

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
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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: [] 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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

COMERCIAL DEVELOPEMENT IN ST. CHARLES PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Mr. Paul Hogan, Post Office Box 250, Des Allemans, Louisiana 70030.

LOCATION OF WORK: In St. Charles Parish, Section 39, T14S-R20E, located west of J.B. Green Road off of U. S. Highway 90, in Des Allemans, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, and deposit fill to construct a commercial storage facility and associated structures in St. Charles Parish. Determinations have shown that the proposed commercial development will be located on a 6.59 acre tract and will impact approximately 4.45 acres of jurisdictional bottomland hardwoods through the construction of roads, parking, drainage, and buildings. The fill operation will include the deposition of approximately 1050 cubic yards of hauled in earthen material, 1680 cy of concrete, 19350 cy of sand, 2550 cy of crushed stone, and 1726 cy of native material.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 30 days from the date of this joint 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 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**. 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.

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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are 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 the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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 would result in the destruction or alteration of n/a 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 Water Resources before a permit is issued.

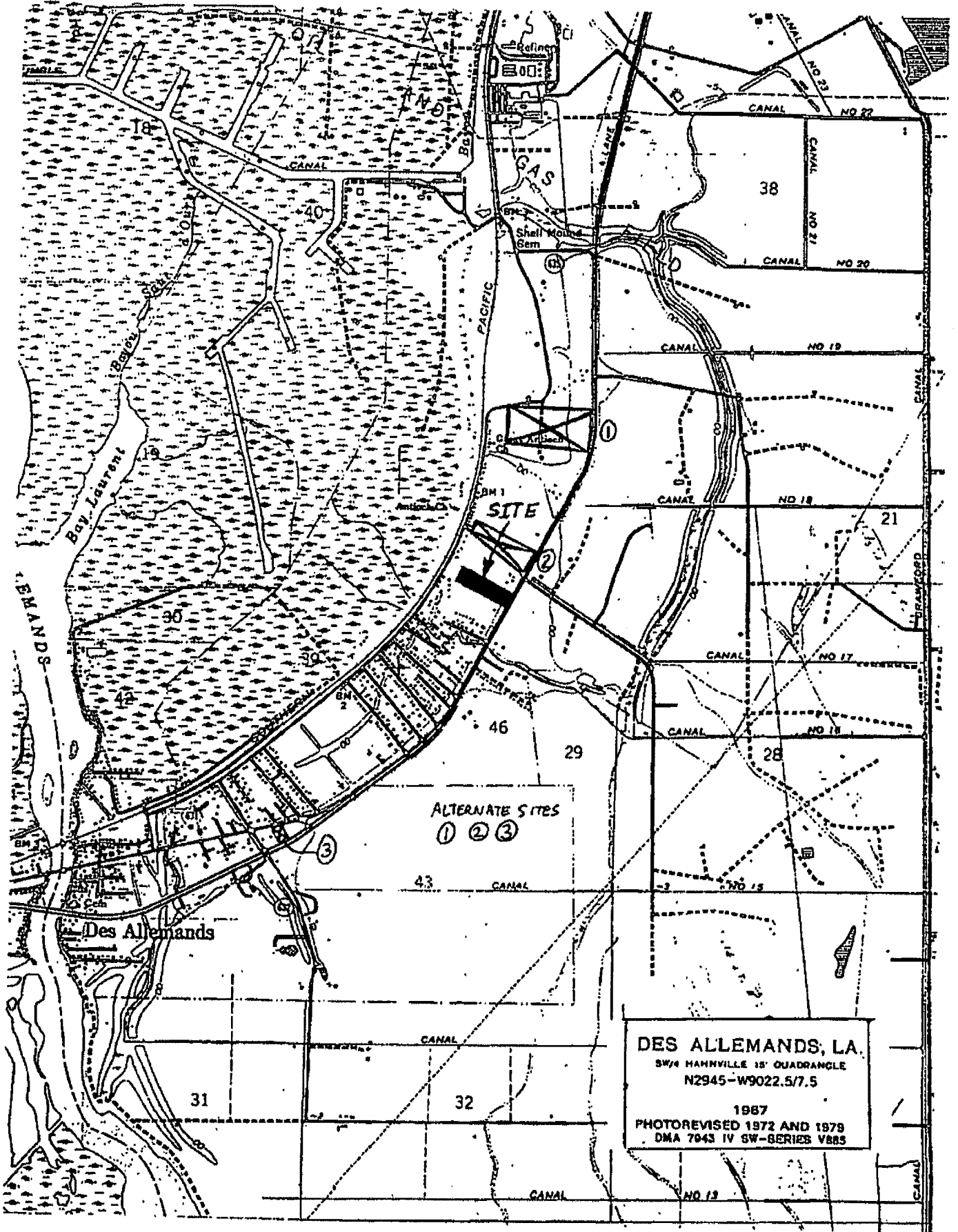
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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. 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.

