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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	MVK-2018-355
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DATE:	July 27, 2018
EXPIRATION DATE:	August 17, 2018

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality are considering an application for a Department of the Army Permit and State Water Quality Certification for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39226-2261, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), which applies to structures or work in navigable waters of the United States, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

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Hancock County Port and Harbor
Commission
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Name of Agent:

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Location of Work: Sections 23, 24, 26, 27, 34 and 35, T9S- R16W, Latitude 30.2236, Longitude -89.5963, in the Port Bienville Canal along Mulatto Bayou and the East Pearl River within Pearl River Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 03180004), Hancock County, Mississippi.

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 a Department of the Army permit to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional waters for maintenance dredging, for the purpose of providing safe navigation for commercial vessels into and out of Port Bienville. The authorized design depth of the channel is -12 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) plus two feet of allowable overdepth dredging for a final elevation of -14 feet MLLW. Approximately 300,000 cubic yards are expected to be removed from the first dredging event with an additional 200,000 cubic yards over the next five years or as needed to allow for safe navigation. The main channel is 150 feet wide and 21,000 linear feet long. Dredge material would be pumped to an upland disposal location and some return water would discharge back into the canal.

The project area is dominated by open water; seagrass areas would be avoided by the project.

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: the permit area is likely to yield resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. An investigation for the presence of potentially eligible historic properties is justified.

Endangered Species: The following species are listed for the 12-digit USGS HUC 031800041006 in Mississippi: Gopher tortoise, Ringed Map turtle, Inflated heelsplitter, and Louisiana quillwort. Based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on June 29, 2017 between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the proposed activity will not affect Gopher tortoise, Ringed Map turtle, Inflated heelsplitter, and Louisiana quillwort.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The project is completely located within the 100 year floodplain.

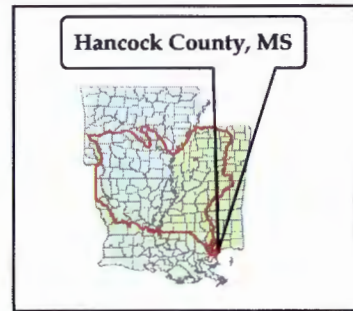
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may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

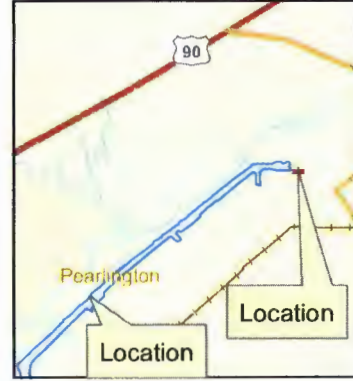
Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this 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>.

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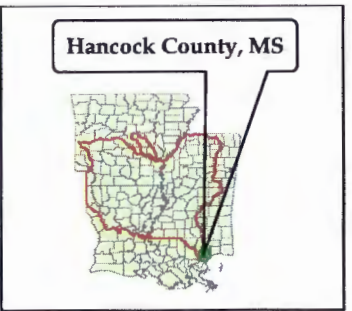
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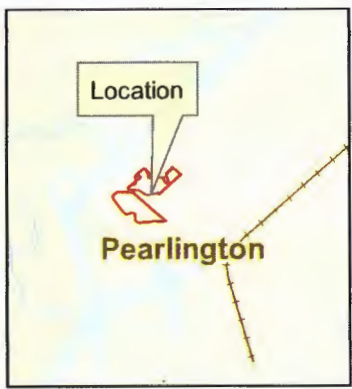
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- Dredge Location (221.8 Acres)
- Disposal Area (1.28 Acres)




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-  Forested Wetlands (0.5 Acre--Section 404)
-  Emergent Wetlands (0.94 Acre--Section 10)
-  Project Boundary

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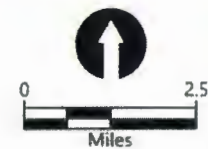

