

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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

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

PROPOSED BULKHEAD REPAIR AND DOLPHIN INSTALLATION AT A COMMERCIAL FACILITY ON MOBILE RIVER, MOBILE, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mobile District, can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Modern American Recycling & Repair Service

Attention: Mr. Michael R. Cook

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AGENT: Mr. Ray Harris

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LOCATION: The project is located on the Mobile River, at 601 South Royal Street; in Section 38, Township 4 South, Range 1 West; at Latitude 30.672631° North, Longitude -88.036727° West; in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The basic project purpose is to repair and improve an existing commercial port facility.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization to repair, maintain, and upgrade the vessel berthing areas on the MARRS property. The project will consist of the construction of eleven 48-inch-diameter breasting dolphins, and the repair/replacement of 1,980 linear feet of bulkheads. Three new dolphins will be installed at Yards 2, 3, and 4, and two dolphins will be installed at Yard 5. Waters depths at these locations vary from -12 to -29 feet below Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Bulkhead repair/replacement will occur at Yards 2 - 6 and Yard 8, and consist of new bulkhead structures installed no more than 12 inches in front of existing bulkhead structures. A total of 10,216 cubic yards of clean, commercially obtained fill material will be placed behind the replacement bulkheads as backfill. The details of each bulkhead length and the required depth of fill can be found in the attached drawings.

All proposed structures will be located at least 75 feet from the toe of the adjacent federal navigation channel. Please reference the attached drawings for additional information.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has indicated they have minimized the space between the old and new bulkheads to the minimum amount necessary for construction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.