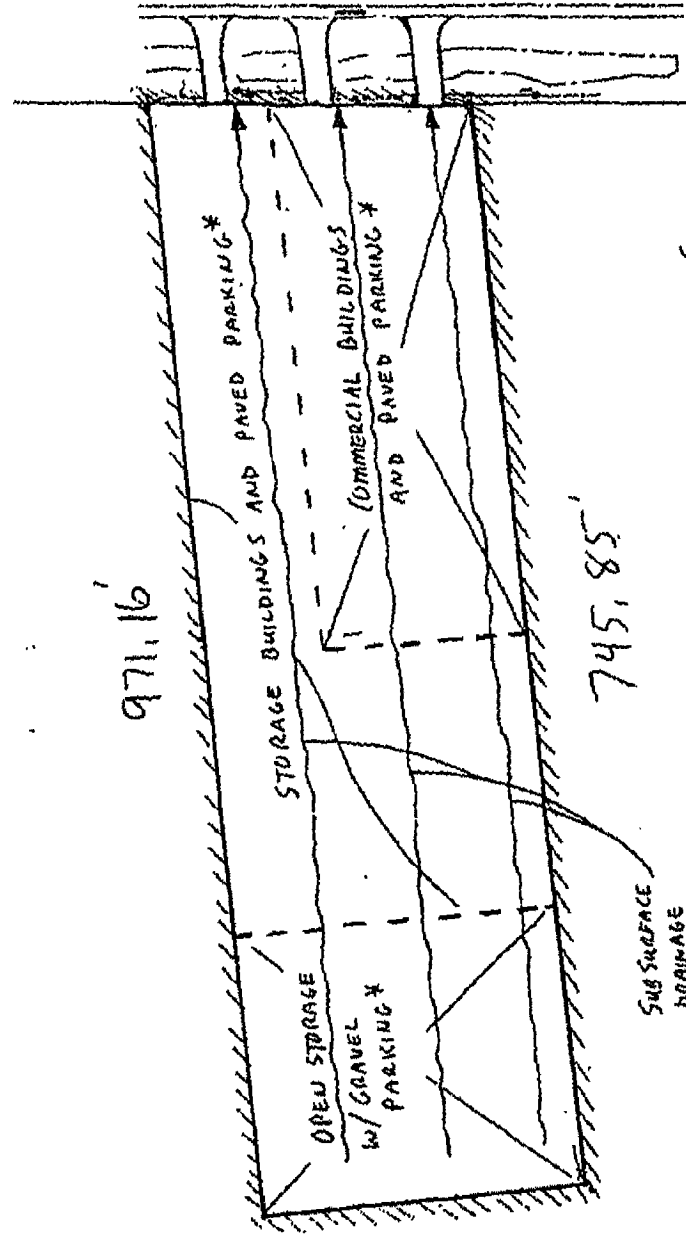
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Enclosures



DES ALLEMANDS, LA.
 SW/4 HANNVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
 N2945-W9022.5/7.5
 1987
 PHOTOREVISED 1972 AND 1979
 DMA 7043 IV SW-SERIES V885

U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 90



971.16'

745.85'

SUB SURFACE DRAINAGE

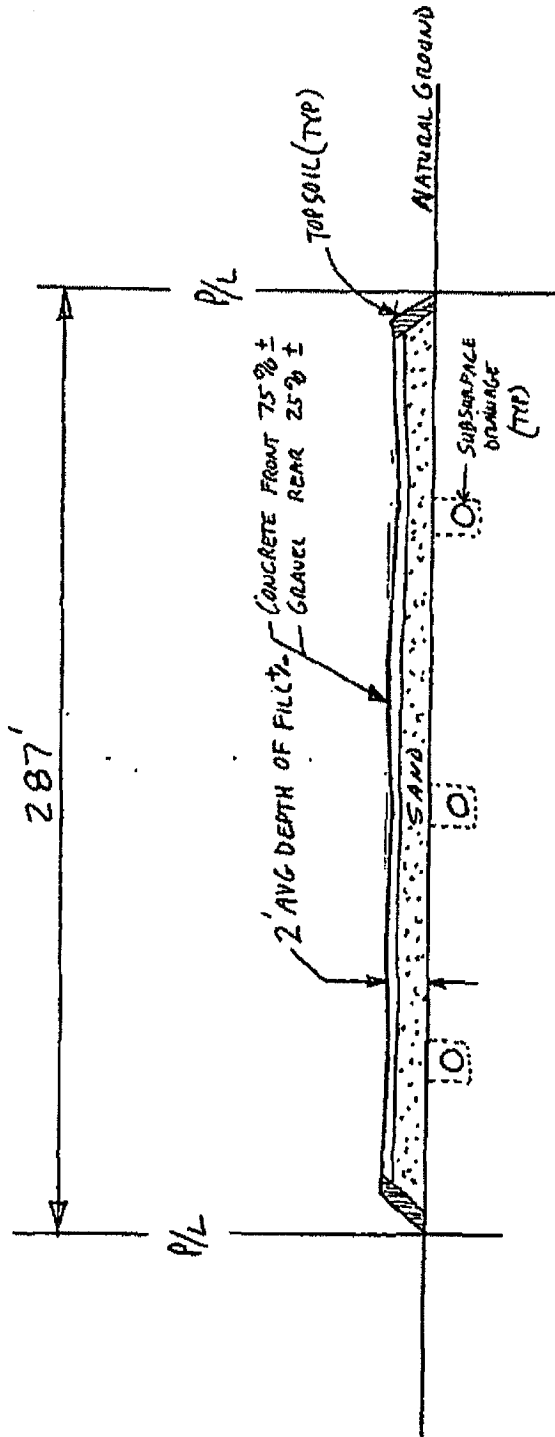
* ENTIRE SITE TO BE CLEARED, EXACT LOCATION AND SIZES OF BUILDING TO BE DETERMINED. SITE WILL BE CLEARED IN STAGES. ENTIRE SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED IN STAGES. ENTIRE SITE WILL BE FILLED. ALL RUNOFF WILL DISCHARGE TO THE FRONT OF HWY 90.

PLAN VIEW

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD

LA HIGHWAY 90 (OLD U.S. HWY. 90)

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TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION