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ATTENTION OF:

South Mississippi Branch
Regulatory Division

November 22, 2013

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2013-01299-PAH
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL (DMR-040396)**

**MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF THE BAYOU CASOTTE SHIP BASIN BETWEEN
TERMINALS E&F AND G&H IN PASCAGOULA, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT: Jackson County Port Authority
Attention: Mr. Mike Smith
Post Office Box 70
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39568**

**AGENT: Compton Engineering, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Lisa Morrison
156 Nixon Road
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530**

LOCATION: In Bayou Casotte, between Terminals E&F and G&H, West of MS-611, North of Lee Henning Road, in Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, Latitude 30.3454 North, Longitude 88.5043 West, in the Mississippi Sound watershed.

WORK: The applicant proposes the maintenance dredging of the Bayou Casotte ship basin between Terminals E&F and G&H. The basin would be dredged to 38' plus an additional 2' for advanced maintenance. The area adjacent to the G Extension docks would be dredged to 25' plus an additional 2' for advanced maintenance. Approximately 150,000 yds³ of material would be removed for the initial maintenance. An additional 45,000 yds³ would be dredged every 3 to 4 years to account for an annual shoaling rate of 12, 000 yds³ to 15,000 yds³.

The area adjacent to the Terminal E&F docks originally required a 100' buffer to exclude the area from disposal into the Bayou Casotte Dredge Material Management Site (BCDMMS) due to potential lead containing sediment. The area was mechanically dredged in June of 2013 removing any potentially elevated lead containing sediment. The E&F area is now included in the standard dredge plan area for future routine maintenance dredging and the 100' buffer should not be necessary.

Currently, the material is proposed to be removed by hydraulic dredging and would be discharged into the BCDMMS. The material may also be mechanically dredged and placed into the Port's dredge material placement site (former International Paper Wastewater Pond Site) or other approved Beneficial Use sites if the BCDMMS is unavailable or not the preferred option at the time of dredging and disposal activities. The appropriate sampling for BU disposal will be conducted if these sites become necessary.

PROJECT PURPOSE: As stated by the applicant's agent, the project is for maintenance dredging in the basin between Terminals E&F and G&H, Bayou Casotte, Pascagoula, Mississippi. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) initially determined the basic project purpose is maintenance dredging and is therefore water dependent. Additional review will be performed by the Corps and cooperating agencies.

MITIGATION: As the only impacts proposed are dredge related; the applicant is not proposing mitigation for impacts at this time. The Corps has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's mitigation proposal at this time. Further coordination will be performed by the Corps and cooperating agencies.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and upon completion of the required advertising; a determination relative to certification will be made.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps 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 benefits, 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, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, protected species, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps 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 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 for consideration of this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

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. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the Corps has determined that the permit area consists of the project site. Unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work or that adequately documents a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area, the Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to make a final determination based upon the submitted report.

The project as proposed occurs in a heavily trafficked and maintained industrial and shipping basin. Additionally, Bayou Casotte is not part of Critical Habitat Unit 8. Based on this information the Corps has determined that the project will have no effect on listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitats, or essential fish habitat.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2013-01299-PAH** and should be directed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, **Attention: Mr. Philip A. Hegji**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: South Alabama Branch and a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, **Attention: Ms. Florance Watson, P.E.**, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225.

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 for this application, **Mr. Philip A. Hegji at (251) 690-3222** or by email at philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number **SAM-2013-01299-PAH**.

