



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

4155 CLAY STREET

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39183-3435

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 26, 2008

Operations Division

Ms. Traci T. Johnson
Louisiana Department of
Transportation and Development
Post Office Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Dear Ms. Johnson:

In compliance with your request, we are enclosing a permit issued by authority of the Secretary of the Army (enclosure 1). Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit, please sign the enclosed certification of compliance and return it to this office (enclosure 2).

Special attention should be paid to the General and Special Conditions (where applicable) of this permit. Please note the permit expiration date in General Condition 1.

Should you find that any material changes are necessary in the location or plans of the work, it will be necessary that you submit revised plans prior to commencement of the work. Please include the project Identification No. ASJ-MVK-2008-28 with all correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. A. Susan Jarvis of this office, telephone (601) 631-5146, fax (601) 631-5459, or e-mail address: regulatory@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. McNair".

Michael F. McNair, R.F.
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

Permit No.: ASJ-MVK-2008-28

Issuing Office: CEMVK-OD-F

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity, or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

Project Description: See maps and drawings (encl 1).

New construction and maintenance of the Interstate 49-N, a four-lane, divided, fully-controlled access highway on a new alignment beginning at U.S. Highway 71 South extending in a northerly direction, ending at Mira-Myrtis Road in Caddo Parish. This project in length, which combines two state project segments, would be 8.825 miles which would include some cross roads (U.S. Highway 71 and Louisiana Highway 2) that would be reconstructed for geometric connections. It includes new alignment roadway, approaches, and eight bridges (one over Kelly Bayou).

Acres Impacted: 4.55 acres of wetlands; 4.38 acres/1550 LF of other waters of the United States

Acres Mitigated: 13 acres of wetlands; 2 acres/1452 LF of other waters of the United States

Project Location: Sections 2,3,11,12,13,19,24,31,33, and 36 of T22N-R15W, and sections 29, 30, and 31, of T9N-R3E, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Permit Conditions:

General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on JUN 26 2013. If you find that you need more time to complete

the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least 1 month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4, below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions (encl 2).

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

Special Conditions:

1. To minimize impacts to water quality, the permittee shall require use of erosion control measures throughout construction of the roadway to prevent runoff into adjacent water columns.

2. As compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable loss of 4.55 acres of wetlands at the project site, the permittee shall provide funding for the restoration of seven acres of degraded wetlands to bottomland hardwood wetlands in the Louisiana Department Wildlife and Fisheries' Boeuf Wildlife Management Area

tract. A map identifying the mitigation area will be provided to the Corps. Prior to initiation of work, a letter from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries acknowledging and approving the provision of the mitigation must be received by this office.

The restoration shall adhere to the following planting and monitoring requirements:

a. The mitigation site restoration shall be in the form of planting not less than one year old (1.0), hard mast bottomland hardwood seedlings, and no later than March 31, 2009.

b. A certified/registered forester or qualified professional shall select the species to be planted from the U.S. Department of the Interior Biological Report 88(26.2) National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: Southeast (Region 2). The selected species should be represented within the surrounding wetland flora. Indicator Categories should range from Facultative+ to Obligate depending on site hydrology.

c. Seedlings shall be planted on 12 by 12 foot spacings. Within 30 days of the completed planting date, a Planting Report shall be provided to this office. The report shall state the date(s) of planting, species planted, and the number of each species planted.

d. Certification by a certified/registered forester or qualified professional of a survival rate of not less than 50 percent (150 seedlings per acre) of the targeted species within the first growing season (March 15, 2009 through November 15, 2009) is required. This certification shall be made using standard forestry sampling techniques and conducted no earlier than August 1, 2009. The permittee shall provide the results within the Mitigation Monitoring Report including the survey technique employed to this office no later than October 1, 2009.

e. If a 50 percent survival rate of the planted target (150 seedlings per acre) is not achieved after the first growing season, an appropriate number of seedlings shall be replanted no later than March 15, 2010 to achieve the required 50 percent survival rate.