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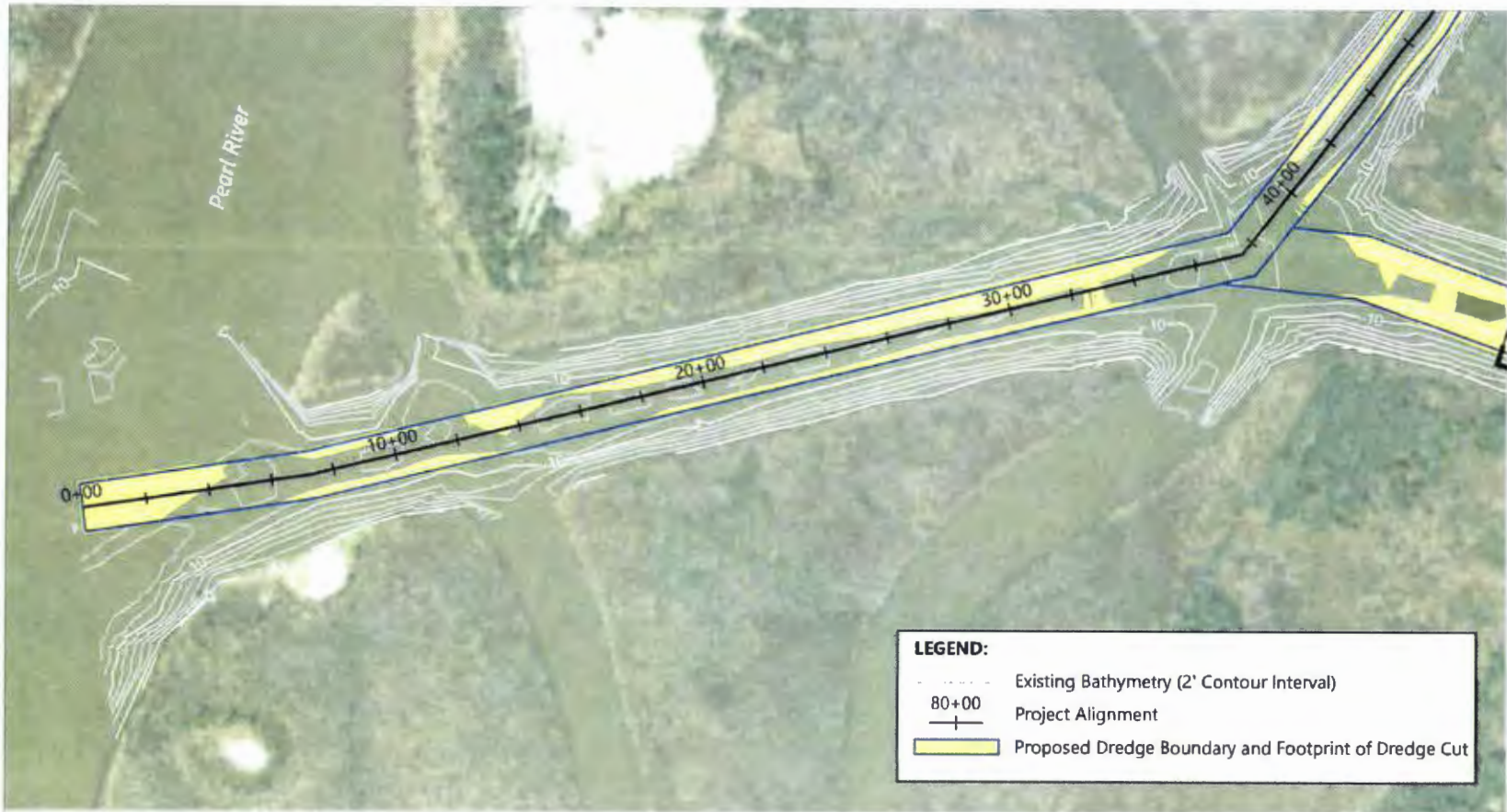
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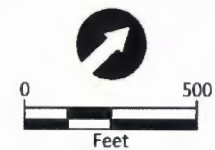
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**Figure 1
 Vicinity Map**