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Bayou Caselle Pkwy

Ingalls Ave

Beach Blvd

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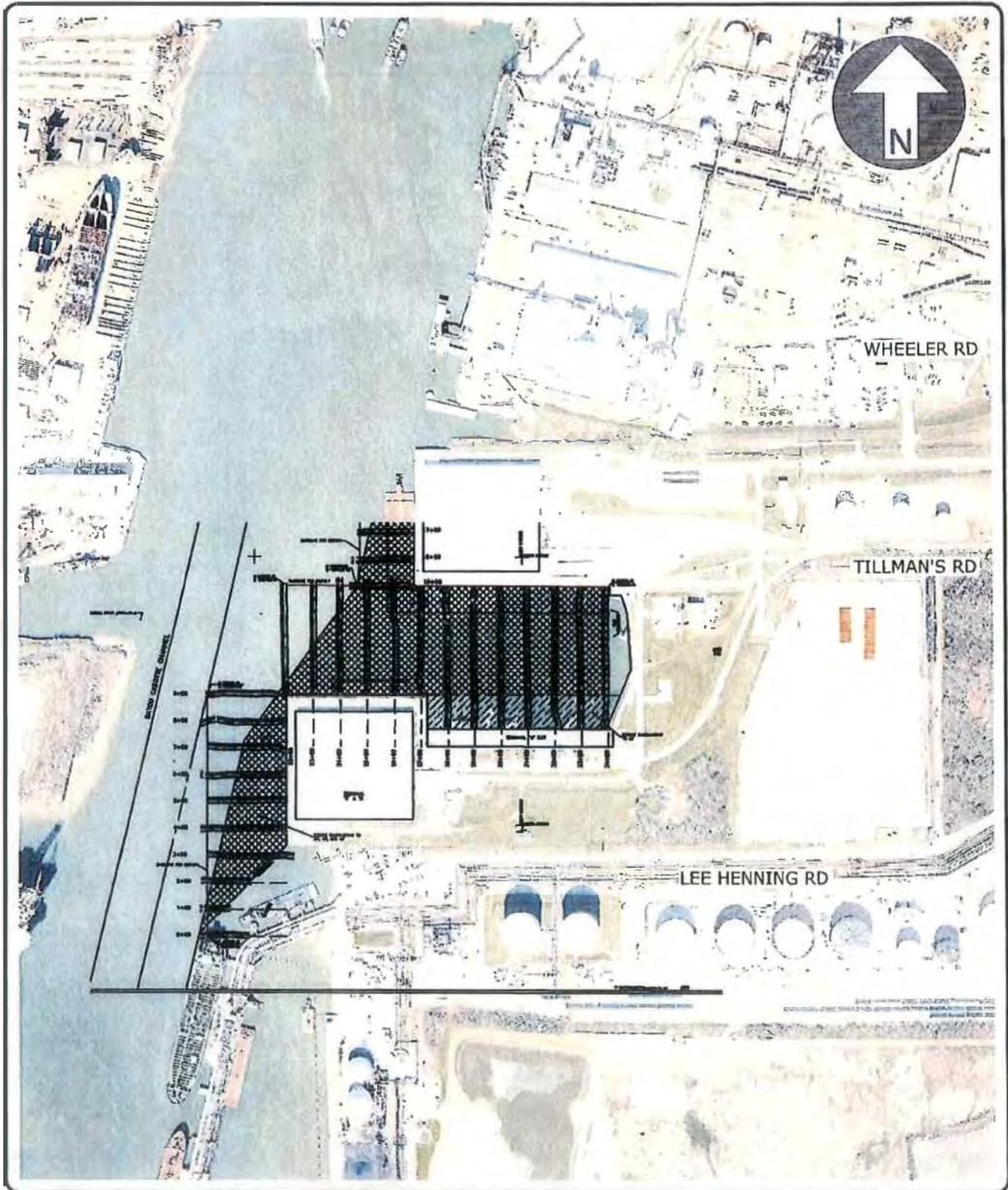
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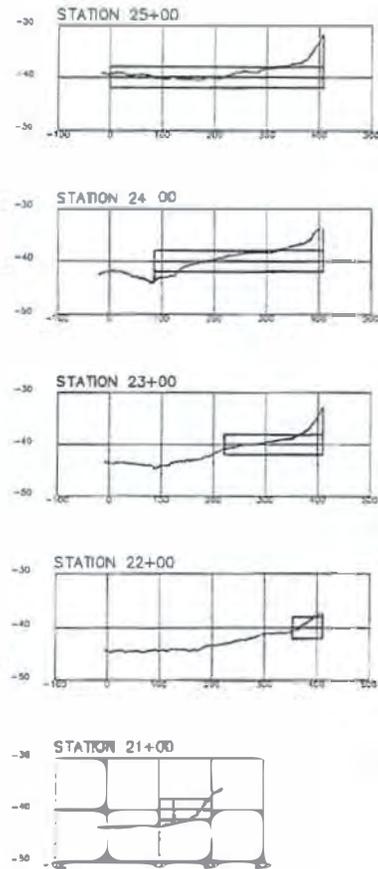
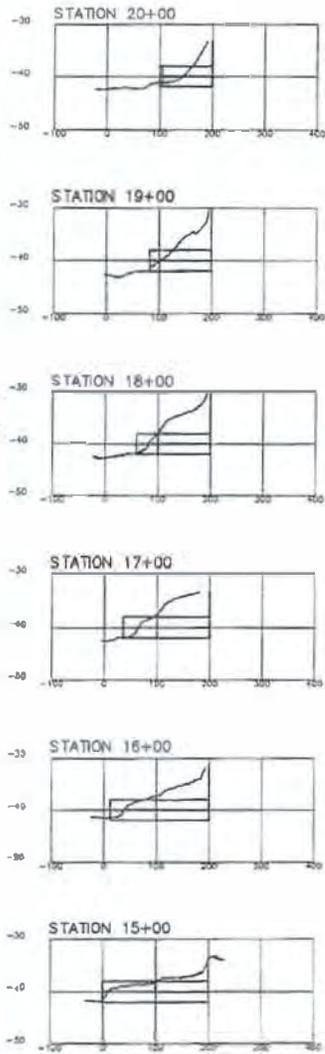
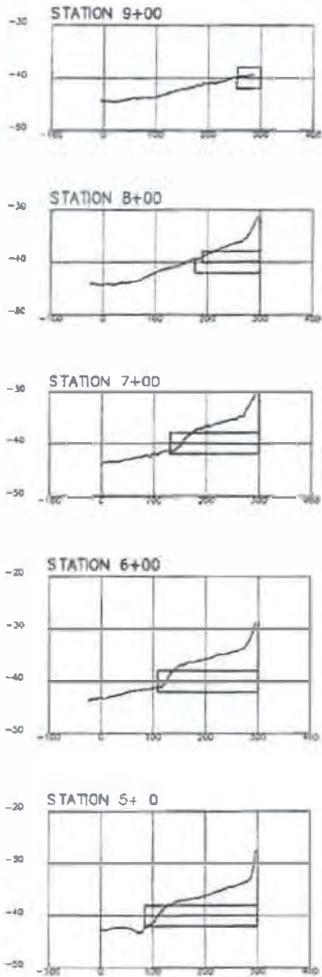
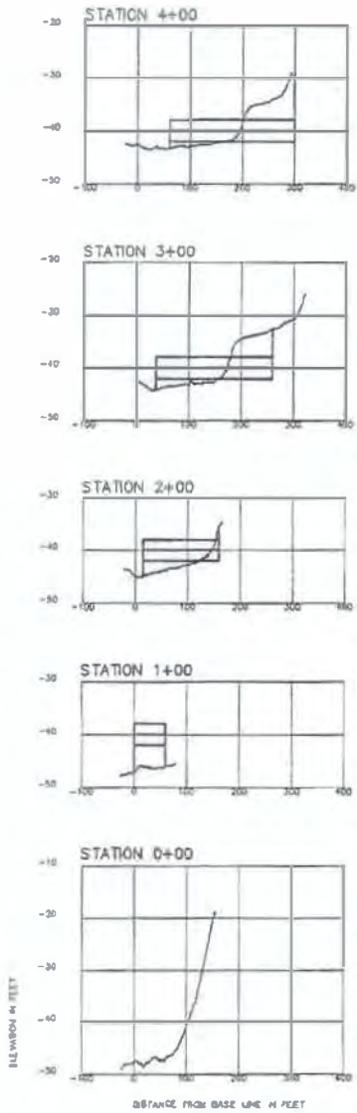
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JACKSON COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY (JCPA)
BAYOU CASOTTE MAINTENANCE DREDGING
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON CO., MS
ENVIRONMENTAL
SCALE: 1"=500'
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APPROVED:	HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OF A PORTION OF BAYOU CASOTTE HARBOR		
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	CONSULTING ENGINEER		
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SCALE: AS SHOWN	DATE: FEB / 08	PLAT: 1000	SHEET: 2 OF 2

