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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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SUBJECT: SAM-2007-1707-ALF

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL REEF IN MAIN PASS BLOCK 312, GULF OF MEXICO

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 of 1899 (33 USC 403), and Section 4(f) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 as amended (43 USC 1333(e)). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

WATERWAY: Gulf of Mexico, 80 nautical miles south of Biloxi, Mississippi, within Main Pass Block 312 at Latitude 29° 10' 47.88"N, -88° 45' 51.87"W.

WORK: The applicant proposes to establish an artificial reef site within Main Pass Block 312 around an existing drilling platform that would be toppled in place. The applicant proposes to keep the existing structure as reef habitat and establish an artificial reef site, approximately 367 acres in size, with corner coordinates as identified on the attached diagram. The purpose of the project is to provide hard bottom habitat for recreational and commercial fisheries as well as establish an area for future habitat development. Up to 7 platforms may be deployed within the proposed reef site. All structures would be located a minimum of 500 feet inside the reef boundaries and 1,000 feet from any active pipelines. A minimum clearance of 90 feet would be maintained at the reef site. The applicant would notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Minerals Management Service, and National Ocean Service in writing within 2 weeks of deployment of new structures within the reef site. The notification must include a drawing which certifies the location and configuration of the completed activity. The applicant requests authorization to deploy up to 7 platforms/jackets, complying with all conditions of a permit, within the proposed reef site for the life of the permit (5 years).

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 impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security.

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.

The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review will constitute 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 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 listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposed project will create a 367-acre reef site within Main Pass Block 312 in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of the project is to provide hard bottom habitat for recreational and commercial fisheries. Our initial determination is that the proposed action will not have a substantial impact on EFH or Federally managed fishes. 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.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2007-1707-ALF** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch. Comments should be received no later than **15 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via e-mail at Allison.L.Felsher@sam.usace.army.mil or telephone number **(251) 690-2658**. 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 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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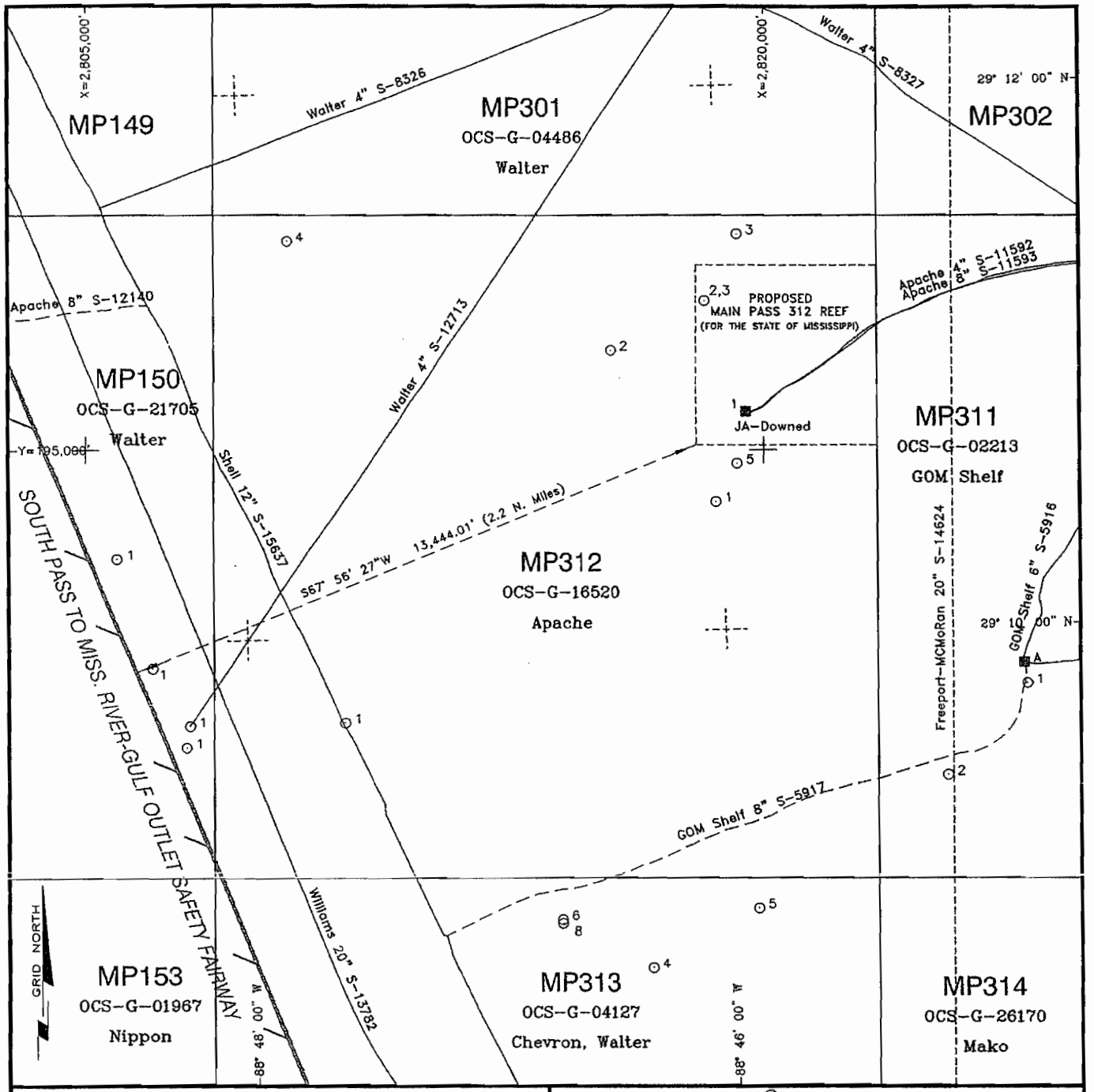

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BASE MAP
OCS-G-16520 "JA" STRUCTURE
BLOCK 312
MAIN PASS AREA
GULF OF MEXICO

FUGRO CHANCE INC.
200 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, Louisiana 70506-3001 (337) 237-1300

GEODETIC DATUM: NAD27 PROJECTION: LOUISIANA SOUTH GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET		SCALE IN FEET 0 — 3,000'	
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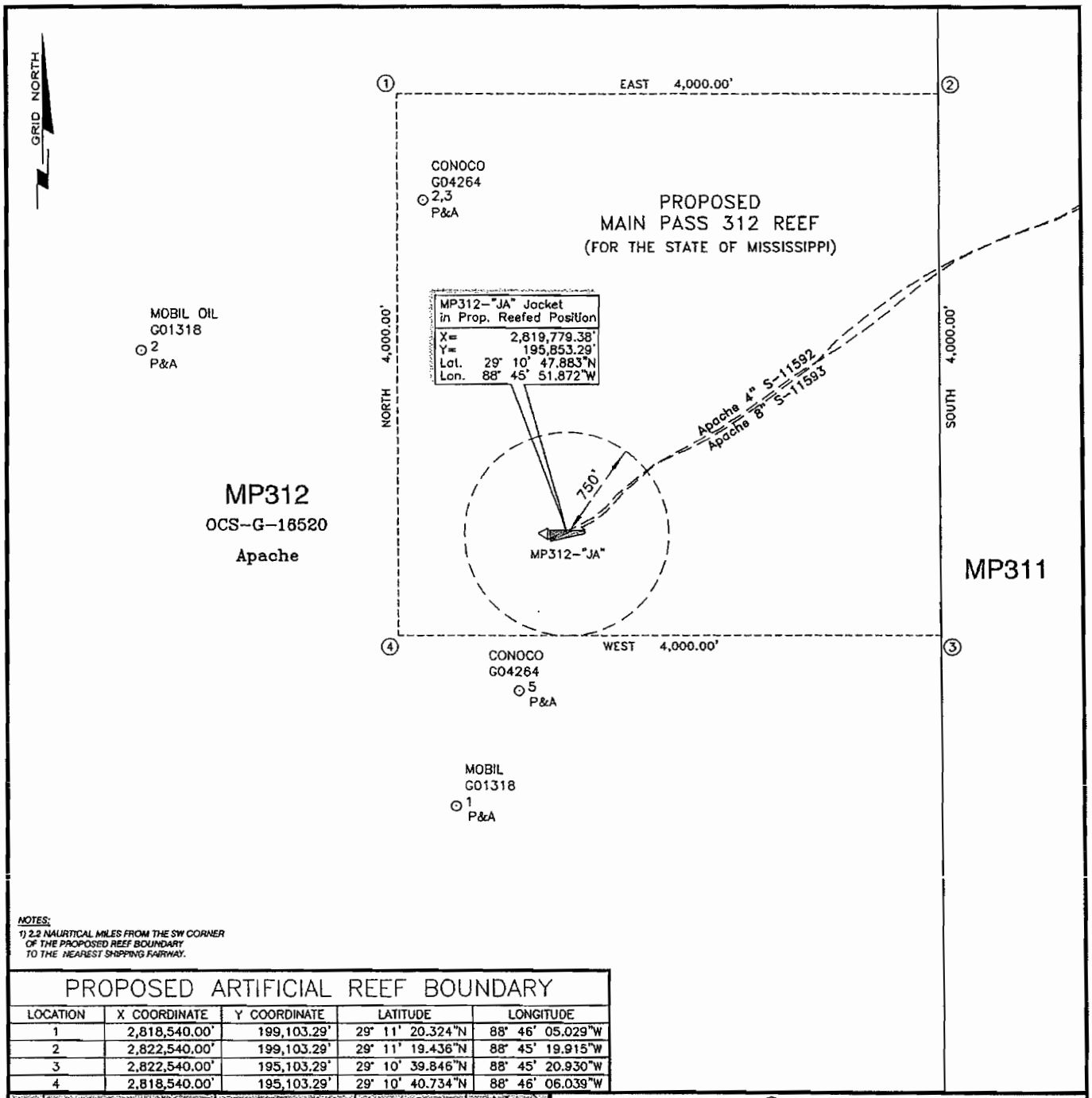