f. After the second growing season (March 15, 2010 through November 15, 2010), a certified/registered forester or qualified professional shall certify that a survival rate of not less than 50 percent (150 seedlings per acre) of the planted species has been maintained. This certification shall be made using standard forestry sampling techniques and conducted no later than March 1, 2010. The permittee shall provide the results within

the Mitigation Monitoring Report including the survey technique employed to this office no later than October 1, 2010.

g. Replanting and providing certified Survival Reports shall continue until such time that a 50 percent survival rate of the planted species (150 seedlings per acre) is achieved for five consecutive years or until the permit is modified to accomplish appropriate mitigation.

h. Following the establishment of a 50 percent survival rate of the planted species (150 seedlings per acre) for five consecutive growing seasons, no actions to inhibit or prevent continued natural succession of the mitigation site shall be allowed. An exception to this condition would be the necessary control of invasive and/or exotic species. Control recommendations by a certified/registered forester or qualified professional must be approved by the Vicksburg District Regulatory Branch prior to initiation of control measures.

i. Mitigation Monitoring Reports should meet the minimum requirements as specified by the Vicksburg District. A copy of the requirements is available at the Vicksburg District Regulatory Branch's website, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.html> or mailed upon request by the permittee.

j. Planting and Monitoring Reports should be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Vicksburg District
Regulatory Branch Attn: Compliance Officer
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435

3. The mitigation site shall be restored to a wetland with the appropriate hydrology, soils, and vegetation as defined in the "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual" (Waterways Experiment Station Technical Report Y-87-1, January 1987). If deemed necessary by the Corps, the permittee shall provide to the Corps proof that all three wetland criteria are met. If the area is not successfully restored to a wetland meeting these three criteria at the end of four years, the permittee must provide alternative mitigation deemed appropriate by the Corps.

4. As additional compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable loss of 4.55 acres of wetlands, the permittee shall purchase not less than six acres of bottomland hardwood restoration credits within the Red River drainage basin from the Belle Cheri Mitigation Bank. Proof of purchase shall be provided to this office prior to permit issuance.

5. Three perennial streams measuring a total of 1,550 LF (2.11 acres) shall be mitigated through purchasing not less than 2.0 acres/1,452 LF from the Belle Cherri Mitigation Bank. Proof of purchase shall be provided to this office prior to permit issuance.

6. If borrow areas not previously approved by the Corps are required, the permittee shall notify the Corps and furnish all necessary information for the Corps to determine impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States and/or cultural resources sites eligible or potentially eligible for inclusion in the *National Register of Historic Places*. If permits or other clearances are required for the use of the borrow site, those approvals must be obtained by the landowner of the site of his agent prior to use of the site for borrow.

Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4, above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5.

The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

Traci T. Johnson
Federal Permit Coordinator
(PERMITTEE)

June 23, 2008
(DATE)

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND DEVELOPMENT

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

(DISTRICT ENGINEER)
MICHAEL C. WEHR
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

6/26/08
(DATE)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

(TRANSFEEE)

(DATE)

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN
MODIFIED AS REFLECTED IN
RED.



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Vicksburg District
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
www.mvk.usace.army.mil



Public Notice

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| APPLICATION NO.: | ASJ-MVK-2008-28 |
| EVALUATOR: | Ms. A. Susan Jarvis |
| PHONE NO.: | (601) 631-5146 |
| FAX NO.: | (601) 631-5459 |
| E-MAIL: | regulatory@usace.army.mil |
| DATE: | March 12, 2008 |
| EXPIRATION DATE: | April 2, 2008 |

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the state of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality, Attention: Water Quality Certifications, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has a copy of the application on file in their office in Baton Rouge and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of cost of printing. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will make a final decision on the water quality certification pertaining to this application within 30 days after expiration of this notice.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
Louisiana Department of
Transportation and Development
Post Office Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Location of Work: Sections 2,3,11,12,13,19,24,31,33, and 36 of T22N-R15W, latitude 32°53'59" longitude 93°51'56", within the Red River drainage basin, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

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The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to mechanically clear and fill 4.55 acres of wetlands and ~~4.69~~ acres of other waters of the United States associated with the construction and maintenance of a four-lane, divided, fully controlled access highway on a new alignment. The highway extends from U.S. Highway 71 South to the Mira-Myrtis Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

The project would begin at U.S. Highway 71 South in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and would extend in a northerly direction ending at the Mira-Myrtis Road. Four new lanes of asphaltic concrete roadway would be constructed and separated by a 90-foot-wide depressed median.

