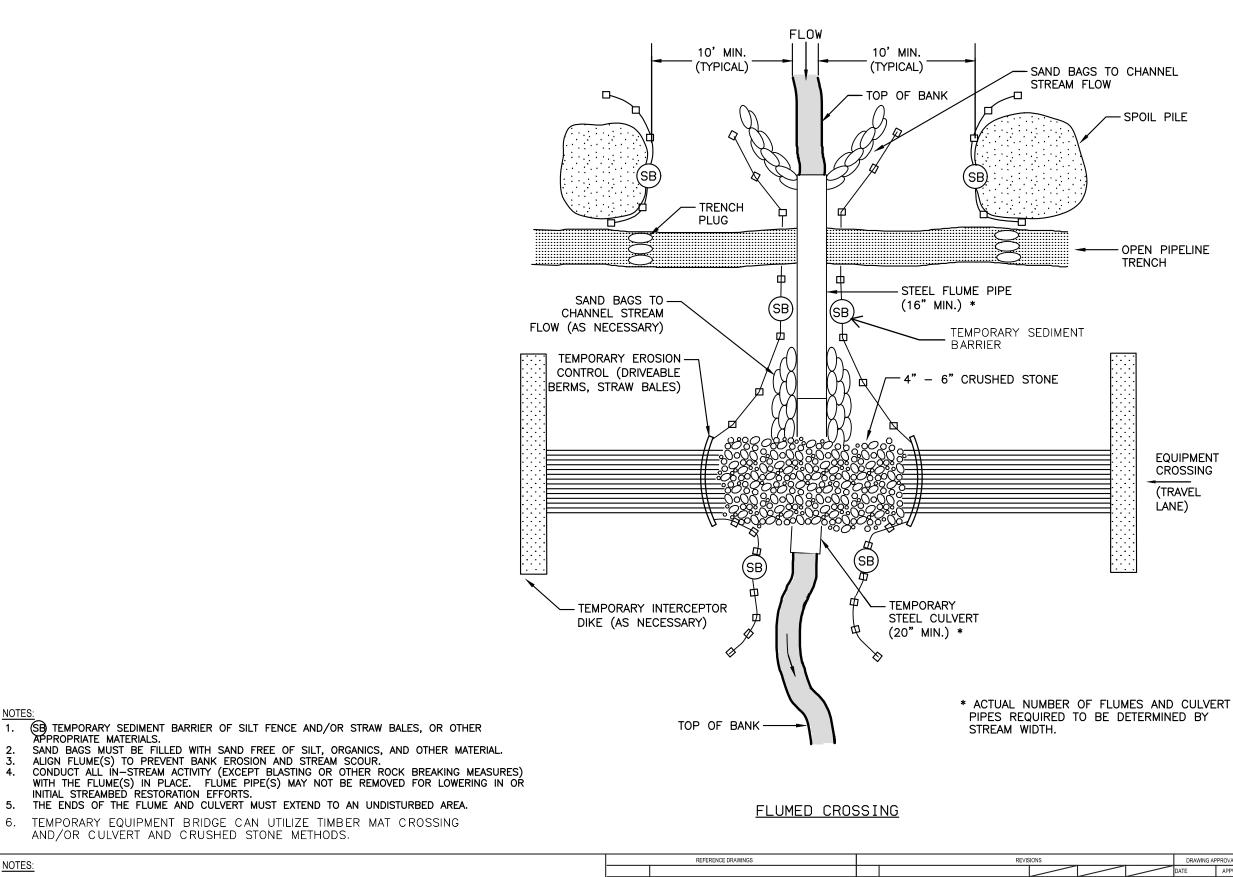
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