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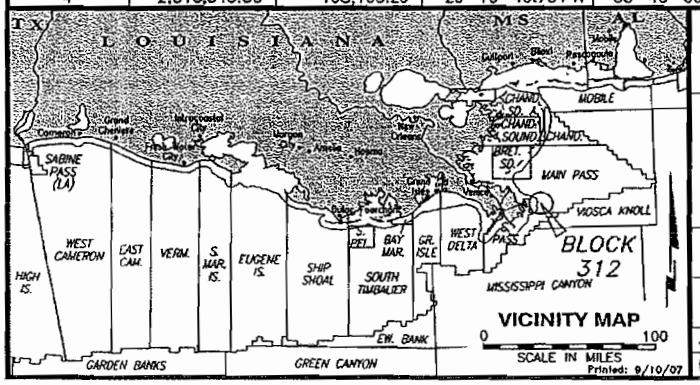
1) 2.2 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE SW CORNER OF THE PROPOSED REEF BOUNDARY TO THE NEAREST SHIPPING FAIRWAY.

PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL REEF BOUNDARY

LOCATION	X COORDINATE	Y COORDINATE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	2,818,540.00'	199,103.29'	29° 11' 20.324"N	88° 46' 05.029"W
2	2,822,540.00'	199,103.29'	29° 11' 19.436"N	88° 45' 19.915"W
3	2,822,540.00'	195,103.29'	29° 10' 39.846"N	88° 45' 20.930"W
4	2,818,540.00'	195,103.29'	29° 10' 40.734"N	88° 46' 06.039"W



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MAIN PASS 312 - "JA"
PROPOSED REEF POSITION

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GEODETIC DATUM: NAD27
PROJECTION: LOUISIANA SOUTH
GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET

SCALE IN FEET 0 1,000'