Roadbed dimensions for the newly constructed four-lane interstate roadway would have an average top width of 166 feet and an average bottom width of 300 feet. The average right-of-way would be 500 feet with a minimum right-of-way of 350 feet to a maximum right-of-way of 680 feet. At the interchange locations, the right-of-way can be as wide as approximately 1,200 feet, due to the off and on ramps. The travel lanes would be 12 feet wide. This project would require approximately 1,402,900 cubic yards of general excavation and approximately 2,479,300 cubic yards of embankment. The total length of the project would be 8.825 miles including some cross roads (U.S. Highway 71 and Louisiana Highway 2) that would be reconstructed for geometric connections.

The purpose of the work is to construct and maintain the new Interstate 49 roadway, to provide a four-lane north-south link between Kansas City, Missouri to New Orleans, Louisiana to improve accessibility along the I-49 corridor by increasing the safety and level of service of the highway. This project is only a portion of the Shreveport, Louisiana to Kansas, Missouri corridor.

The proposed project calls for the newly constructed I-49 to begin south of the Mira-Myrtis Road to the Arkansas state line. I-49-N has a High Priority designation as stated in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA, 1991) which provided funding to further develop this corridor in Louisiana. The National Highway Designation Act of 1995 defined and identified I-49N as the Number one High Priority Corridor of national significance. The Shreveport, Louisiana to Kansas City, Missouri was one of the longest corridors identified. The I49-N (North-South Expressway) project from Shreveport to Arkansas state line forms the most southern segment of the Shreveport to Kansas City corridor.

A total of 10 sites were examined and four sites were identified as wetlands that would be impacted by the project. Site 4 is located in the vicinity of Station No. (STA.) 1406+95 to 1408+55, and would impact approximately 0.67 acre of wetlands. Site 5 is located in the vicinity of STA. 1431+37 to 1439+00 and would impact approximately 0.92 acre of wetlands. Site 6 would cover the vicinity of STA. 1454+90 to 1457+50 and would impact approximately 0.21 acre of wetlands. Site 7 is located in the vicinity of STA. 1551+19 to 1553+91 and would impact 2.75 acres of wetlands. A total of 4.55 acres of jurisdictional wetlands would be impacted by the construction of the proposed project, including the cleared right-of-way.

The dominant species of vegetation at the four delineated wetland sites include: *Carex* spp., *Carpus caroliniana*, *Echinochloa crusgalli*, *Myrica cerifera*, *Onoclea sensibilis*, *Pinus taeda*, *Quercus alba*, *Quercus nigra*, *Salix nigra*, and *Sapium sebiferum*.

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A total of ~~4.69~~ acres of other waters of the United States would be impacted by the construction of the proposed project including the cleared right-of-way. Of the 10 delineated sites, nine were identified as other waters of the United States. The locations, types, and amounts of impacts for these sites are shown in the Wetland Delineation Site Summary Table. Perennial and intermittent streams would be culverted with the appropriate culvert size to insure no interruption of the flow of the stream.

A proposed bridge is planned for Kelly Bayou, located in the vicinity of STA. 1454+90 to 1457+50 and would be a Type II girder span bridge. There would be eight other bridges constructed for this project, but would not be associated with wetlands or other waters of the United States. Six of the eight bridges would be constructed over adjacent roadways and part of the off and on ramps for interchanges and would be Type II, Type IV or Type BT-72 girder span bridges. The two bridges for the on and off ramps would be concrete slab span bridges. Please see Bridge Location Map.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States associated with the mechanized land clearing requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: An initial review indicates that the proposed project would not affect any of the sites in Caddo Parish, Louisiana listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of this notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, the Corps Regulatory archaeologist, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to cultural resources that could result from this activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