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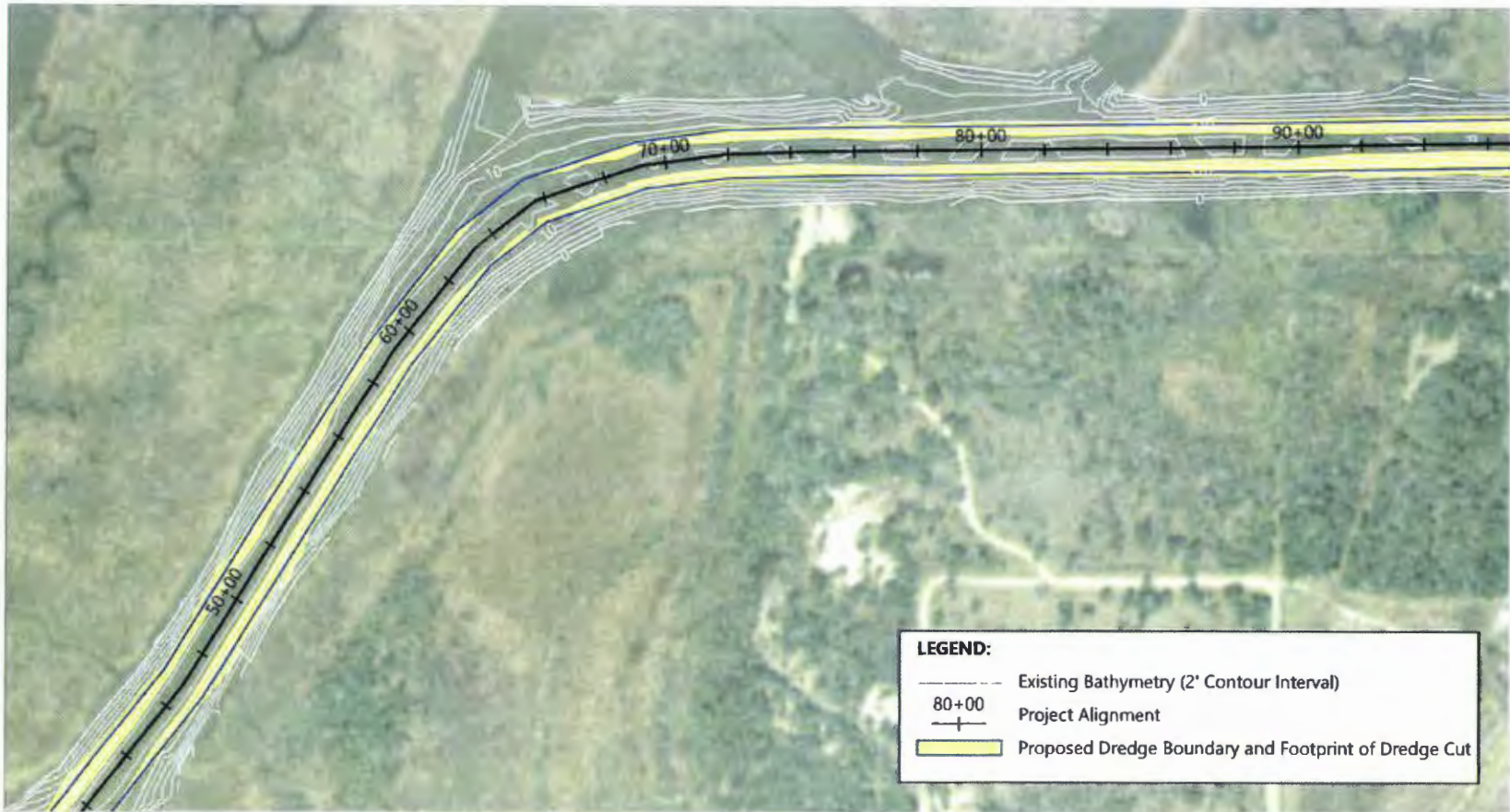
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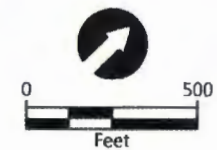
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**Figure 2
 Port Bienville Site Plan (1 of 6)**

