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SAM-2006-01446-JAP

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING,
ALABAMA BULK TERMINAL,
MOBILE RIVER, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Mobile District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). This public notice is being distributed to all known interested parties in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. Please communicate this information to all interested parties.

APPLICANT: Alabama Bulk Terminal
Post Office Box 2784
Mobile, Alabama 36633

AGENT: Thompson Engineering, Inc.
Attention: Mr. John McFadyen, P.G.
2970 Cottage Hill Road, Suite 190
Mobile, Alabama 36606

WATERWAY: Mobile River, Mile 0.3, Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 1 West on Blakeley Island, Mobile County, Alabama

WORK: The applicant is requesting reauthorization of an exiting permit. The work was previously authorized by Department of the Army permit AL02-03284-U. The applicant proposes to perform maintenance dredging of 250,000 cubic yards of silt and sand from a berthing area in the Mobile River located between the Mobile Ship Channel and their dock on Blakeley Island. The work area is 260-foot wide and 800-foot long. The dredging will consist of annual dredging events of 50,000 cubic yards of material over the

life of the permit. The applicant has requested authorization to deepen the berthing area to a depth of -44 feet, mean low water to minimize the number of dredging events and to maintain the necessary project depth of -40 feet, mean low water. The material will be hydraulically dredged and deposited within an existing disposal area on Blakeley Island. All work will be constructed in accordance with the enclosed plans which were provided by the applicant.

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

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Alabama Coastal Management Program. Upon completion of the public notice period, a determination relative to consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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 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 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.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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. Previous maintenance dredging at the site has been coordinated with and cleared by the Alabama Historical Commission. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this public 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 are being sent to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services.

A preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect any listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Any correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2006-1446-JAP** and should be directed to the following address:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001
Attention: Regulatory Division, RD-I

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Post Office Box 301463
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

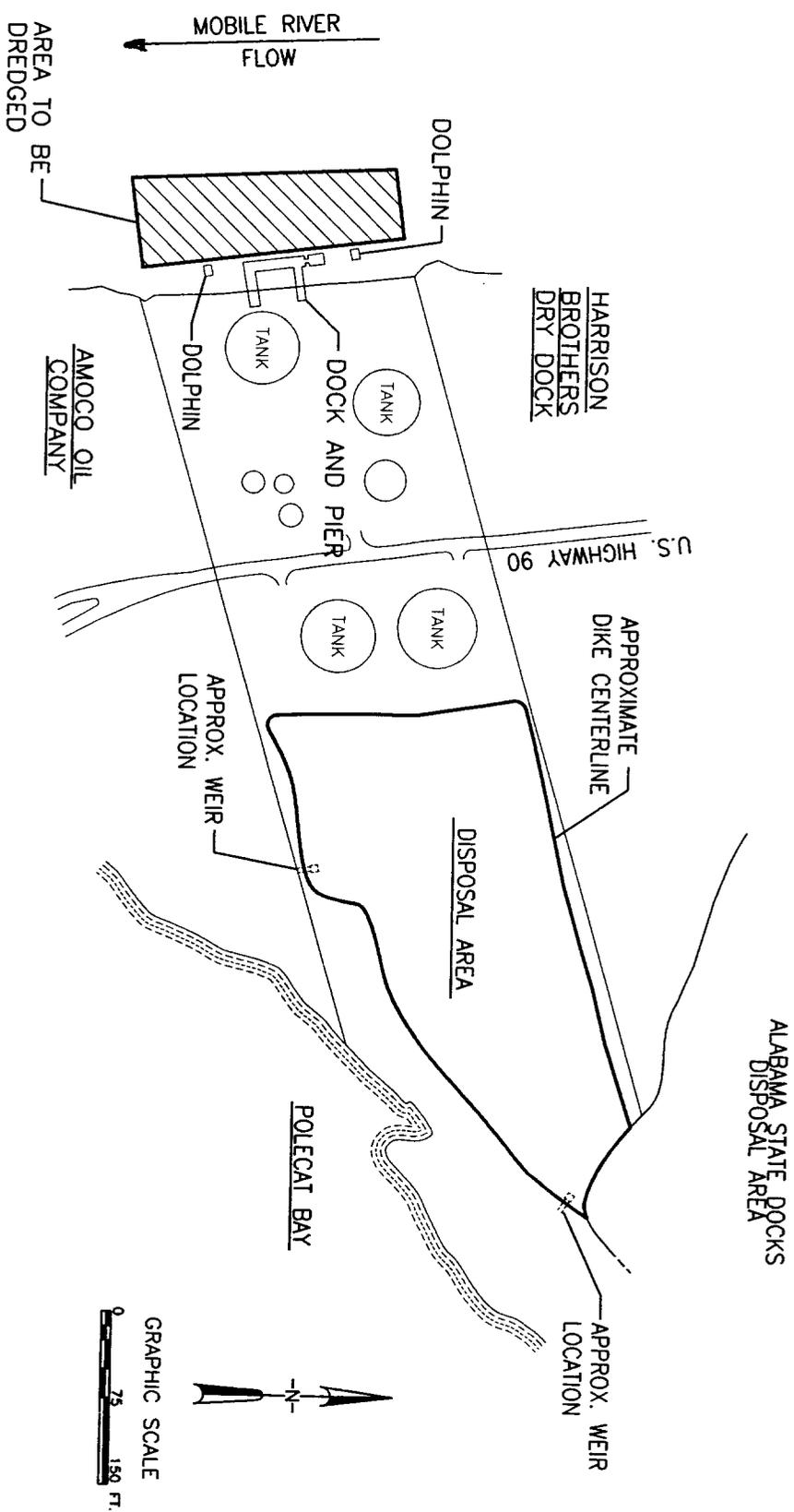
**All correspondence must be received not later than
2 September 2006.**