Figure 5: Bayou Casotte Dredge Material Management Site Layout

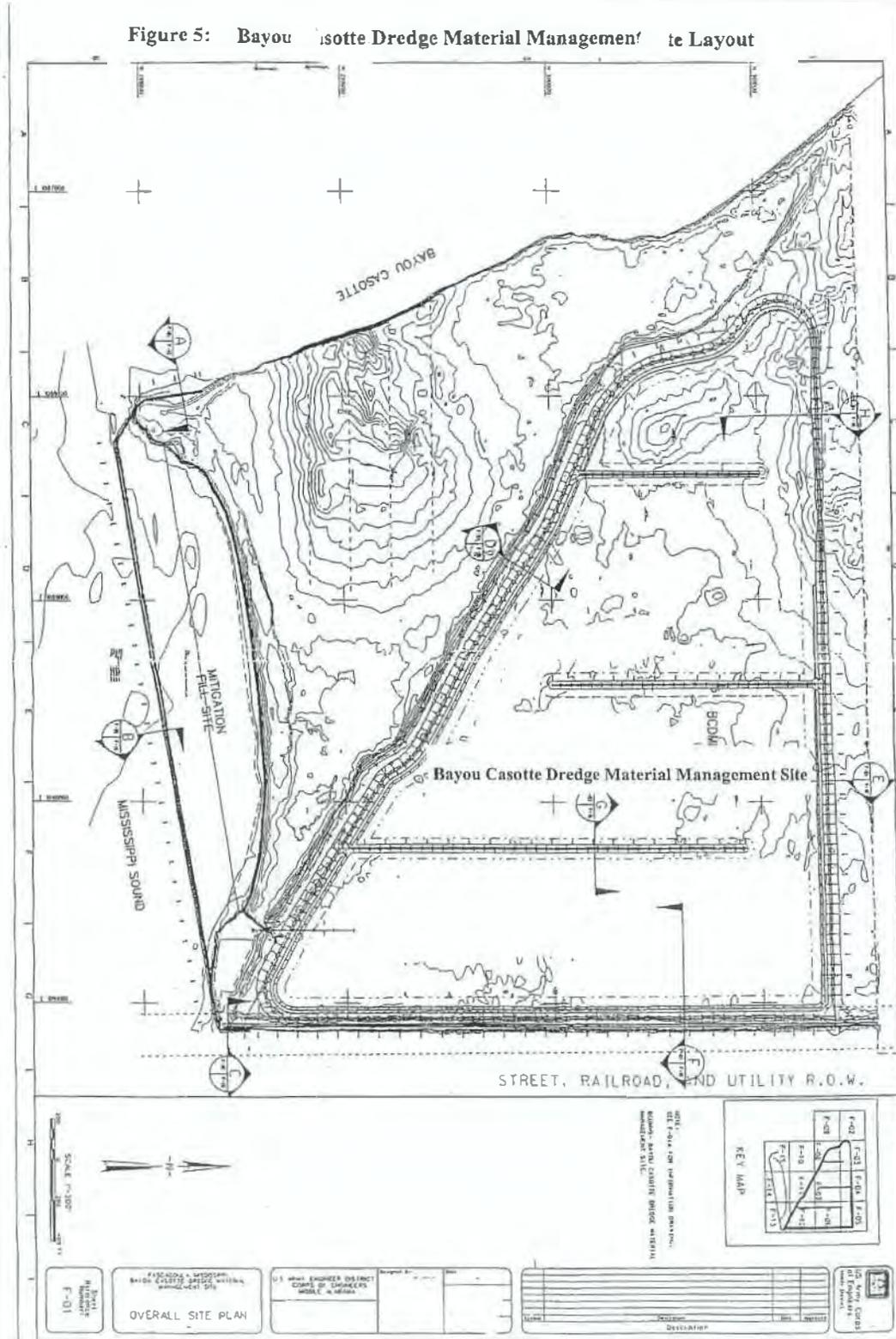


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