

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2019-00854-MGS

October 11, 2019

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES BUREAU OF WETLANDSS PERMITTING

CONSTRUCT A BARGE LOADING SLIP IN THE SHIP SERVICE CHANNEL, PASS CHRISTIAN INDUSTRIAL SEAWAY PARK, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Gulf Coast Pre-Stress Partners, LTD 494 Market Street,

Pass Christian, MS 39571

AGENT: Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC

Attention: Mr. Thomas Strange

2510 14th Street #1010 Gulfport, MS 39501

WATERWAY: BAYOU PORTAGE, SHIP SERVICE CHANNEL, PASS CHRISTIAN INDUSTRIAL SEAWAY PARK, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION: The proposed barge loading slip is located within the industrial channel at approximate Latitude 30.331917° North, Longitude -89.251219° West, Section 24, Township 8S, Range 11W, Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is for the development of a commercial Barge Loading Slip within an industrial ship service channel.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to dredge 1.34 acres of the Ship Channel and construct a barge loading slip 277 feet long and 37.33 feet wide. Approximately 5,173 cubic yards of material would be dredged from the channel by drag line and/or back hoe to proposed depths of 7 to 10 feet below mean sea level. All dredged material would be placed within a 0.10-acre on-site upland disposal area. The work would also include the placement of fill material within 0.02 acres of open waters of the Ship Channel and the excavation of approximately 0.10 acres of dry land to construct the barge slip. A vinyl bulkhead 412 feet in length would be installed along the interior of the barge slip and a pier 236 feet by 10 feet would be constructed along the outer perimeter. The completed structure would extend no more than 65 feet into the Ship Channel. The application indicates there is no emergent marsh or other wetland vegetation present along the west side of the canal due in-part to the steep levee at the water's edge.

Mitigation: The applicant did not propose mitigation for the fill of the 0.02-acre open water area at the south end of the Barge Loading Slip because there will be 0.10 acres of open waters created within the Barge Loading Slip.

Water Quality and Coastal Zone Management: The applicant has applied for State Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency in accordance with the State CZM Program. Upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to WQC and CZM consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

Historic Properties: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this Notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the Permit Area. The National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) database and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) Historic Resources Inventory Map (HRIM) have been reviewed by the USACE. No properties were identified as eligible for the NRHP or noted on the HRIM within the Permit Area. The USACE's preliminary determination is that the proposed project would have **no affect** for cultural resources or historic properties within the Permit Area. The USACE is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

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Endangered Species: Upon the USACE's preliminary review and evaluation of the 2019 Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species for the Harrison County HUC Zone (Turkey Creek Diversion Canals 1-3 – Bayou Portage; 031700090603) and utilization of the Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species (SLOPES) agreement for Mississippi, the USACE's preliminary determination is that the proposed project will have **no effect** on listed species or their critical habitat. The USACE is seeking comment from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for information on whether any listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

Essential Fish Habitat: This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposed project would affect 1.34 acres of estuarine habitat. Our initial determination is the proposed action will **not** adversely impact EFH or federally managed fisheries. 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.

Environmental Protection Agency: Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Comments: The USACE 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 Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the 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.

