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Vicksburg District
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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	TVG-MVK-2011-821
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EXPIRATION DATE:	February 5, 2015

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30.2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Comments concerning the application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

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.

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Location of Work: Section 15, T15N-R12W, latitude 32.2822N, longitude -93.5925W within the Bayou Pierre drainage basin, in 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.

The applicant is applying for the Department of the Army permit for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material associated with the construction of an access road and drill site along with the installation of a 6-inch steel pipeline and 4-inch fiberspar waterline for drilling and producing the Caspiana Plantation H and 22H No. 1 Well.

The proposed project would consist of the construction of a drill site (535 feet X 560 feet) and an access road (30 feet X 1,855 feet). The access road would begin at an existing permatized pad and traversed in an easterly direction before abutting the northwestern corner of the proposed drill site. Access road wings would be located at its intersection with the existing pad. Also, included in the scope of the project is the clearing and installation of a 6-inch steel pipeline right-of-way (ROW) approximately 3,402 feet and a 4-inch fiberspar waterline ROW approximately 8,893 feet. The 6-inch steel pipeline would begin at the proposed Caspiana Plantation 22H No.1 drill site and end at an existing pipeline riser. The proposed 4-inch fiberspar waterline would also begin at the proposed drill site and end at the McClellan No. 2 Alt. drill site.

Additionally, the proposed project would involve the installation of four 24" X 30' culverts along the proposed access road to ensure that existing flow of surface water is uncompromised. The proposed pipeline would be installed using the traditional trenching/open cut method across jurisdictional waters and wetlands.

Approximately 7.19 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands and 386.75 linear feet of an intermittent stream would be impacted by the proposed project. Approximately 19,303 cubic yards of earthen fill would be placed in the jurisdictional areas.

Vegetation growing in the wetland area includes green ash, bald cypress, sugarberry, deciduous holly, wild rye, dwarf palmetto, and Alabama supplejack. Hydric soil within this project consists of moreland clay.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland impacts by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank within the 8-digit HUC.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States associated with the mechanized land clearing and commercial development 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: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: An historic properties investigation has been conducted within portions of the permit area. Cultural resources identified during the investigation were not found to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and will not be effected. Furthermore, the area has been so extensively modified that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon a historic property. A no effect determination has been made. Copies of the public notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Office, Federally Recognized Tribes and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect the following endangered species or their critical habitats: Pallid sturgeon, Interior least tern, Red-cockaded, and Earthfruit. 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.

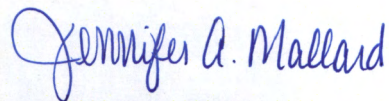
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may 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.