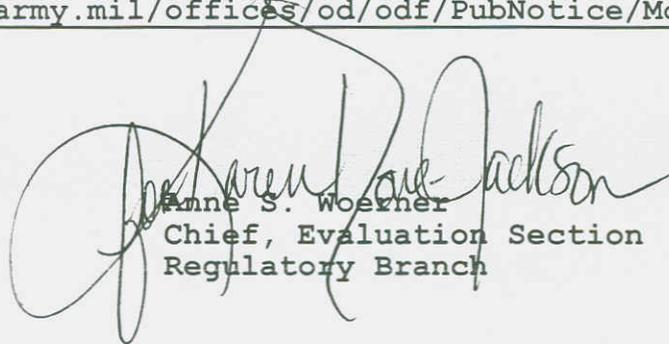
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of

mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

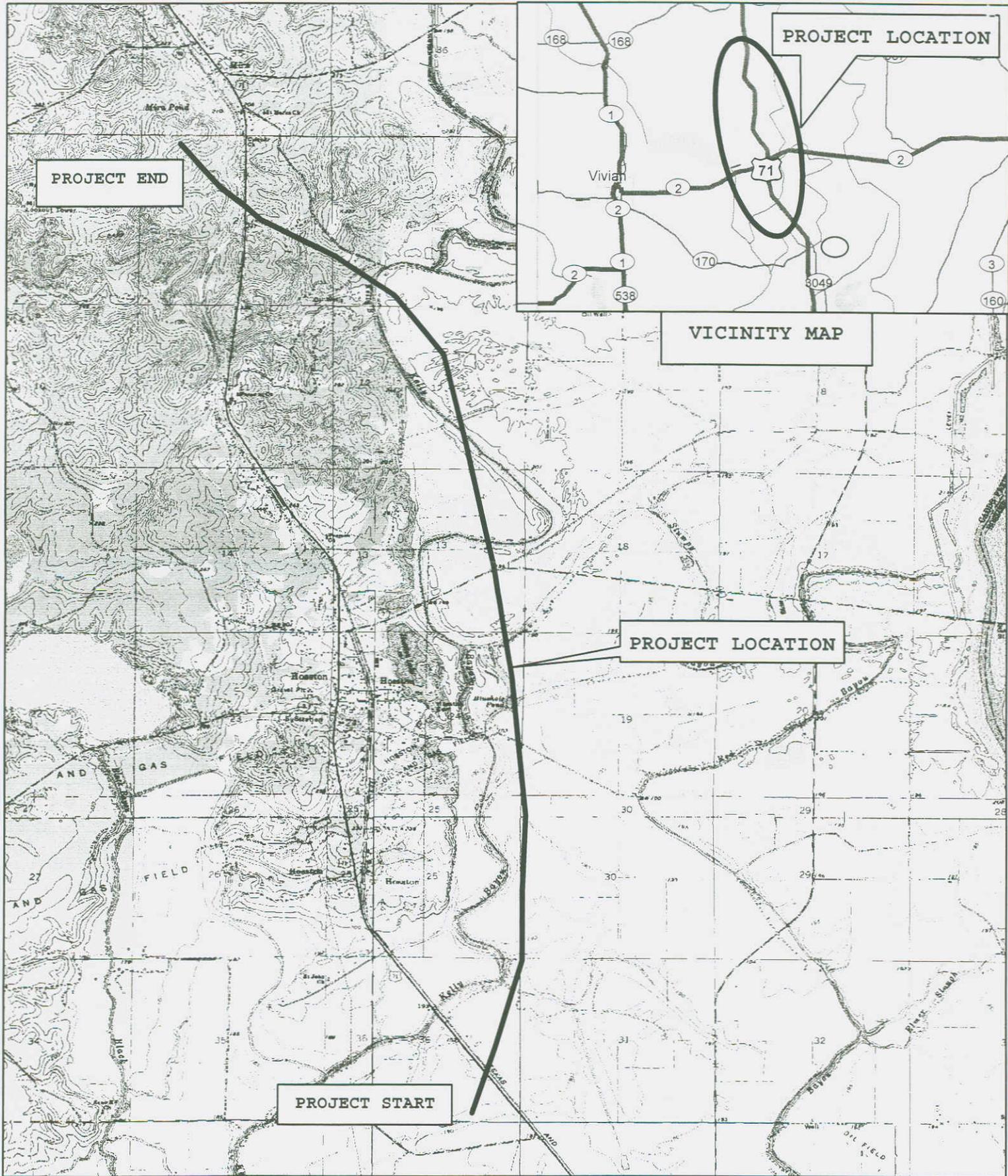
Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.asp>, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp>.



