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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

Regulatory Division
Coastal Branch

February 13, 2009

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE MS04-2628-L (Mod. 2)
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**Proposed Dredging at
Northrop Grumman Ship Systems
Pascagoula Shipyard
Jackson County, Mississippi**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application to modify Department of the Army permit MS-2004-2628-L issued pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Northrop Grumman Ship Systems (NGSS)
P.O. Box 149
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39568-0149

WATERWAY: Pascagoula River/Bay, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi. (Lat. 30.347° N; Long. 88.582° W).

WORK: The applicant proposes to modify their current dredging permit (MS04-02628-L) as shown on the enclosed drawings. The authorized depth in the Sonar Pit would be increased from -50' mean low water (mlw) to - 60' mlw, resulting in an additional 24,120 cubic yards of dredging. The authorized depth in the "New East Launch Pit Extension" would be increased from -38' mlw to -70' mlw, resulting in an additional 323,920 cubic yards of dredging. The authorized depth in the "New West Launch Pit Extension" would be increased from -38' mlw to -70' mlw, resulting in an additional 390,200 cubic yards of dredging. The work proposed by this modification would occur in previously dredged areas used for berthing and launching of vessels. All material would be hydraulically dredged and pumped to NGSS on site, confined disposal facility. No wetlands or submerged aquatic vegetation will be impacted. The purpose of the project is to provide adequate water depth for the safe navigation of vessels using the NGSS facilities.

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The applicant has applied for a certification modification 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. (Certification for MS04-02628-L is OPC 2003-114)

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to a consistency modification will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. (Certification for MS04-0228-L is DMR-040265)

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 (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 modification 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, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, 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 to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations 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 that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services.

Preliminary review of this request and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, and their critical habitat. The proposed modification will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would impact approximately 11 acres of estuarine substrate utilized by various life stages of red drum, Spanish mackerel, and shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number MS04-02648-L (Mod. 2) should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received within 21 days of the date of this public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office, John B. McFadyen, telephone number (251) 690-3222, E-mail john.b.mcfadyen@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/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