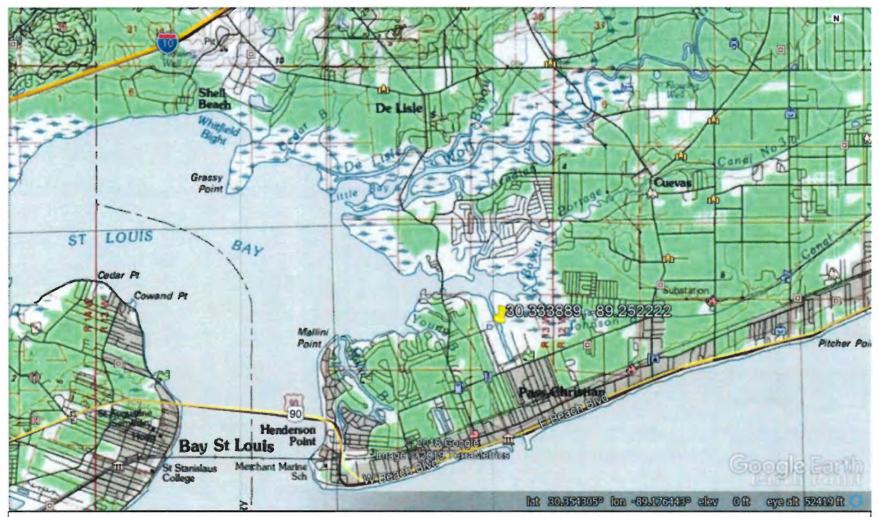
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this Notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Correspondence concerning this publication should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2019-00854-MGS. Please direct any written comments to the Project Manager at USACE, RD-M, Attention: Mr. Michael G. Stevens, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001 or via email (Michael.G.Stevens2@usace.army.mil). You may also send a copy of your correspondence to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permitting Division, Attention: Ms. Florance Bass, P.E. via email FBass@MDEQ.MS.GOV or postal mail at Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 and to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting, Attention: Mr. Adam Terrell via email Adam.Terrell@DMR.MS.GOV or postal mail at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.

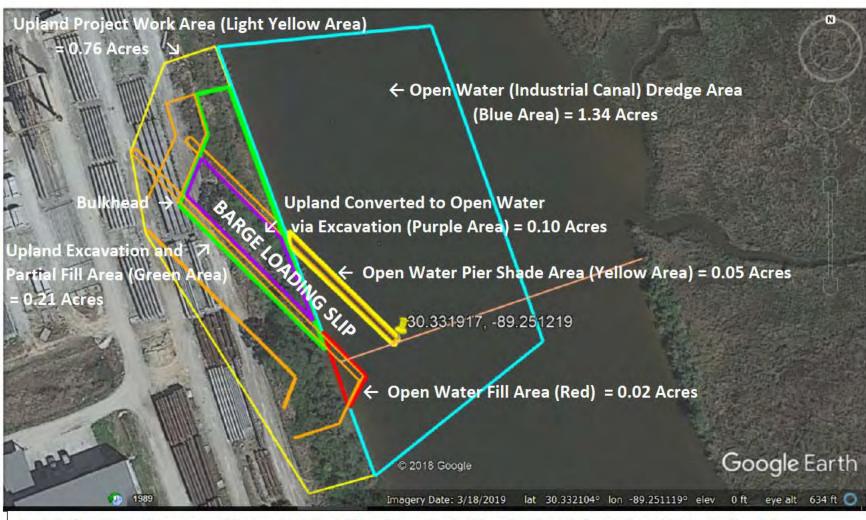
All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager at (251) 694-3702 or email at Michael.G.Stevens2@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at: www.sam.usace.army.mil/Mission/Regulatory.aspx.

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Enclosures



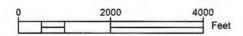
Topo Vicinity Map of proposed project along west side of industrial canal on south side of Bayou Portage, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571; Applicant - Gulf Coastal Pre-Stress Partners, LTD.; Project No: SAM-2019-00854-MGS; DMR-200073; Map created by MGS 9/27/19.