Anne S. Woerner
Chief, Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

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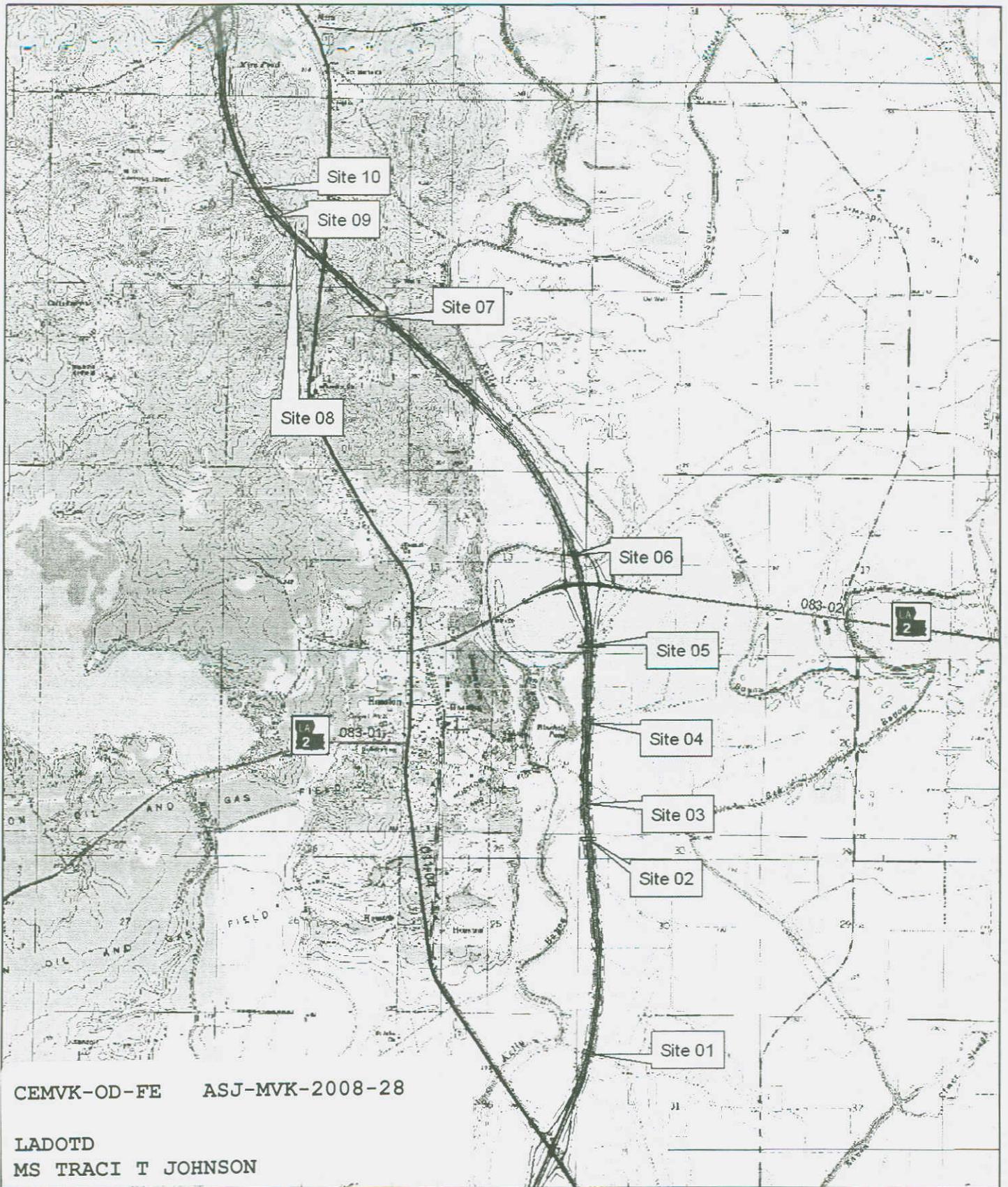
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WETLAND DELINEATION SITE SUMMARY TABLE
STATE PROJECT NOs. 455-09-007 and 455-09-0008
Interstate 49 North, U. S. Highway 71 S to Myra-Myrtis Road
Caddo Parish, Louisiana
SITES 01-10