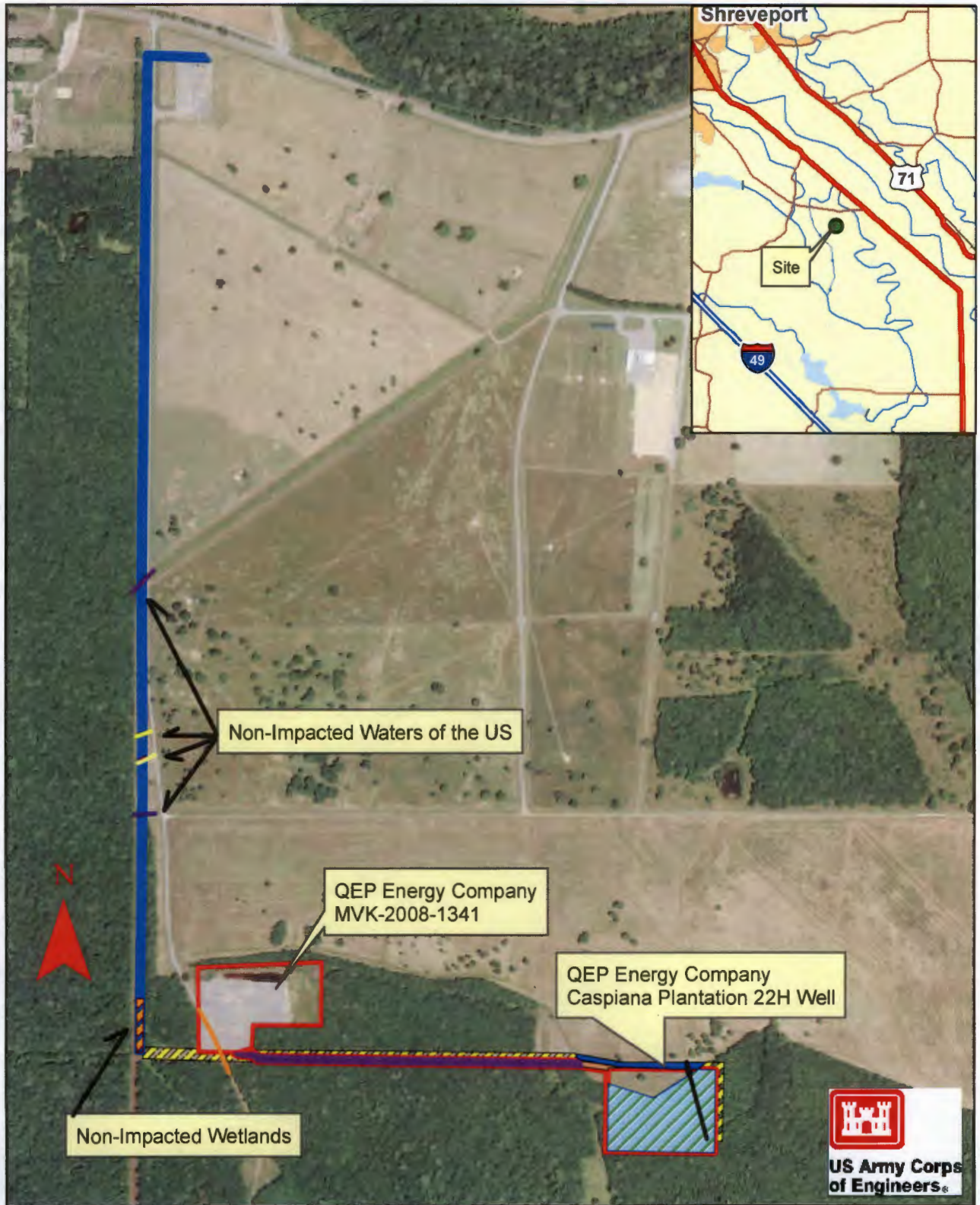
Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this 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/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.



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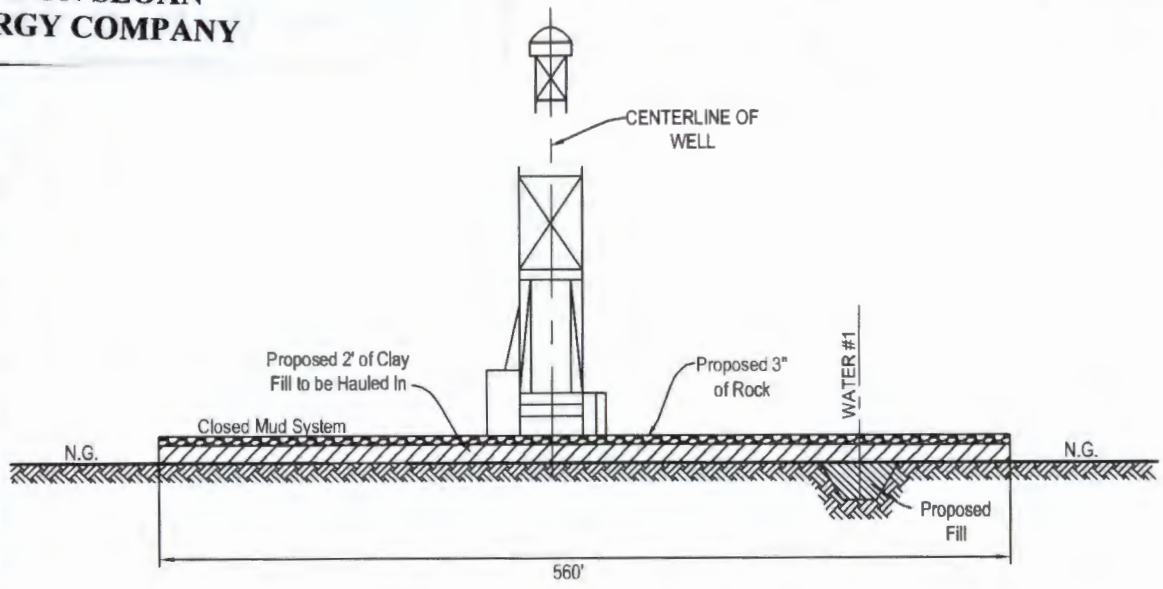