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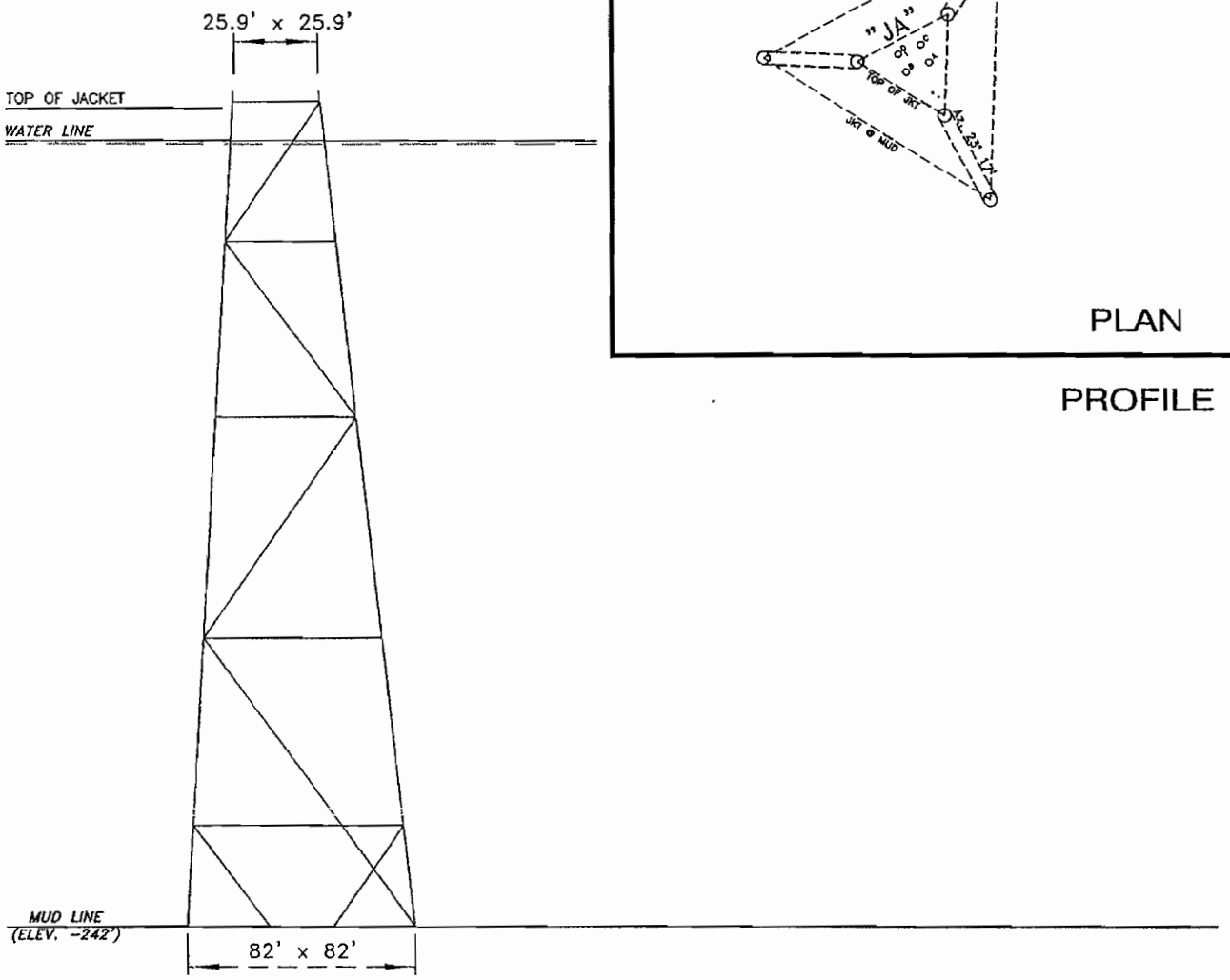

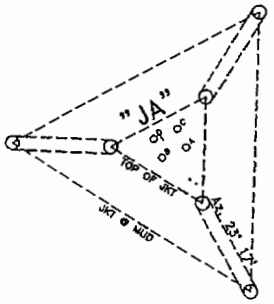

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MAIN PASS 312 - "JA"
TO BE REEFED

BLOCK 312
MAIN PASS AREA
GULF OF MEXICO

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200 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, Louisiana 70506-3001 (337) 237-1300