| Site | DOTD Wetlands Site # | Station | | Total Impacts (Acres) | | Type |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | | Start | End | Wetlands | Other Waters | |
| 01 | 48 | 1307+65 | 1309+00 | -- | 0.92 (C) | IS |
| 02 | -- | 1373+00 | 1375+00 | -- | 0.83 (C) | PS |
| 03 | 49 | 1383+24 | 1385+83 | -- | 0.83 (C) | PS |
| 04 | 50 | 1406+95 | 1408+55 | 0.67 | -- | HW |
| 05 | 51 | 1431+37 | 1439+00 | 0.92 | 0.92 (C) | HW, IS, SB |
| 06 | 52 | 1454+90 | 1457+50 | 0.21 | 0.31 (B) | HW, PS, KB |
| 07 | 53 | 1551+19 | 1553+91 | 2.75 | 0.23 (C) | BLH, IS |
| 08 | -- | 1586+35 | 1587+92 | -- | 0.1 (C) | IS |
| 09 | 54 | 1600+00 | 1603+00 | -- | 0.45 (C) | PS |
| 10 | -- | 1616+00 | 1621+75 | -- | 0.1 (C) | IS |
| Totals | | | | 4.55 | 4.69 | |

Legend: BLH- Bottomland Hardwood Wetland, HW- Herbaceous Wetland, IS – Intermittent Stream, KB- Kelly Bayou, PS – Perennial Stream, SB – Stumpy Bayou., DOTD Site numbers listed as (--) correspond to unnumbered sites located at the end of the wetlands report.