WATER QUALITY: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency certification in accordance with the Alabama Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to water quality certification and CZM consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the USACE has determined the permit area for this project, which includes the footprint of the project and the immediately surrounding waters of the United States and associated waterbottoms. At the time of this notice, the USACE has made no determination regarding any impact this project might have on cultural resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. We are currently reviewing the project for potential impacts and seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the existence of significant cultural and historic properties that might be affected by the proposed project. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the proposed activity will have no effect on the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within the watershed of the permit area: West Indian manatee (T), wood stork (T), Alabama red belly turtle (E), eastern indigo snake (T), and Gulf sturgeon (T). Additionally, there is no designated critical habitat within the permit area. This determination is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) via this Public Notice.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Our initial determination is that the proposed action "may affect but is not likely to adversely affect" EFH for federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigative measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based. The Mobile District 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 USACE 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 below. 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. 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, historic properties, 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 and fiber production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will also include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2019-00224-JCC**, and should be directed to the project manager, Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux by e-mail at jessica.c.comeaux@usace.army.mil, or (251) 690-3262, or by mail at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Regulatory Division (RD-A), Attention: Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

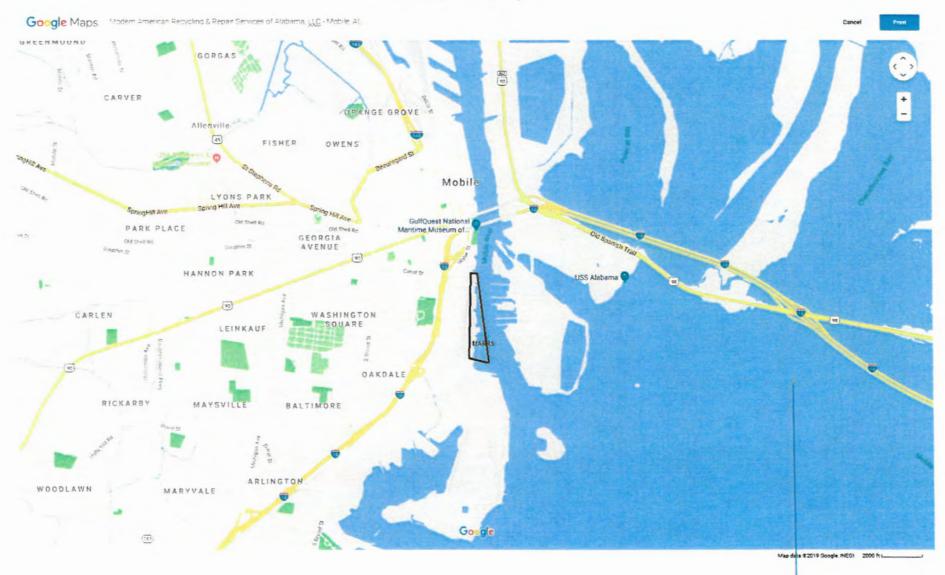
All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number SAM-2019-00224-JCC, in any communication concerning this project.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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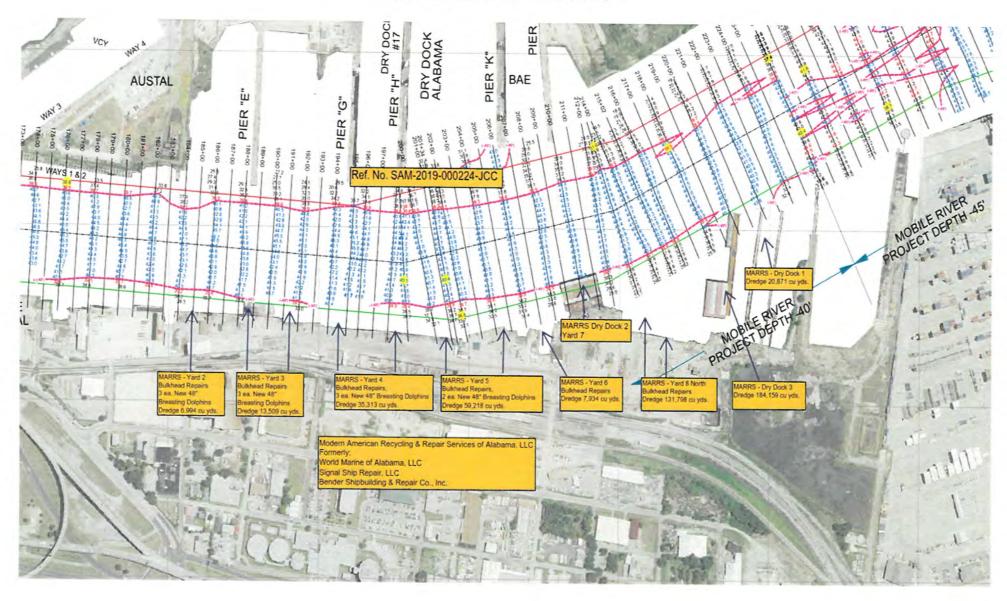
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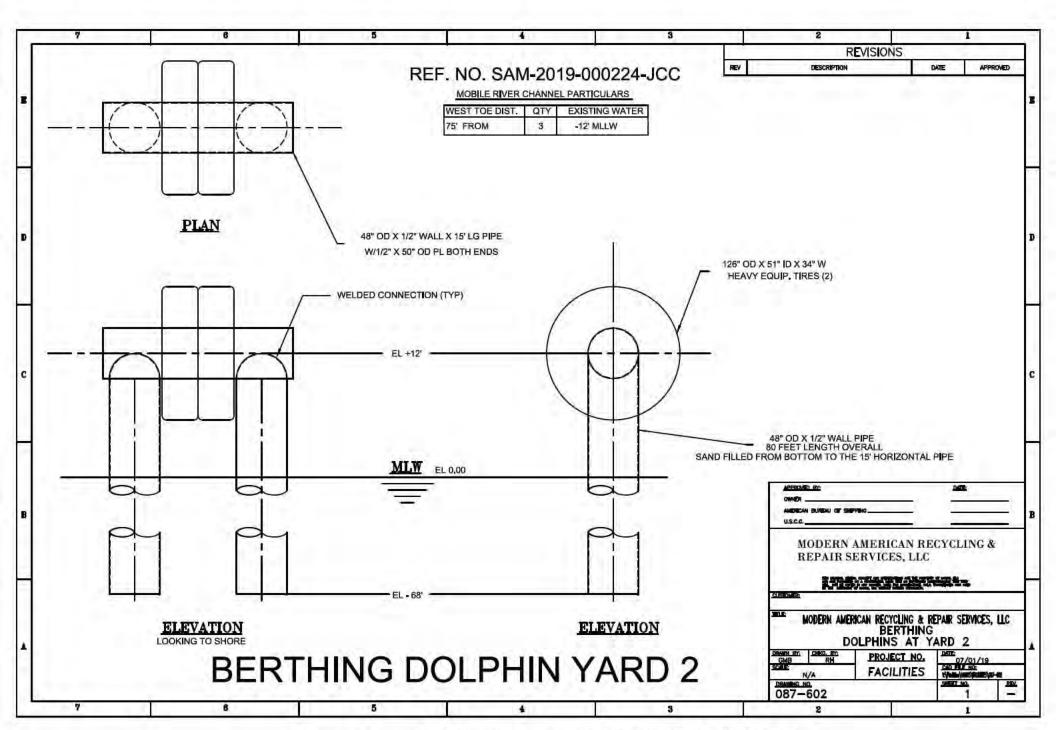


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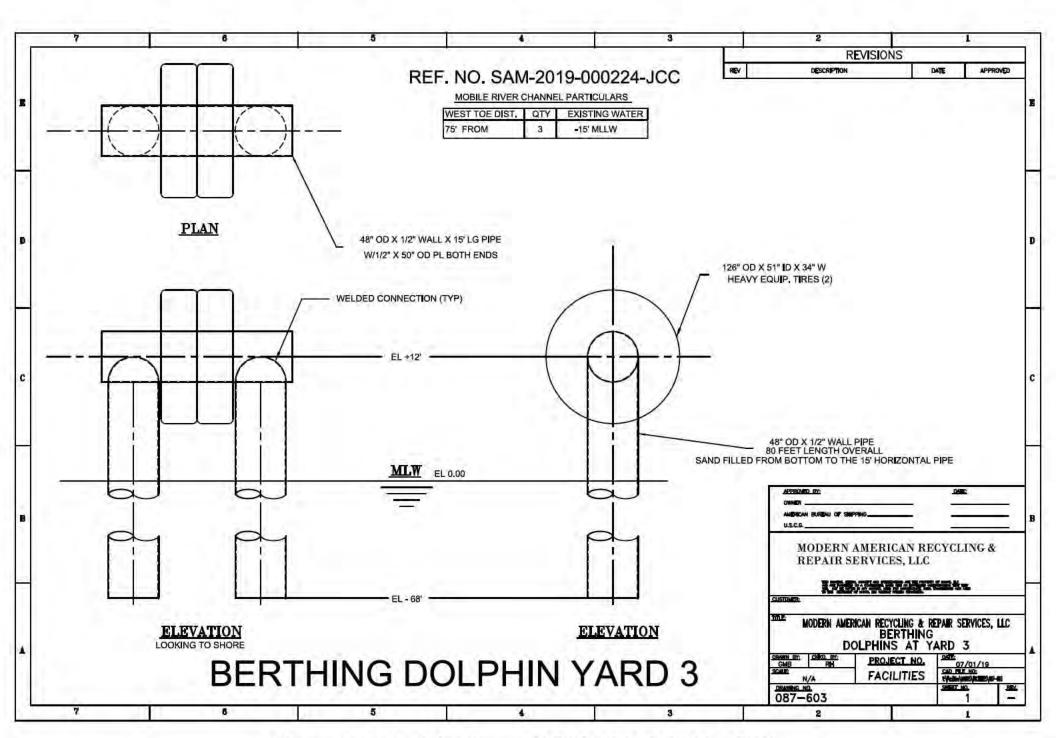