GEODETIC DATUM: NAD27 PROJECTION: LOUISIANA SOUTH GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET		SCALE IN FEET 0 — 50'	
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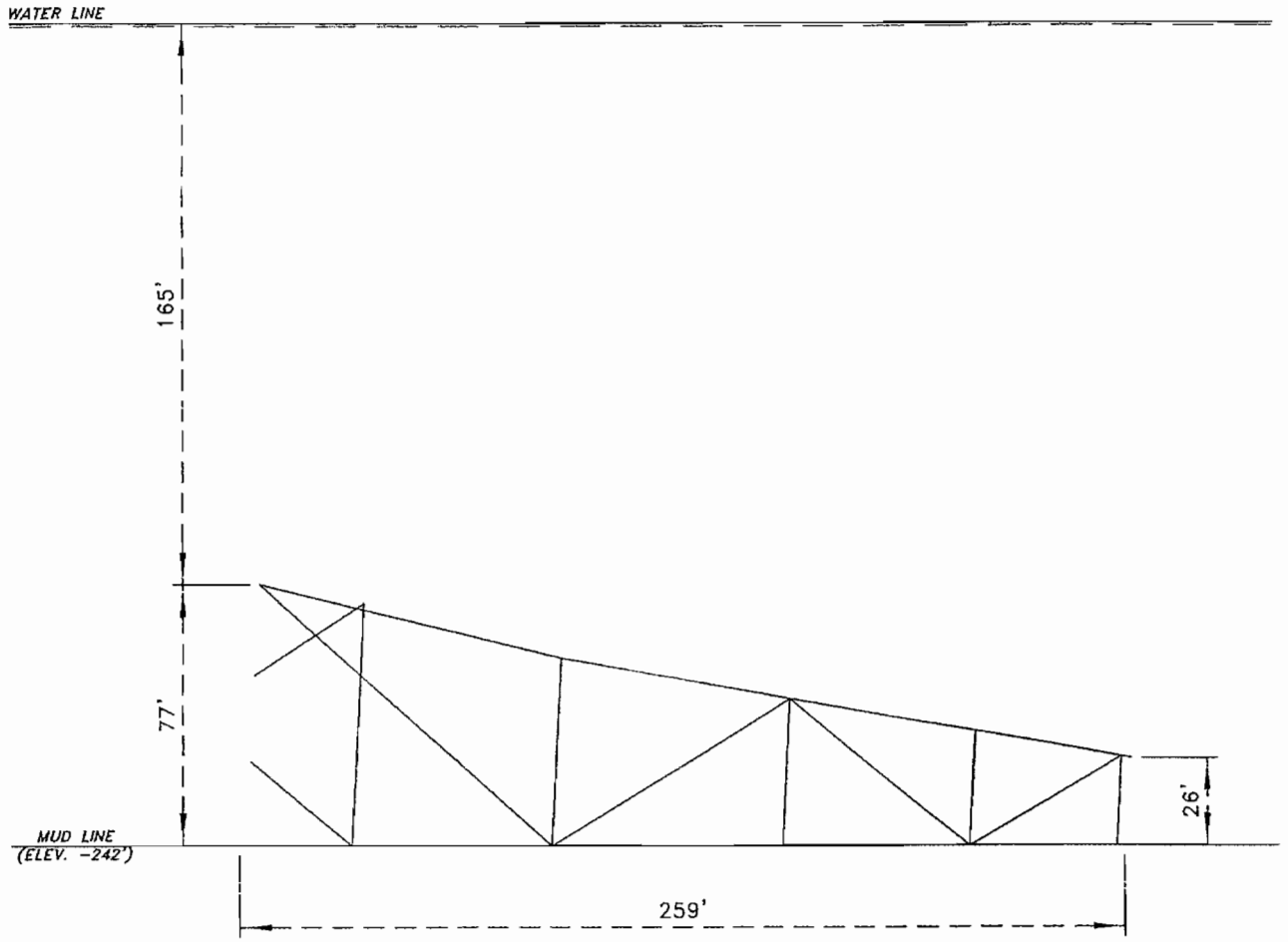

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NOTES:
1) 3 STATUTE MILES TO NEAREST SHIPPING FAIRWAY.

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IN PROPOSED REEF POSITION
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