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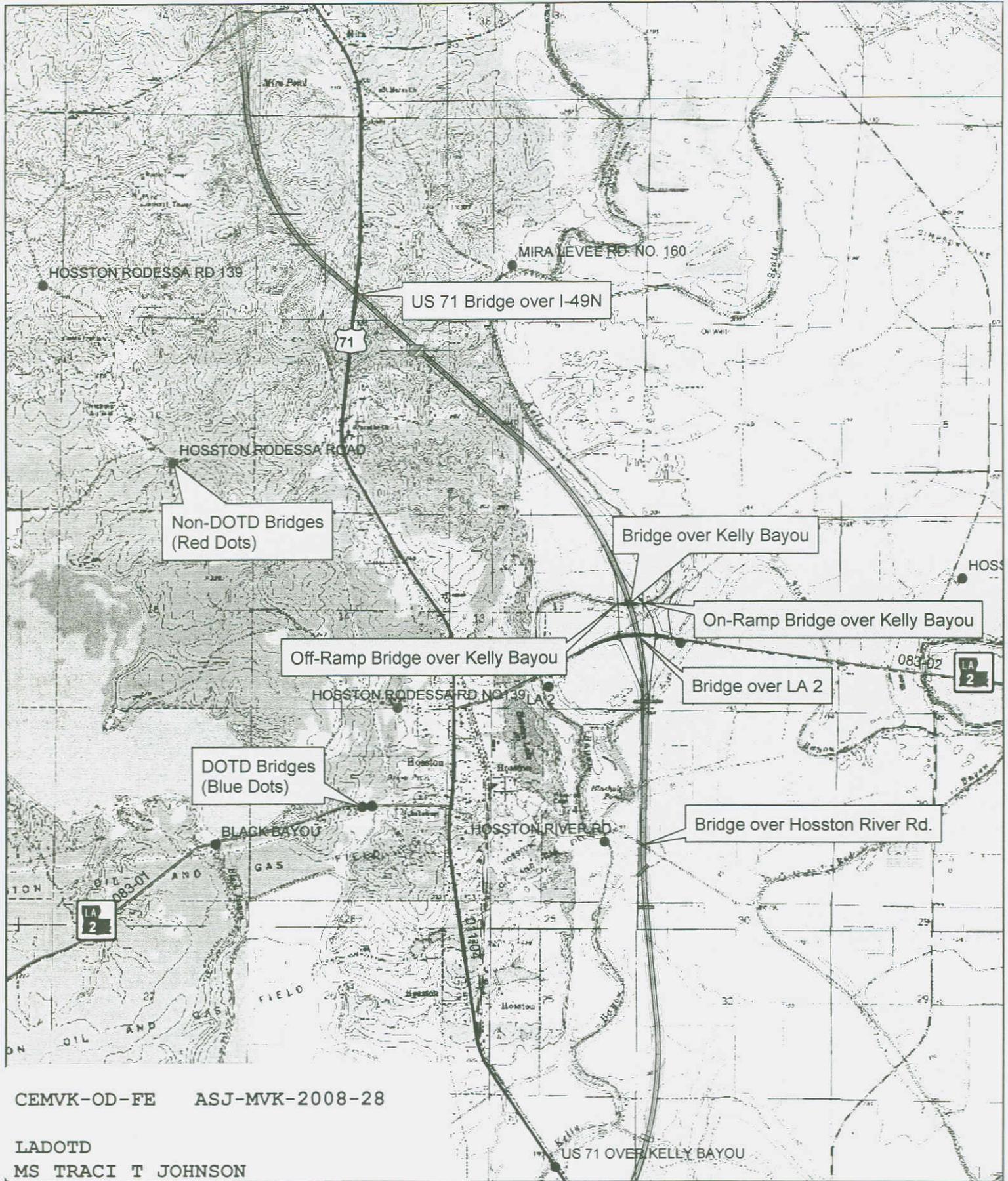
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Caddo Parish, LA

Project Location Map





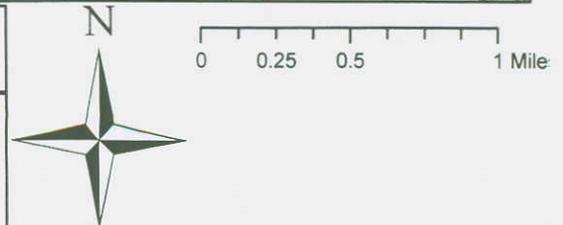
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Caddo Parish, LA

Bridge Location Map



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR



HAROLD LEGGETT, PH.D.
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

April 10, 2008

LA Department of Transportation & Development
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Attention: Ms. Traci T. Johnson, Federal Permit Coordinator

RE: Water Quality Certification (WW 080312-09/AI 91949/CER 20080001)
Corps of Engineers Permit (ASJ-MVK-2008-28)
Caddo Parish

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Department has received your application for a Corps of Engineers 404 permit to clear and deposit fill in approximately 4.55 acres of wetlands and 4.69 acres of other waters of the United States as part of the construction of a new segment of I-49-N running from US 71 (south) to Mira-Myrtis Road in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

The requirements for Water Quality Certification have been met in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E. Based on the information provided in your application, we have determined that the placement of the fill material will not violate the water quality standards of Louisiana provided for under LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11. Therefore, the Department has issued a Water Quality Certification.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Griggs
Engineer Manager

TRG/cww

c: Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District

Certification of Compliance
With Department of the Army Permit

Permit Number: ASJ-MVK-2008-28

Name of Permittee: Louisiana Department of Transportation
and Development

Issued Date: June 26, 2008

Expiration Date: June 26, 2013

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit, sign
this certification and return it to the following address:

USACE, Vicksburg District
ATTN: Regulatory Branch
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a
compliance inspection by an Army Corps of Engineers
representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are
subject to permit modification, suspension, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced
permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and
conditions of the said permit.