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, you may contact the Project Manager **Mr. Juan A. Payne** at telephone number **(251) 694-3873** or preferably by email at juan.a.payne@usace.army.mil. Please reference the above Public Notice number when calling or in your email correspondence.

For additional information about the Mobile District's 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.

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



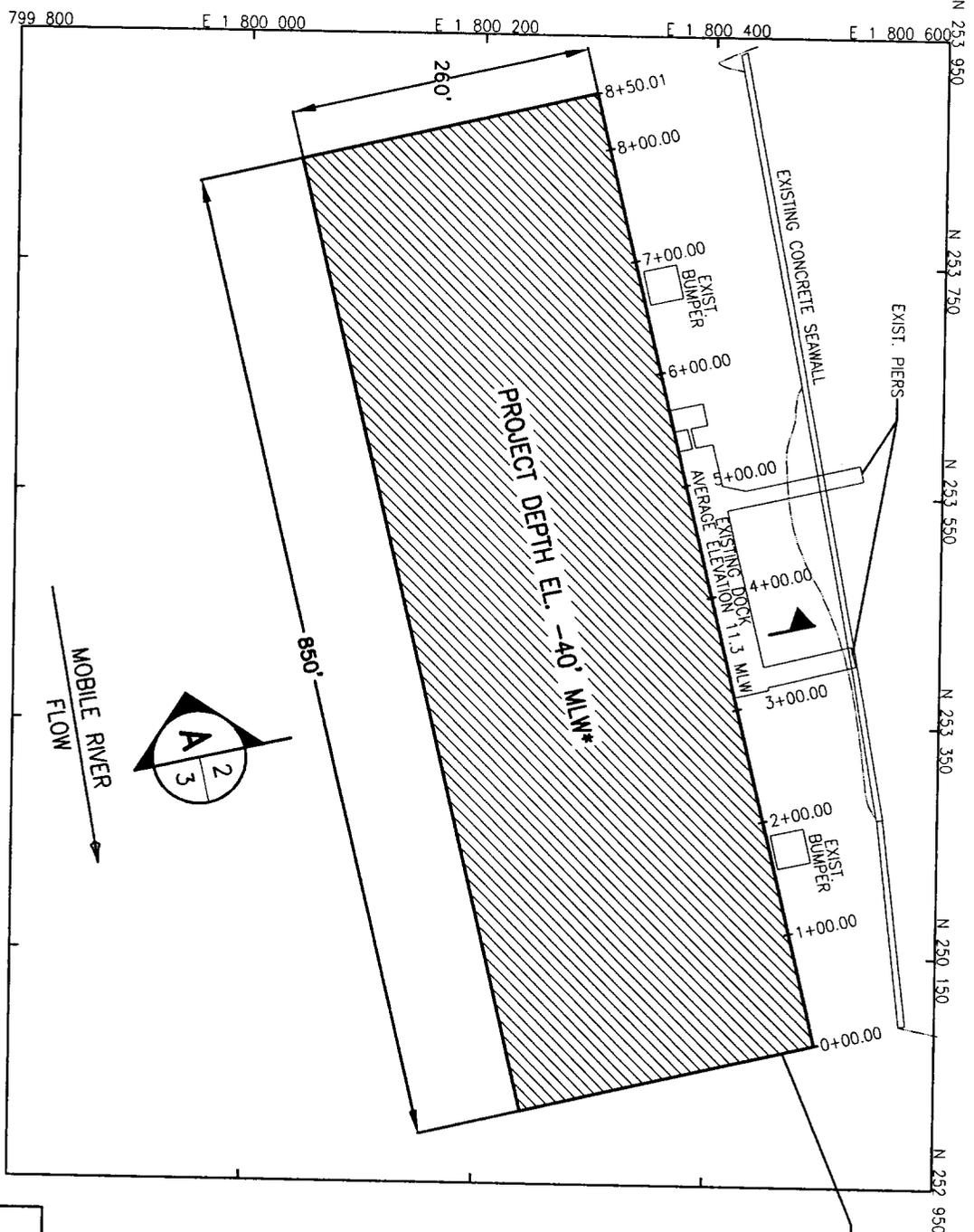
	ALABAMA BULK TERMINAL
	MOBILE, ALABAMA

FIGURE 2
SITE PLAN

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ADVANCED MAINTENANCE DREDGING (-44.0 MLW)

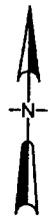
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STATE PLANE COORDINATE
GRID SHOWN FOR REFERENCE
ONLY.



SLOPE SIDES
2.5 : 1
(TYPICAL)