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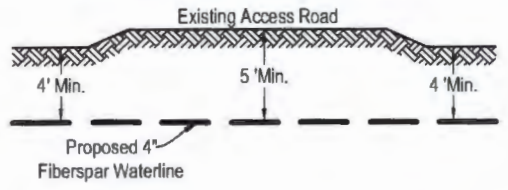
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|  Caspiana Pad-Impacted Wetlands- 4.43 Acres |  Road-Impacted Wetlands-1.19 Acres |
|  Caspiana Pad/Pipeline- Impacted Non-RPW 386.75 Ft. |  Existing Road |
|  Waterline/Pipeline-Impacted Wetlands-2.32 Acres |  Waterline/Pipeline |

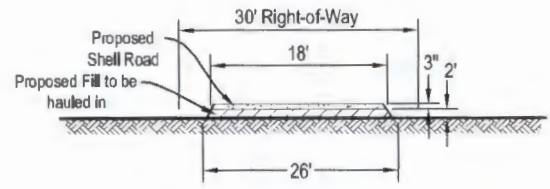
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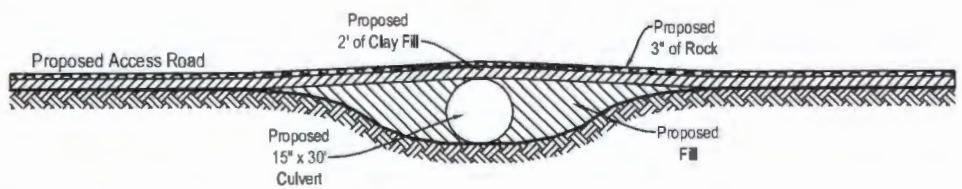
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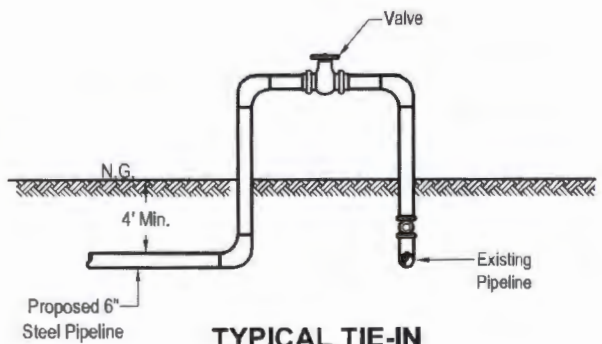
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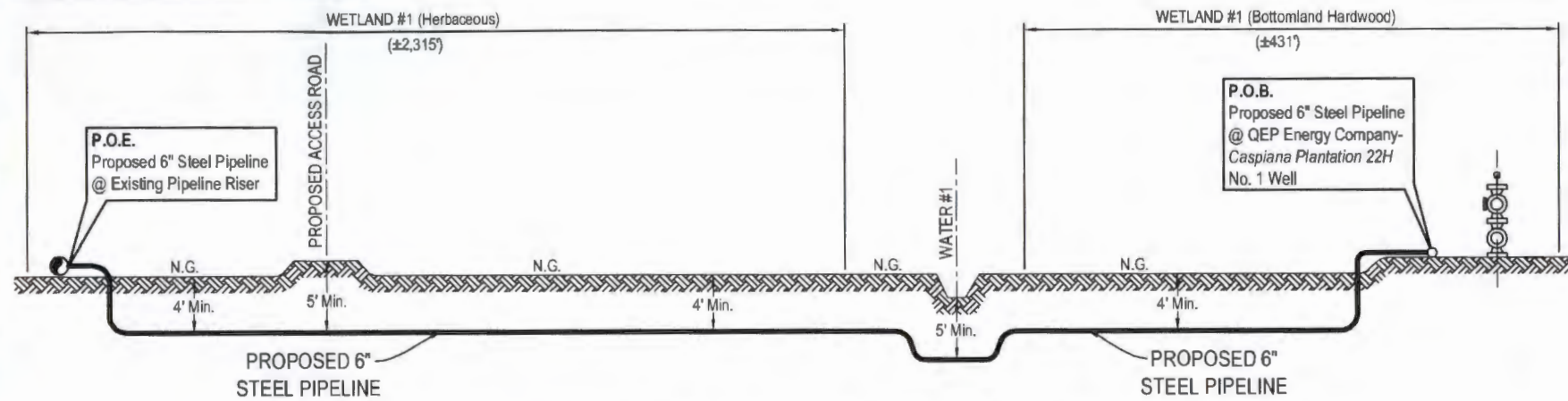