Date work was completed: _____

Signature of Permittee

Date Signed

ENCLOSURE 2

The Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports (0710-0012), 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY - REGULATORY PROGRAM JARVIS
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We at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch are committed to improving service to our customers and would like to know how well we have been doing. Who are our customers? You are our **customers** if you submitted a permit application, requested a jurisdictional determination or wetland delineation, or scheduled a pre-application meeting with us. **Other customers** include those of you who receive our Public Notice and/or commented on a particular project or our work in general, because of your interest in the Regulatory Program. To identify how we can better serve you, we need your help. Please take the time to fill out this brief survey and mail it back to us. Your honest opinions will help us determine areas in which we need to improve. For each question, please indicate the level of service you received by marking the appropriate number on a scale from 1-5, with 1 being low (dissatisfied) and 5 being high (very satisfied). If the question does not apply to you, simply mark N/A. Thank you for your time and comments! Response to this survey is VOLUNTARY. If you choose not to respond, it will not affect any current or future dealings you may have with the USACE in any way.

| I. FOR APPLICANTS & OTHERS REQUIRING AUTHORIZATIONS | LOW SATISFACTION | | | HIGH SATISFACTION | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 1. Do you think you received your Corps permit decision in a reasonable amount of time? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 2. Do you think you received your Corps jurisdictional determination in a reasonable amount of time? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 3. If we recommended/required project changes/modifications to reduce impacts, did we clearly explain the reasons why? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 4. If we recommended/required project changes/modifications to reduce impacts, did the changes seem reasonable to you? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 5. If we denied your permit, did we clearly explain the reasons why? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 6. For enforcement cases, did our office clearly and professionally explain the basis for the enforcement action (e.g., what work we believe you performed without authorization)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 7. For enforcement cases, did our office include options for resolution? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| II. FOR "OTHER" CUSTOMERS | | | | | | |
| 1. For permitted actions, was the permit effective in achieving appropriate protection/mitigation for impacts to aquatic resources? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 2. For enforcement actions, did the Corps require appropriate compensation/restoration for impacts to aquatic resources? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| III. FOR APPLICANTS & "OTHER" CUSTOMERS | | | | | | |
| 1. Did the Corps representative act professionally and treat you with courtesy? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 2. Did the Corps provide sufficient information to allow you to complete an application form, comment on a public notice, or otherwise evaluate our work? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 3. Did we respond to your letters and telephone calls in a reasonable amount of time? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 4. Did the Corps representative answer your questions clearly, giving you accurate information about our Regulatory Program? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |
| 5. What is your OVERALL rating of the level of service provided by the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | NA |

Note: DATA FROM THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE USED BY THE DISTRICT TO IMPROVE SERVICE. ALSO, INFORMATION WILL BE TABULATED NATIONALLY BY SERVICE AREA. RESPONDENTS WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME OR ORGANIZATION FOR ANY REPORT DERIVED FROM THIS SURVEY.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY GIVING US
ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW WE CAN IMPROVE.

Please indicate the nature of your business (If applicable, check more than one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property developer | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood/Water Control District | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand & Gravel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency Applicant | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic or Trade Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Farming/Ranching | <input type="checkbox"/> Silviculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Legislature | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal/State/Local | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal/Private Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

What Service(s) Did You Seek From the Corps? (If applicable, check more than one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Jurisdictional/wetland determination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nationwide general permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Program presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional or programmatic general | <input type="checkbox"/> Commented on Public Notice/permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Individual permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Permission | _____ |

Which Corps office (District, Division, Headquarters, other) did you deal with? _____

Name of person you contacted in our office (optional): _____

Do you have any comments or suggestions on the Regulatory Program?

Information about you (optional):

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (include area code): _____

May we contact you?

YES

NO

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: The government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and Executive Order (EO) 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards", dated September 11, 1993. Purpose: To determine the quality of services our customers expect, as well as their satisfaction with USACE's existing services. Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the performance of the Corps Regulatory Program. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Office of Management and Budget, members of Congress, and other federal, state, and local government agencies. Disclosure: Providing requested information is voluntary. Failure to provide this information will not result in an adverse action. (Reverse of Eng Form 5065)