MOBILE RIVER
FLOW

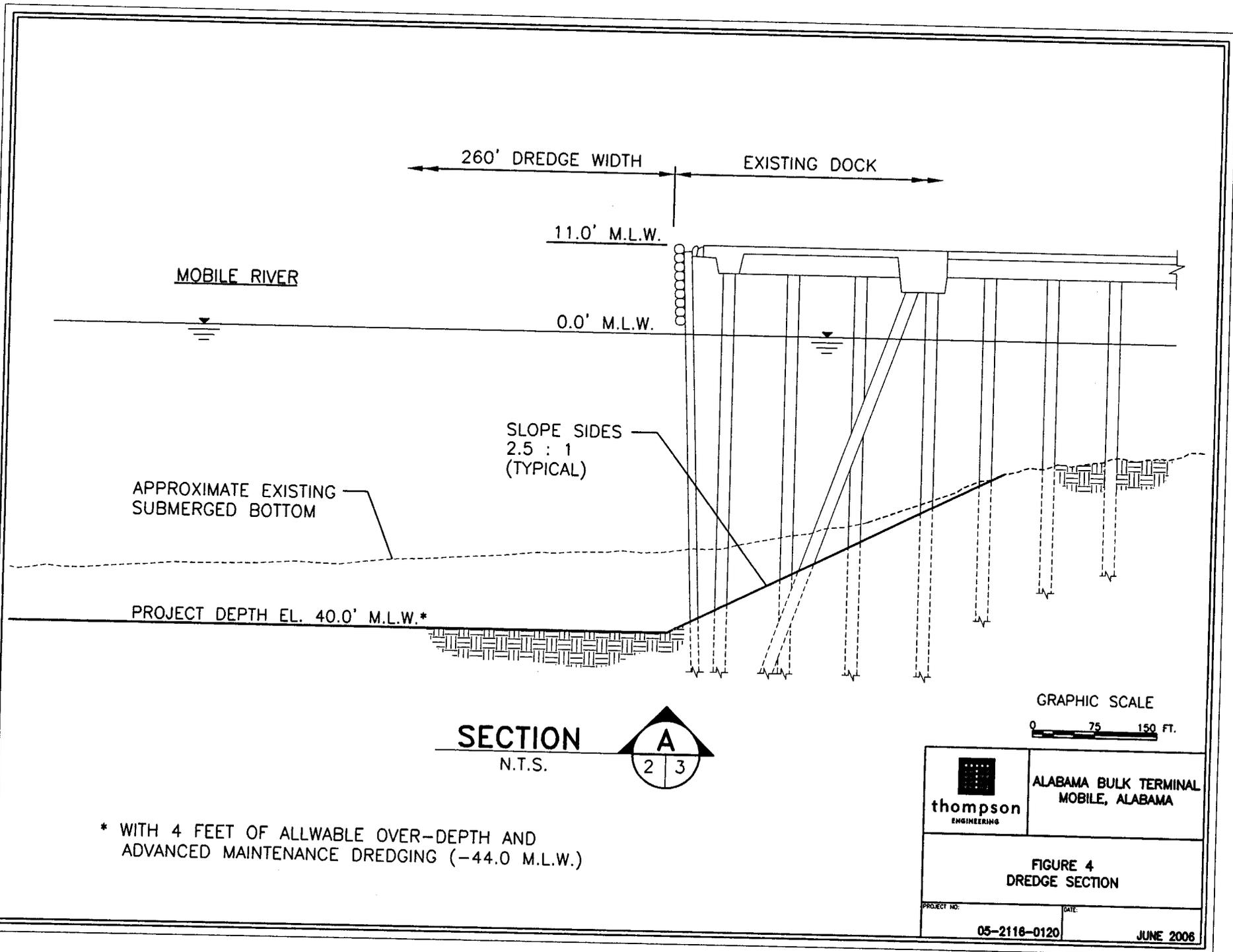


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FIGURE 3
DREDGE PLAN

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260' DREDGE WIDTH

EXISTING DOCK

MOBILE RIVER

11.0' M.L.W.

0.0' M.L.W.

SLOPE SIDES
2.5 : 1
(TYPICAL)

APPROXIMATE EXISTING
SUBMERGED BOTTOM

PROJECT DEPTH EL. 40.0' M.L.W.*

GRAPHIC SCALE

0 75 150 FT.

SECTION

N.T.S.



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FIGURE 4
DREDGE SECTION

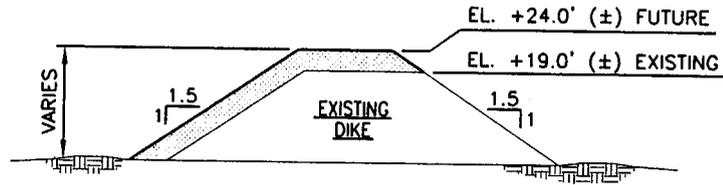