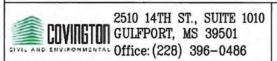


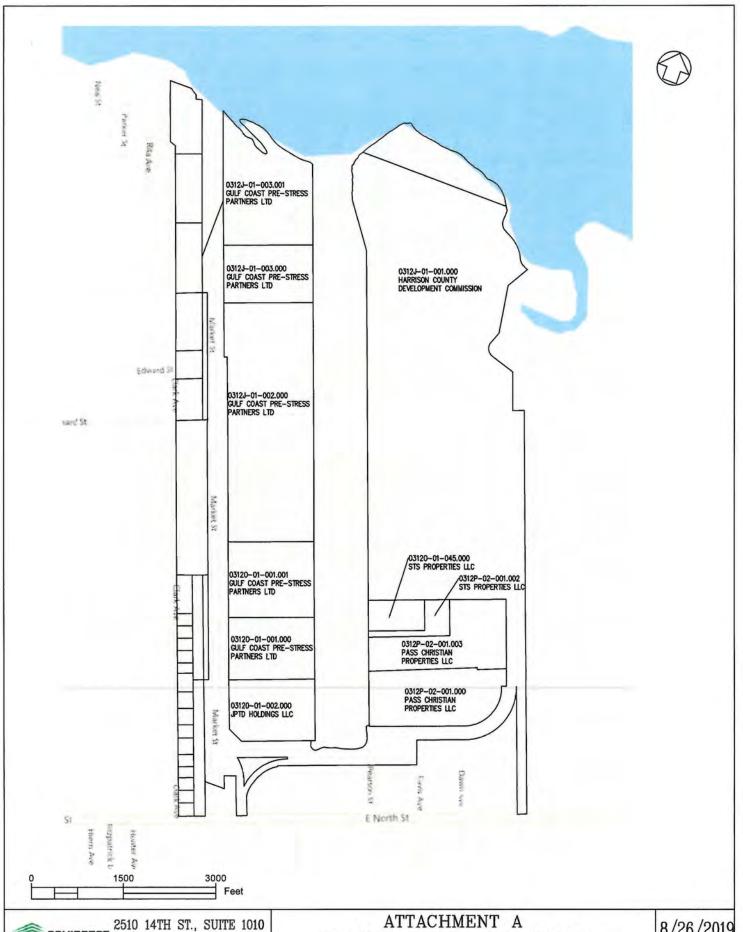
Aerial Site Map of proposed Barge Loading Slip along west side of industrial canal and just south of Bayou Portage, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571; Applicant - Gulf Coast Pre-Stress Partners, LTD.; Project No: SAM-2019-00854-MGS; DMR-200073; Map revised by MGS 10/11/19.



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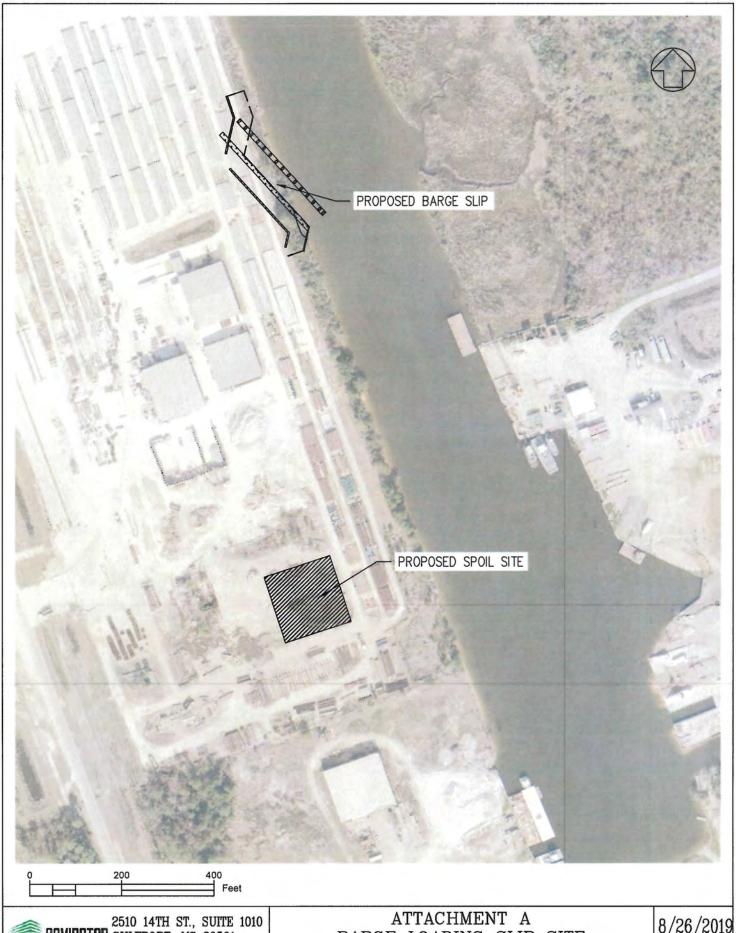