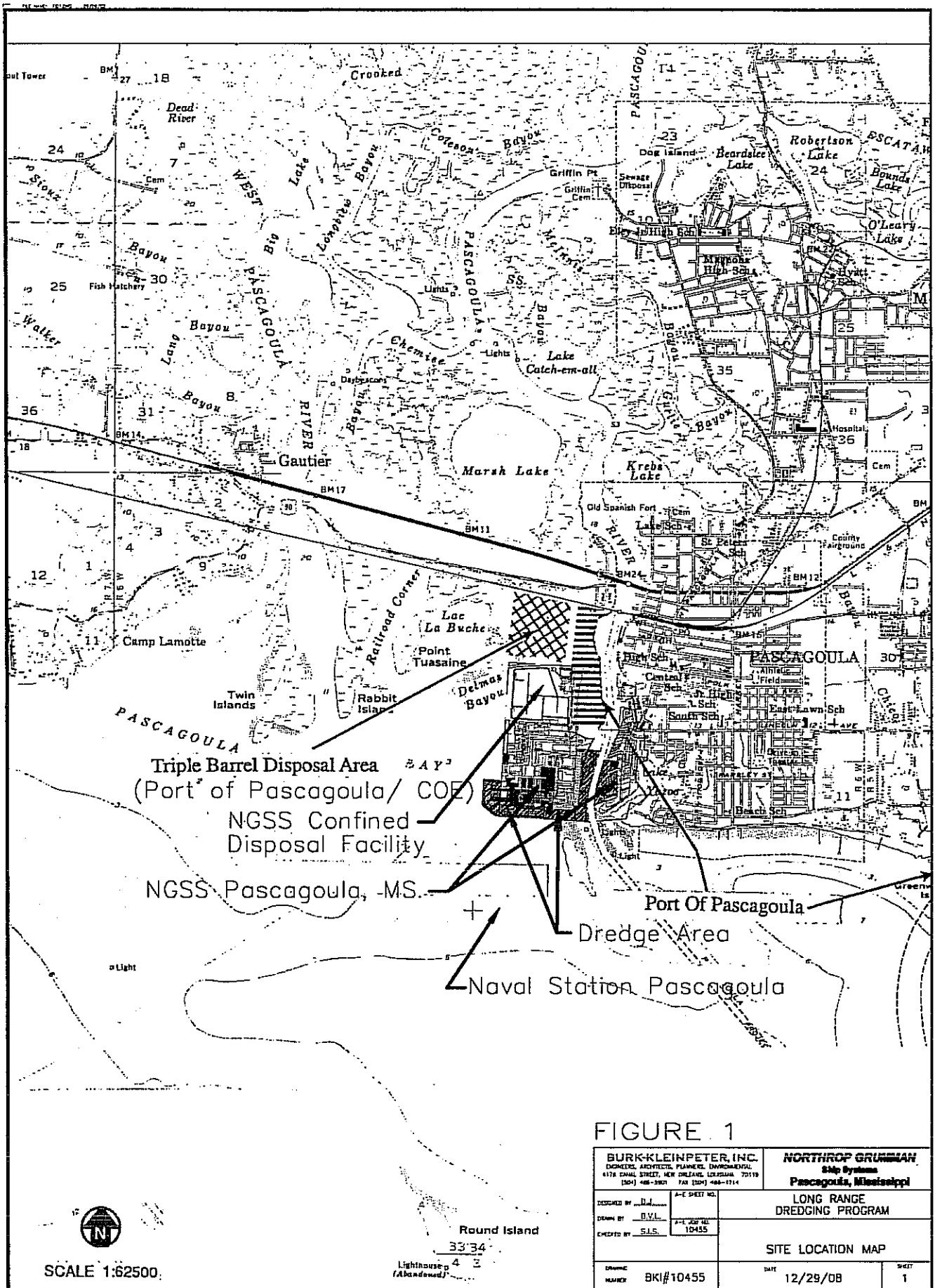
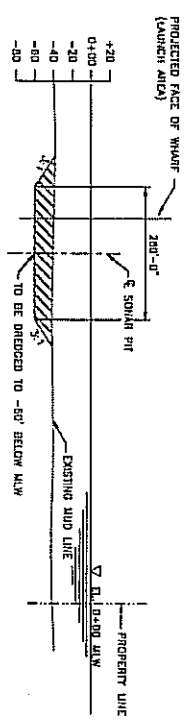
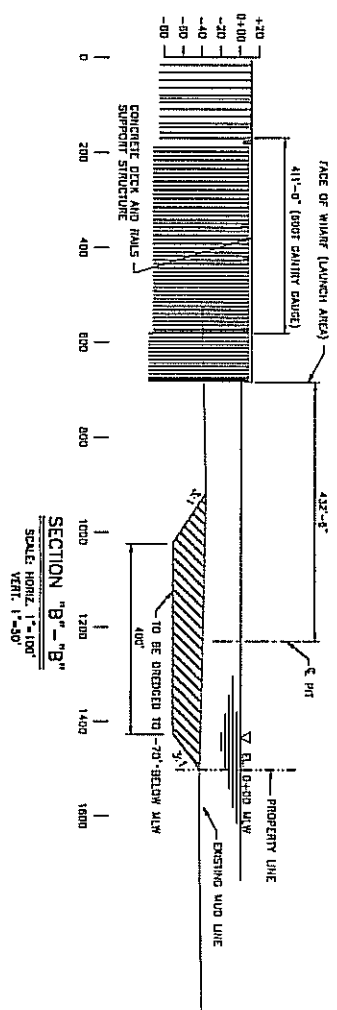
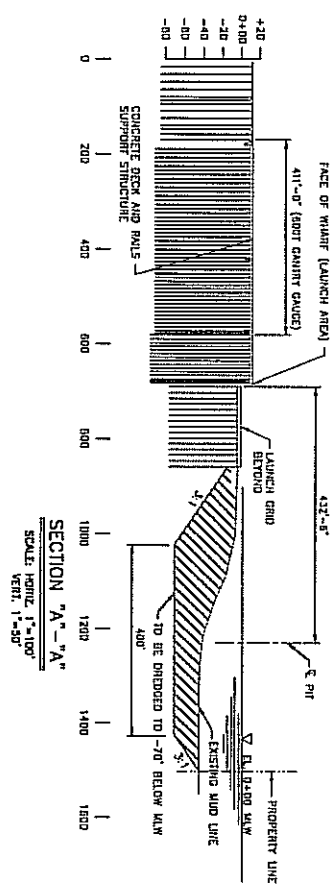


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