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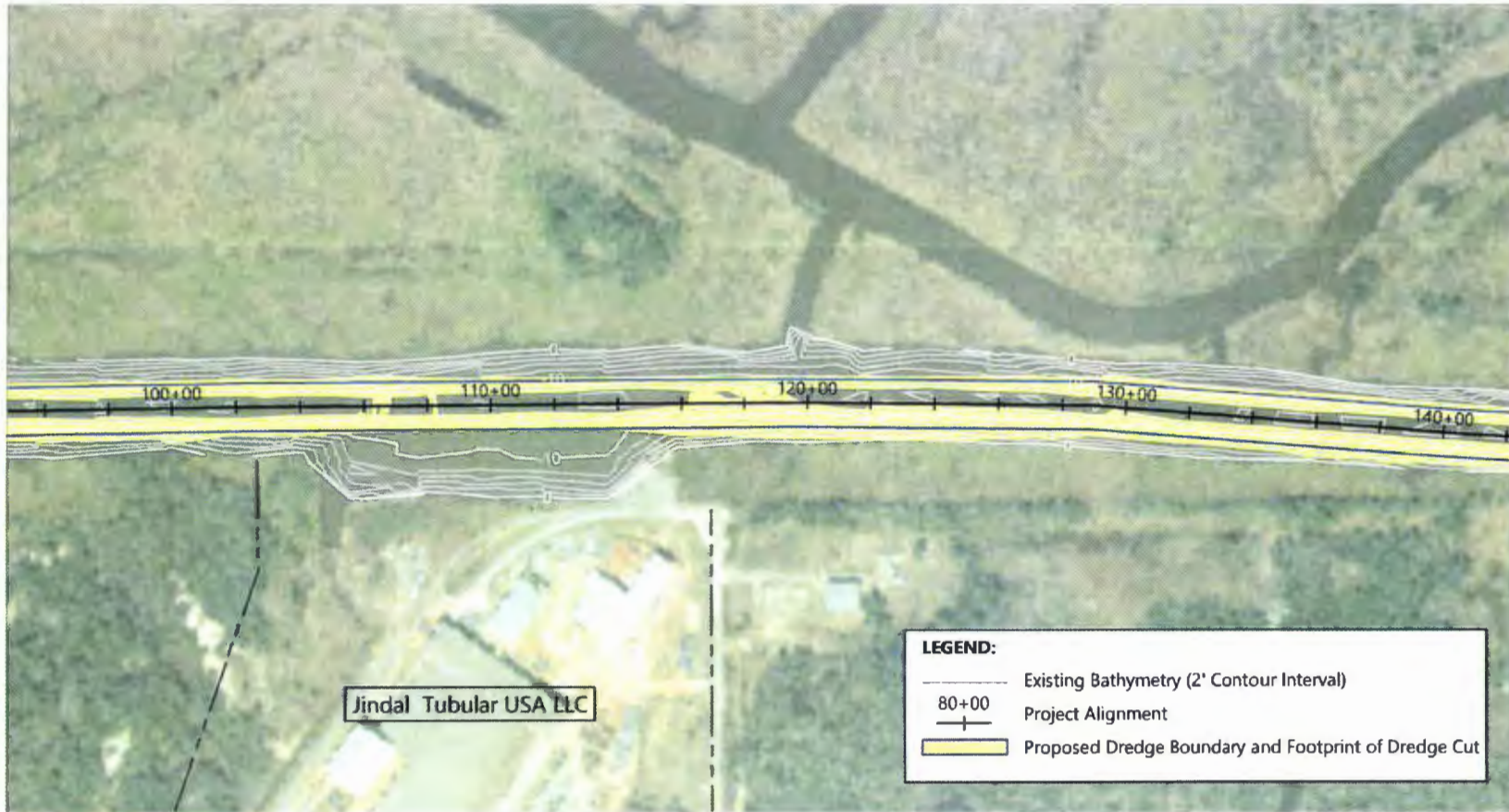
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**Figure 3