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ATTACHMENT A
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS
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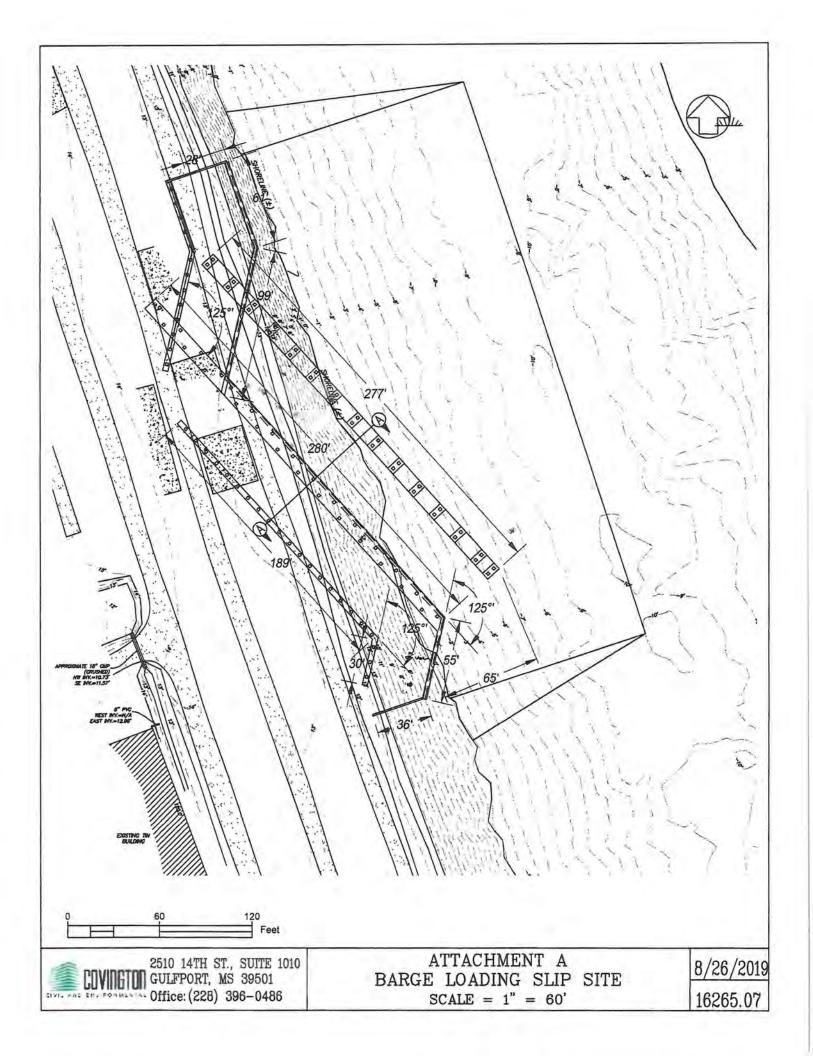
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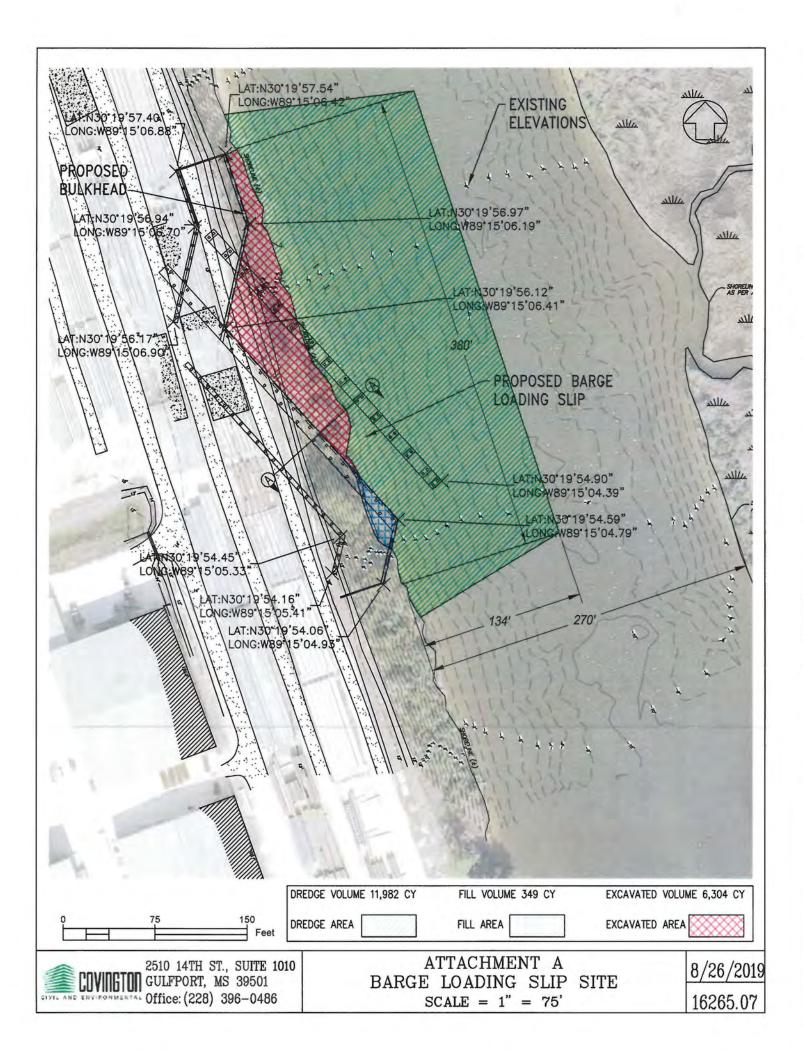