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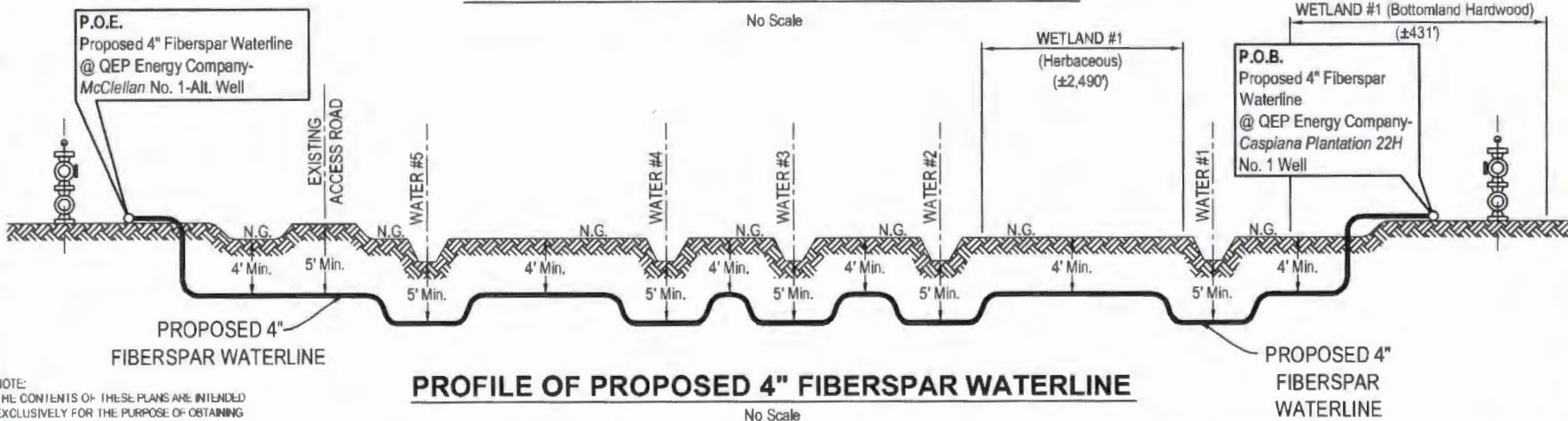
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PROFILE OF PROPOSED 6" STEEL PIPELINE



PROFILE OF PROPOSED 4" FIBERSPAR WATERLINE

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