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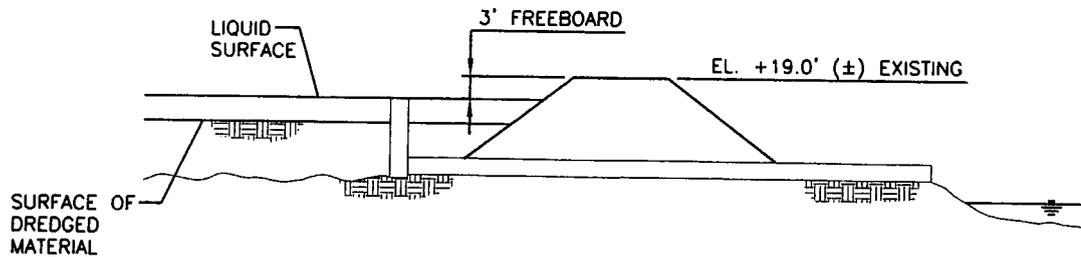
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JUNE 2008

* WITH 4 FEET OF ALLWABLE OVER-DEPTH AND
ADVANCED MAINTENANCE DREDGING (-44.0 M.L.W.)



TYPICAL DISPOSAL AREA DIKE SECTION (FUTURE)



TYPICAL DISPOSAL AREA EFFLUENT DETAIL

GRAPHIC SCALE



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<p align="center">FIGURE 5 DIKE SECTION & WEIR DETAIL</p>	
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