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ERRATUM

PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITION

In a joint public notice dated January 15, 2002 and published in the January 15, 2002 issue of the Morning Advocate, a proposal by ST. CHARLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LLC, to construct an international airport in St. Charles Parish was advertised for public comment. Required language was inadvertently omitted from the circulated public notice. information below is included to correct this oversight. comment period for the Department of the Army Permit now expires 30 days from the date of this corrected public notice. comment period for the Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division permit now expires 25 days from the date of this corrected public notice. The comment period for the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services WQC permit now expires 10 days from the date of this corrected public notice. If you no longer have a copy of the January 15, 2002, public notice, you may request a copy from the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above.

Additions to public notice:

THE APPLICANT MUST SECURE A STATE COASTAL USE PERMIT PLUS A DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

State of Louisiana Coastal Use Permit Criteria

Plans for the proposed work are now on file and may be inspected at the office of the Coastal Management Division, Department of Natural Resources, State Land and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Room 1011, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work and stating the reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having an interest in this permit request. Comments to the State of Louisiana, Coastal Management Division must be received within 25 days of the date of official journal publication of this corrected notice. Comments may be faxed to us at (225) 342-9439 or may be emailed to us at the email address listed above. All comment letters should contain both the applicant's name and the appropriate application number and should be mailed to the Coastal Management Division, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 44487, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487.

The decision on whether or not to issue a Coastal Use Permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:214.22. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, ccastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and culture setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

State of Louisiana Water Quality Certification Criteria

In accordance with the Joint Public Notice Agreement between Coastal Management Division and the Office of Water Resources, notice is hereby given that the applicant has applied to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provision of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217).

SCANNED 13-15-07 Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within ten days of this corrected notice to the following address: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services P.O. Box 82135, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884.

Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of printing. A final decision on this application will be made within 60 days after publication of this notice.

Corps of Engineers Federal 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 New Orleans District Corps of Engineers has determined that the impacts associated with this project are considered significant and must be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement. Future public notices will be advertised concerning scoping meetings, Environmental Impact Statement preparation, and public review.

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 represent a critical component in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Also comments are used to determine the need for a public hearing and the proposed activity impact on the overall public interest.

There are no sites or properties either listed on or which have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the proposed project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). There are, however, a total of four recorded archaeological sites (16SC11, 16SC12,16SC16, and 16SC17) located in the APE. A Phase I cultural resources investigation will be conducted of the project area.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would affect species listed as endangered or threatened by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce. Interagency coordination will address impacts to endangered or threaten species and their habitat.

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 about 10,000 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would 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.

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.

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.

Public Hearings

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a <u>State</u> or <u>Federal</u> public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.



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