



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

CESAM-RD-A
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-00081-SPG

January 31, 2014

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

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL 0.12 ACRE OF JURISDICTIONAL
WATERBOTTOMS FOR ARTIFICIAL REEF CONSTRUCTION IN
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Alabama Marine Resources Division
Attention: Mr. Chris M. Blankenship
Post Office Box 189
Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528

AGENT: Alabama Marine Resources Division
Attention: Mr. Craig Newton
Post Office Box 189
Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528

WATERWAY/LOCATION: The proposed project is located approximately 54 NM south of the Fort Morgan peninsula, in Baldwin County, Alabama on jurisdictional waterbottoms of the Gulf of Mexico. The site is located at Latitude 29.32015° North; Longitude -87.81308° West; in the Main Pass Block 255 grid (designated reef names: MP255-A-Base and MP255-A-Top).

PROJECT PURPOSE: The "Basic Project Purpose" is for the construction of an artificial reef by modification of an existing oil platform jacket. For the purposes of the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, this basic project purpose does not define the project as a "water-dependent" activity. The "Overall Project Purpose" is: construction of an artificial reef, under the "Rigs to Reef" program.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill approximately 0.12 acre (5,168 square feet) of jurisdictional waterbottoms by removing 105' of the upper portion of an existing oil platform jacket and placing it adjacent to the jacket base. The proposed reef site would be approximately 333', in depth, at the base and 105' from the surface.

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 (CZ) Consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQC and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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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 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. 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 notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would potentially impact approximately 0.12 acre of waterbottoms utilized by various life stages of various marine species. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on 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 and/or U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit

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area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to SAM-2014-00081-SPG and should be mailed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, Attention: Regulatory Division (Sandy Gibson), Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile Alabama 36608.

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, Ms. Sandy P. Gibson at (251) 694-3772 or by email at sandy.p.gibson@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the Public Notice Number SAM-2014-00081-SPG.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, our customer satisfaction survey is located at www.corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. Your response is appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

CENTER OF REEF	
NAD27-LA SOUTH	
X=	3,120,513.05'
Y=	258,281.56'
Lat.	29° 19' 26.866"N
Lon.	87° 49' 00.150"W
NAD83-LA SOUTH	
X=	4,401,326.03'
Y=	316,986.63'
Lat.	29° 19' 27.663"N
Lon.	87° 49' 00.102"W

① EAST 4,000.00'

MP255 REEF PROPOSED

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MP255
OCS-G-07825
Apache

VK654

VK698
OCS-G-07901
Apache

NORTH 4,000.00'

SOUTH 4,000.00'

MP255-A-Top of Jacket in Prop. Reef Position (Orientation to be field determined)	
NAD27-LA SOUTH	
X=	3,121,713.00'
Y=	254,871.06'
Lat.	29° 19' 12.543"N
Lon.	87° 48' 47.091"W
NAD83-LA SOUTH	
X=	4,402,526.00'
Y=	315,576.12'
Lat.	29° 19' 13.341"N
Lon.	87° 48' 47.042"W

MP255-A-BASE (PROPOSED)

MP255-A-TOP (PROPOSED)

1.12'

545'

550'

550'

MP255-A-Base of Jacket (Reefed in Place)	
NAD27-LA SOUTH	
X=	3,121,885.58'
Y=	254,910.90'
Lat.	29° 19' 12.885"N
Lon.	87° 48' 45.129"W
NAD83-LA SOUTH	
X=	4,402,698.58'
Y=	315,615.96'
Lat.	29° 19' 13.683"N
Lon.	87° 48' 45.079"W

Enterprise g" S-10361

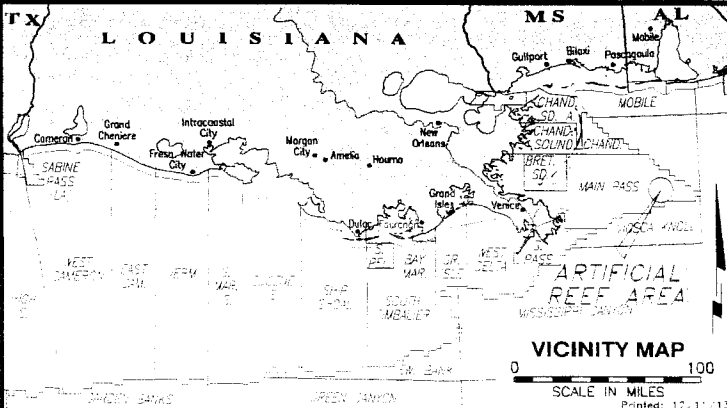
④ WEST 4,000.00'

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GRID NORTH

ARTIFICIAL REEF BOUNDARIES

LOCATION	X COORDINATE	Y COORDINATE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	3,118,513.05'	258,281.56'	29° 19' 47.263"N	87° 49' 22.041"W
2	3,122,513.05'	258,281.56'	29° 19' 46.048"N	87° 48' 36.874"W
3	3,122,513.05'	254,281.56'	29° 19' 06.467"N	87° 48' 38.262"W
4	3,118,513.05'	254,281.56'	29° 19' 07.682"N	87° 49' 23.425"W



Apache

MAIN PASS 255 - "A"
IN PROPOSED REEF POSITION
BLOCK 255
MAIN PASS AREA
GULF OF MEXICO

FUGRO CHANCE INC.