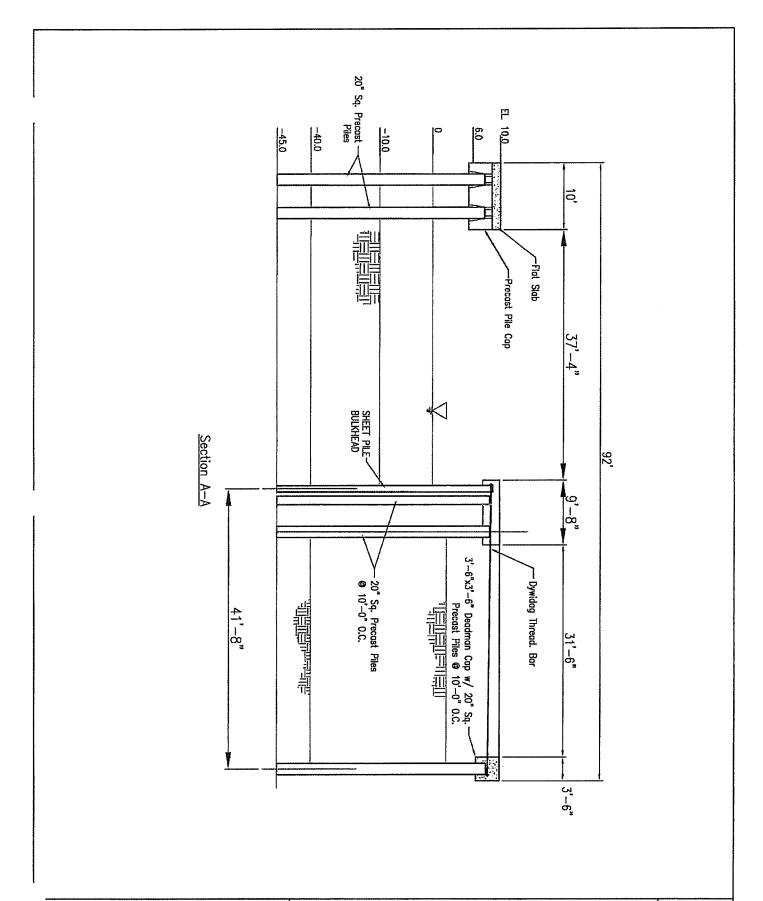
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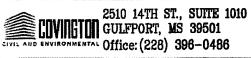
BARGE LOADING SLIP SITE SCALE = 1" = 200'

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ATTACHMENT A
BARGE LOADING SLIP CROSS-SECTION
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