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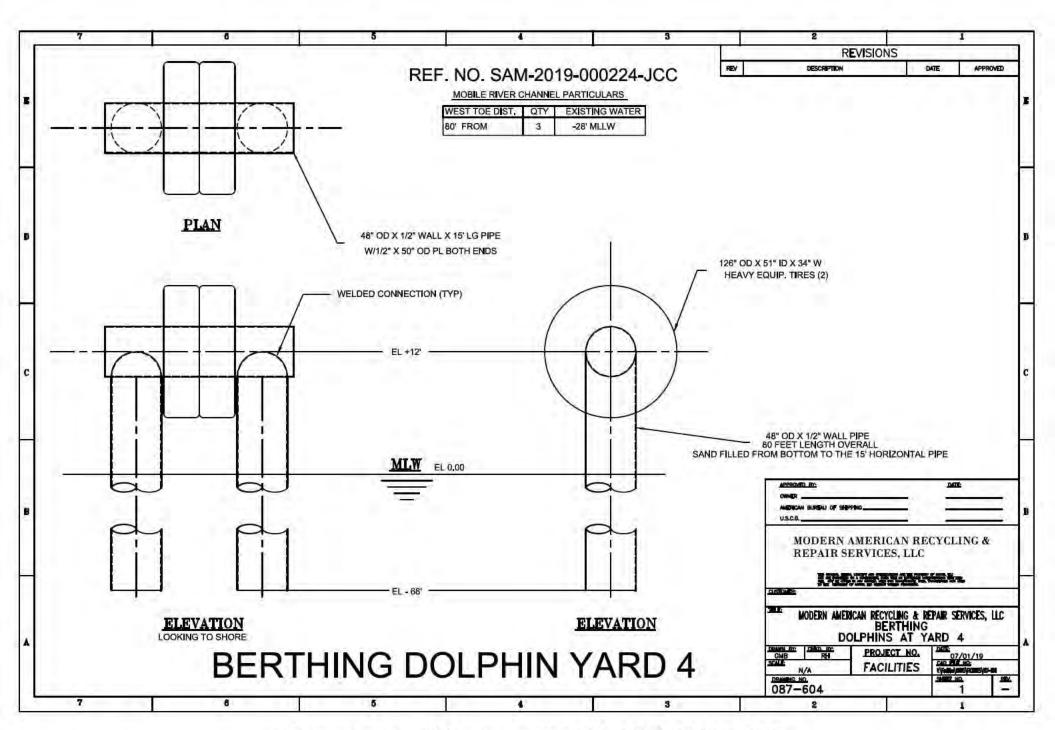




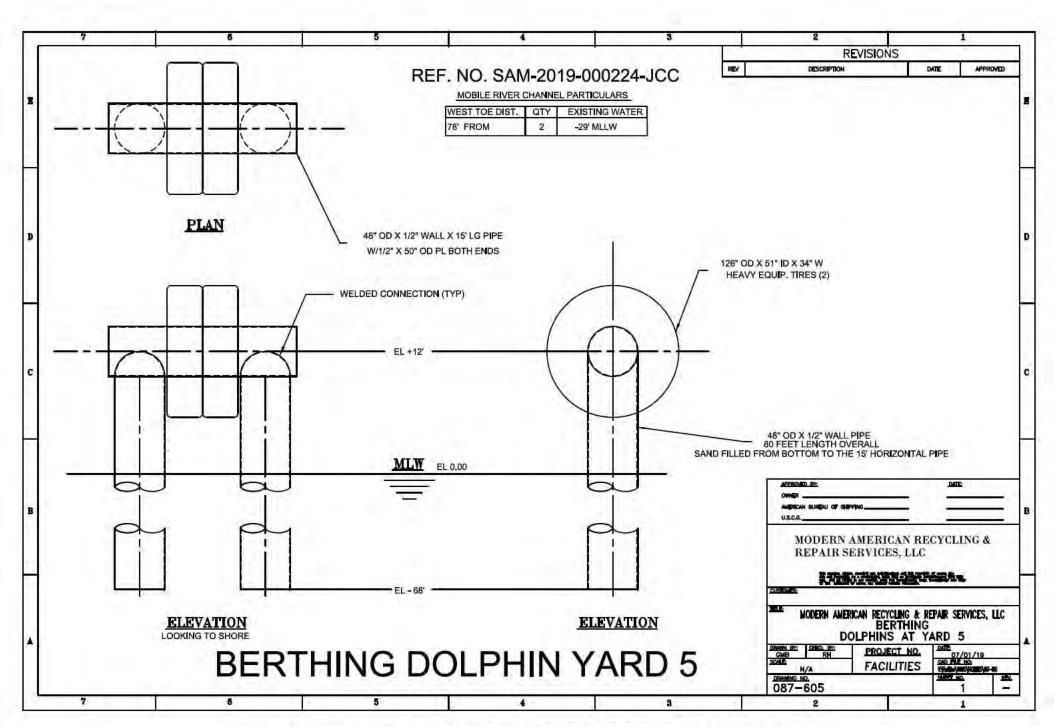
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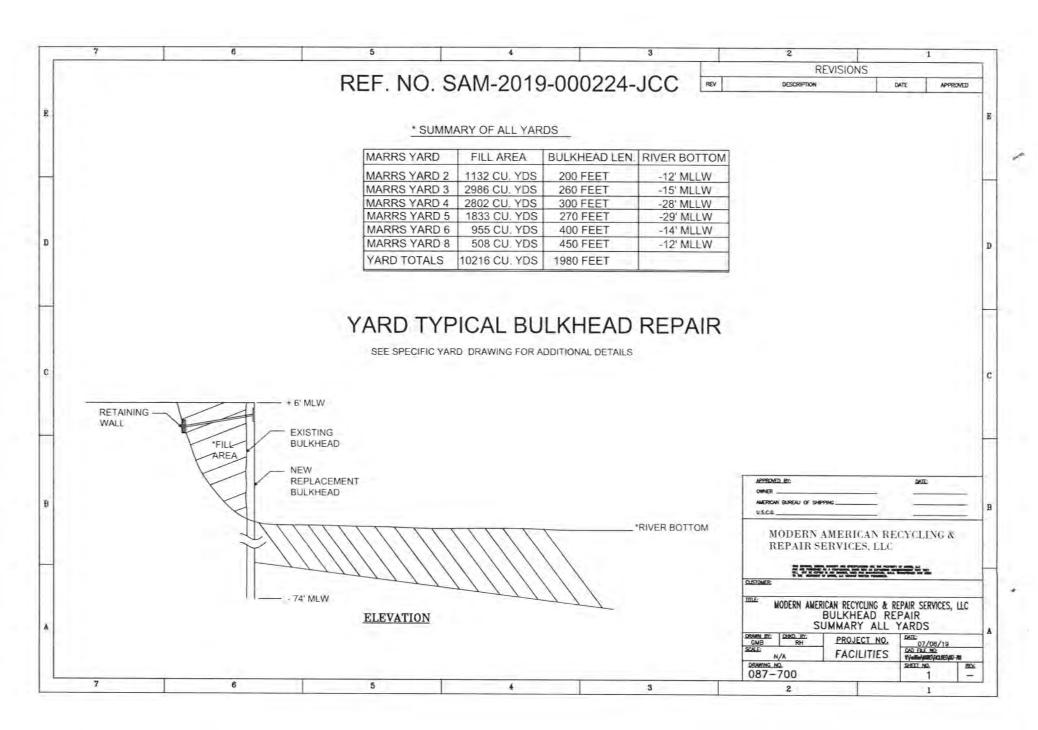


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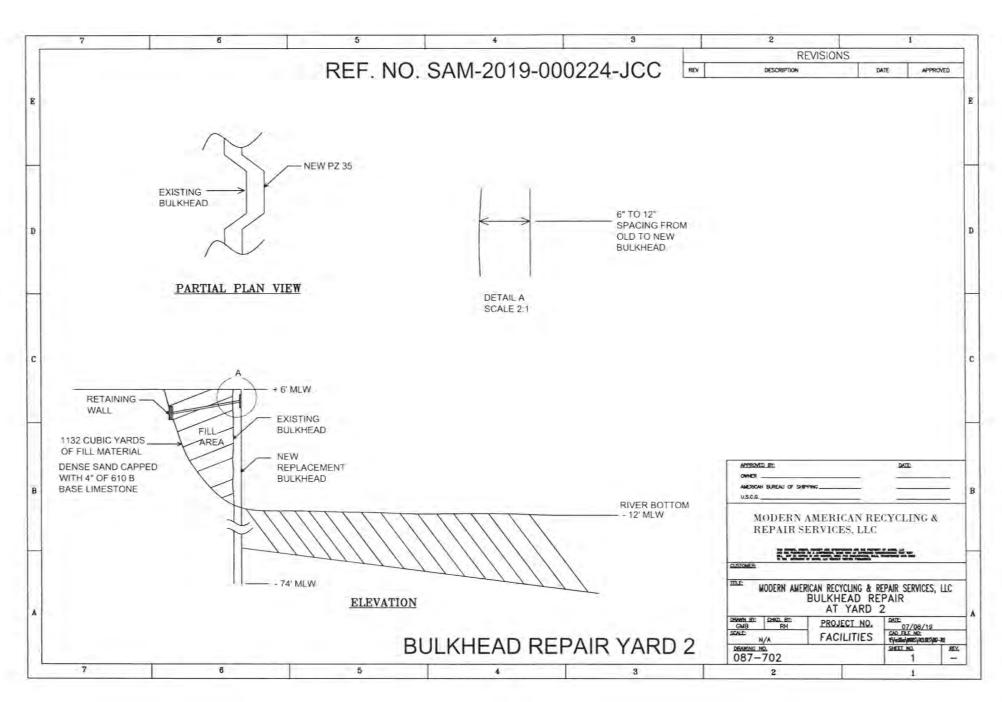


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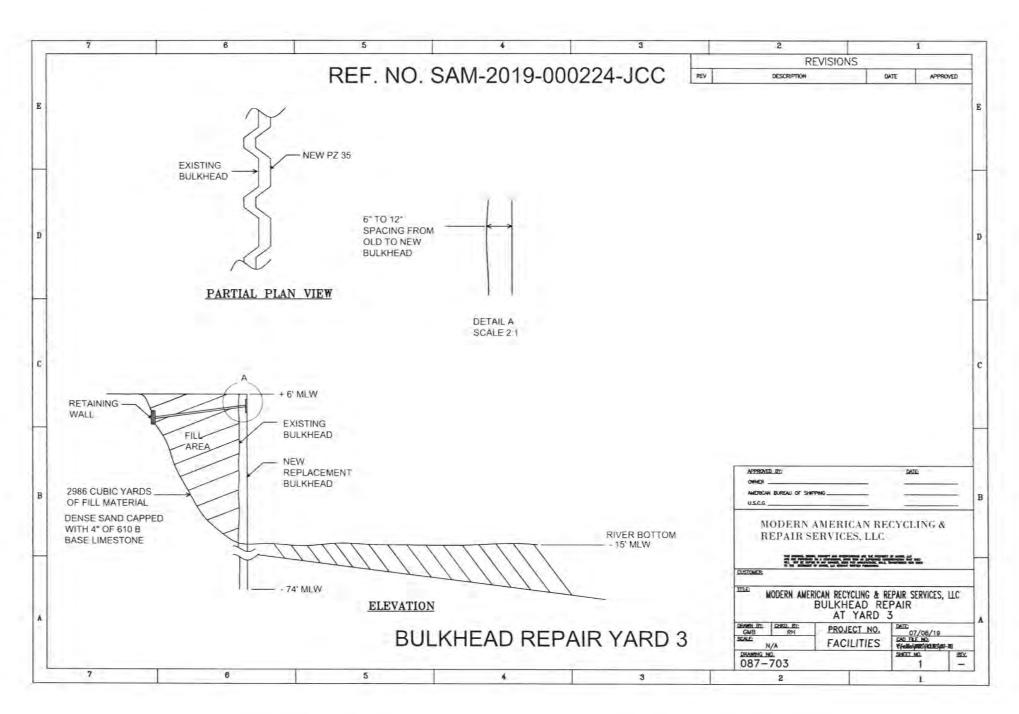




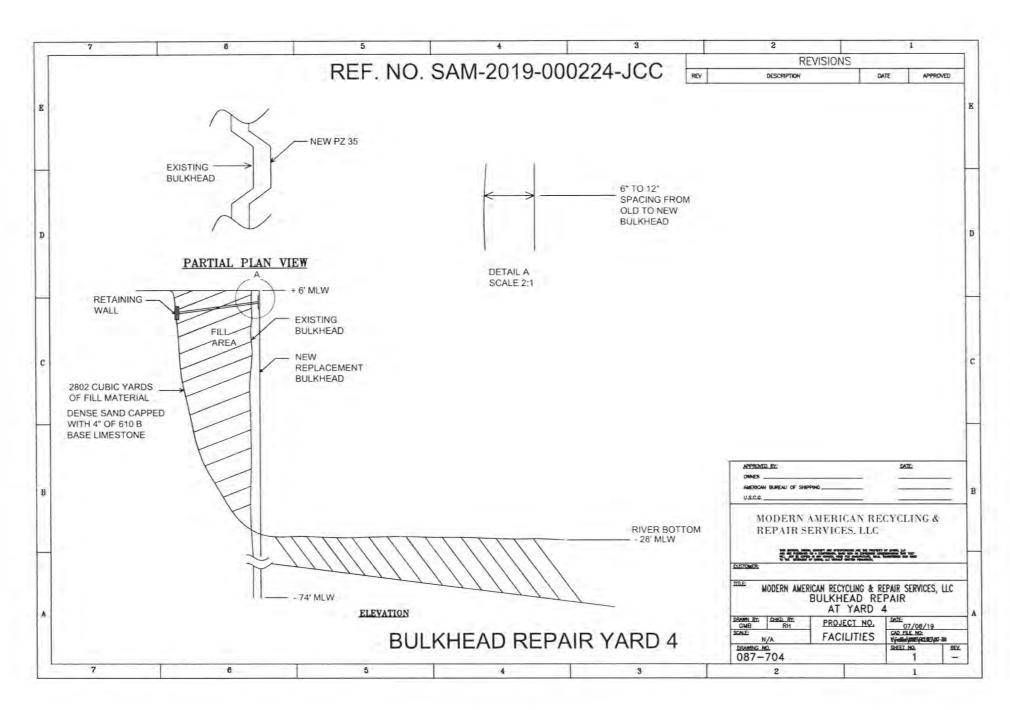
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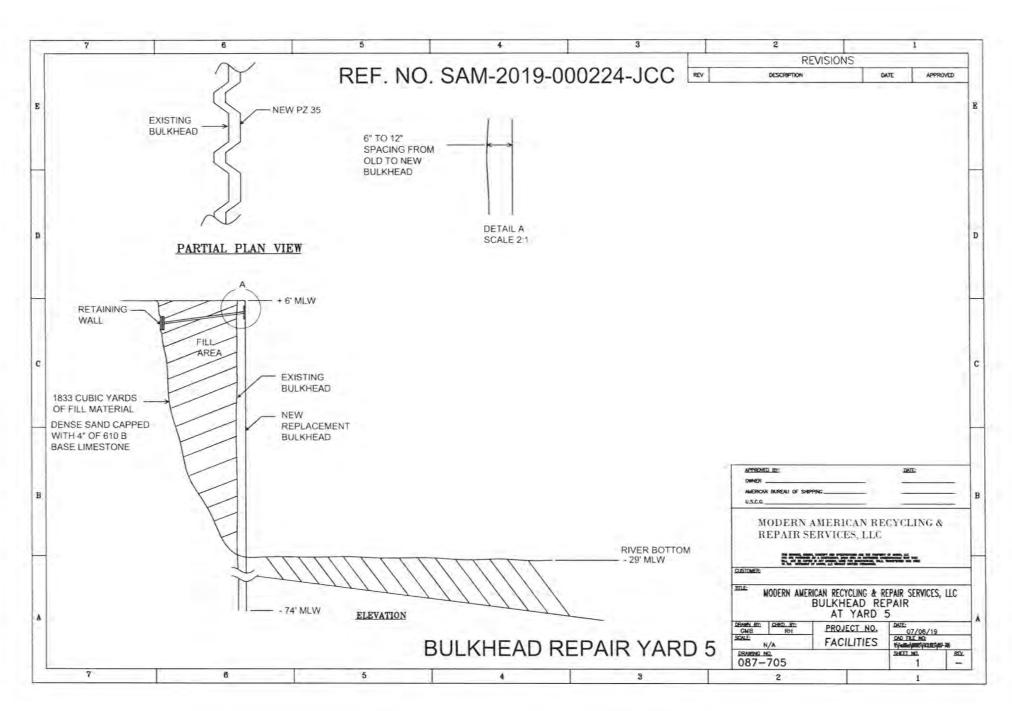
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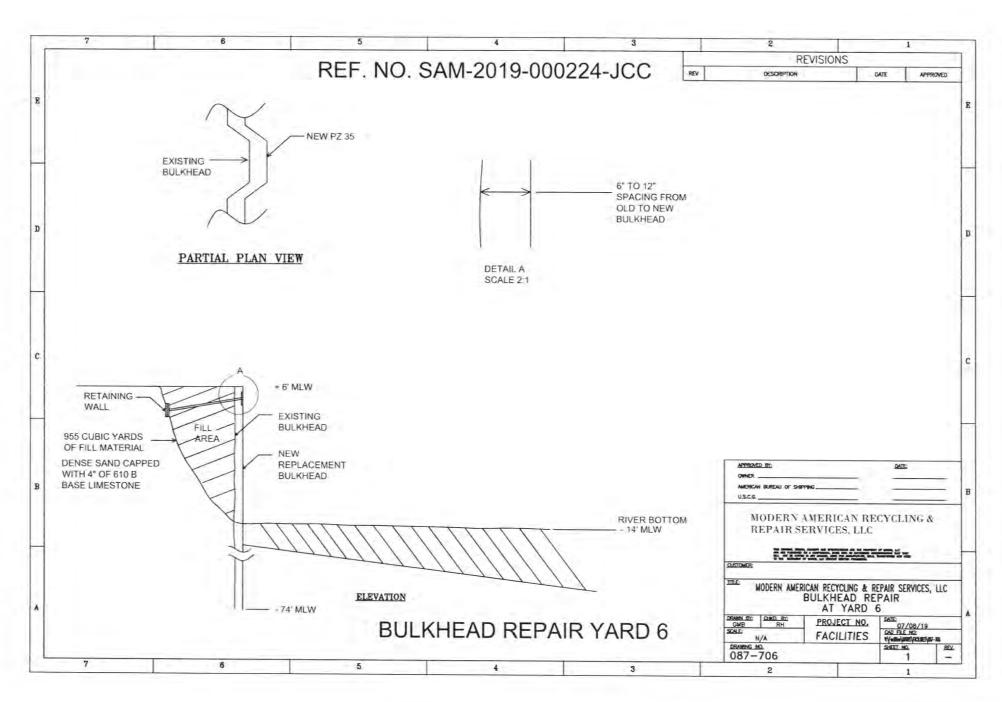
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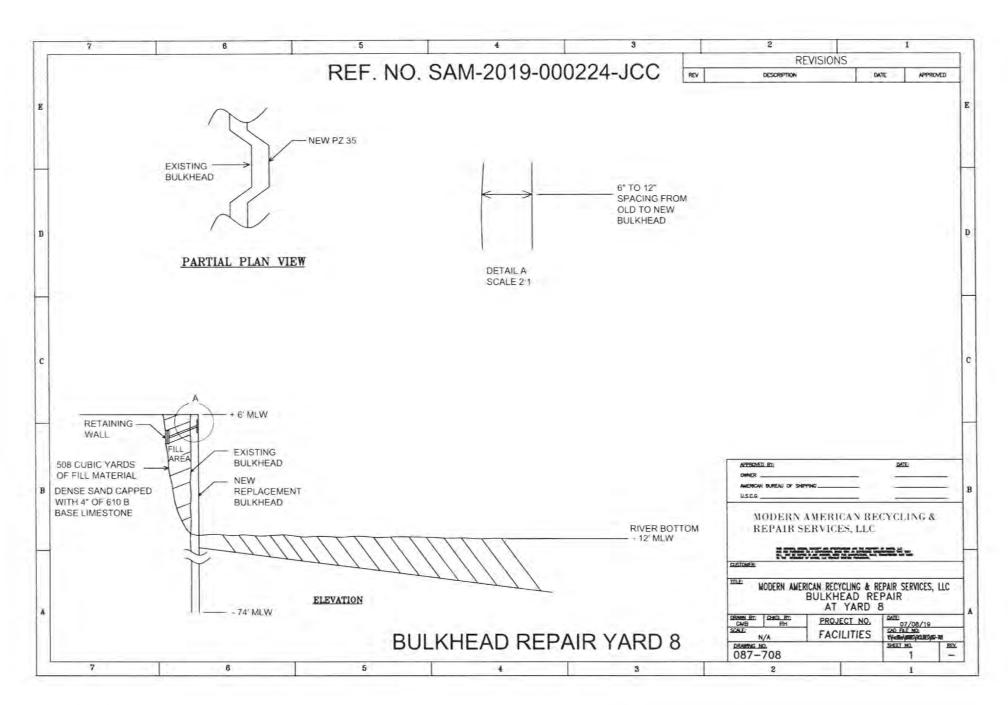
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