200 Jules Dr., Lakeville, Louisiana 70066-3001 (504) 237-1500

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

SCALE IN FEET 0 1,000'

Job No.: 1302670

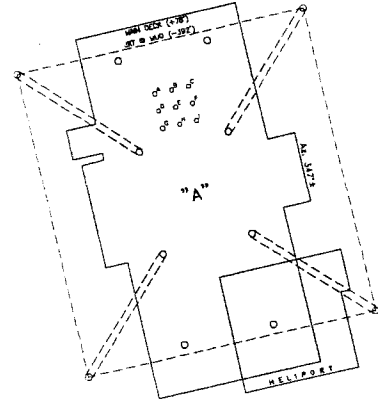
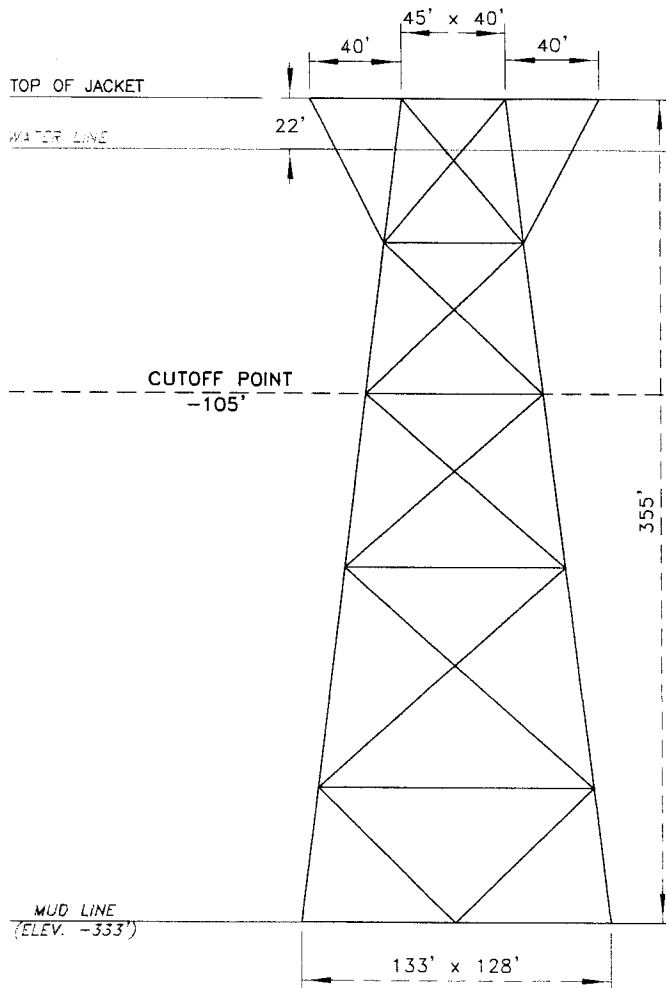
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PLAN
PROFILE

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**MAIN PASS 255 - "A"
TO BE REEFED**

BLOCK 255
MAIN PASS AREA
GULF OF MEXICO

FUGRO CHANCE INC.

200 Lakes Dr., Lake Charles, Louisiana 70508-5001 (337) 237-1300

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

SCALE
IN FEET

Job No.: 1302670

Date: 12/11/13

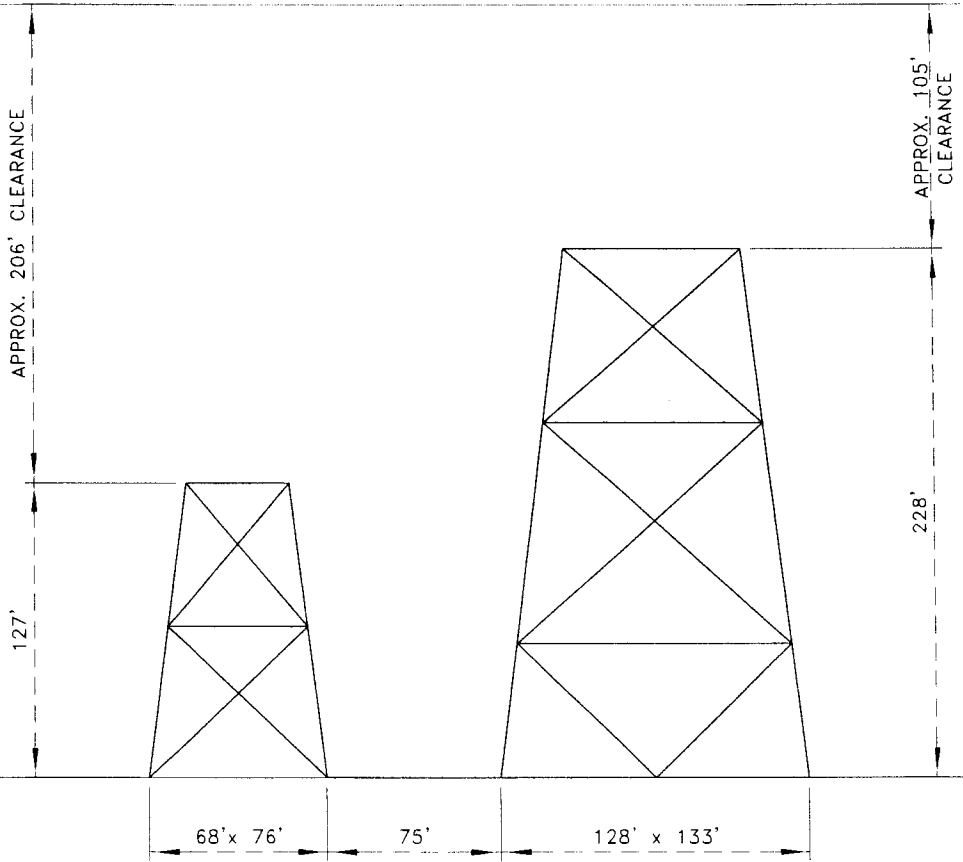
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WATER LINE



MUD LINE
(ELEV. -333')

NOTES:

- 1) 6 MILES TO NEAREST SHIPPING FAIRWAY.
- 2) CLEARANCES BASED ON CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS.



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