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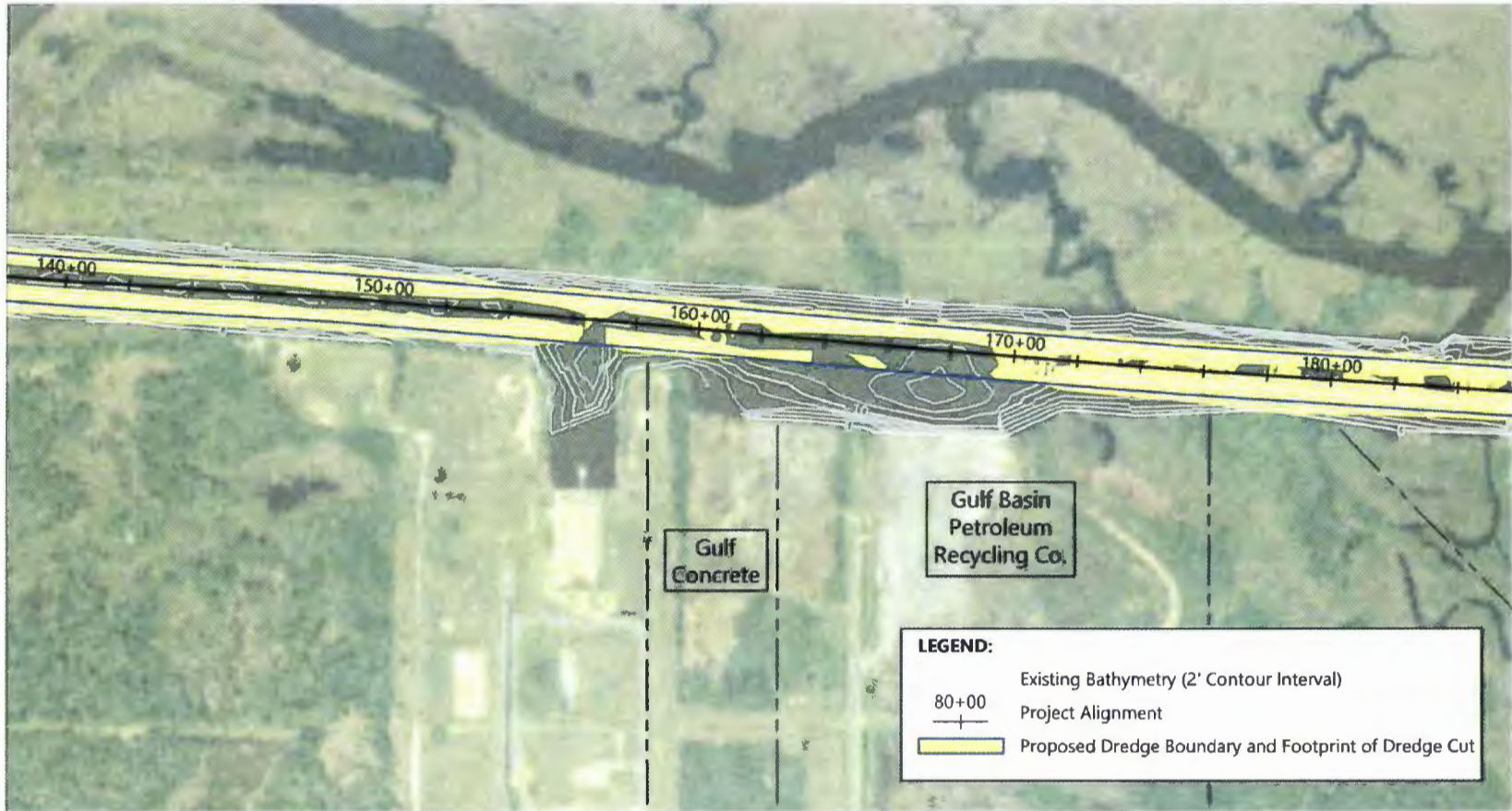
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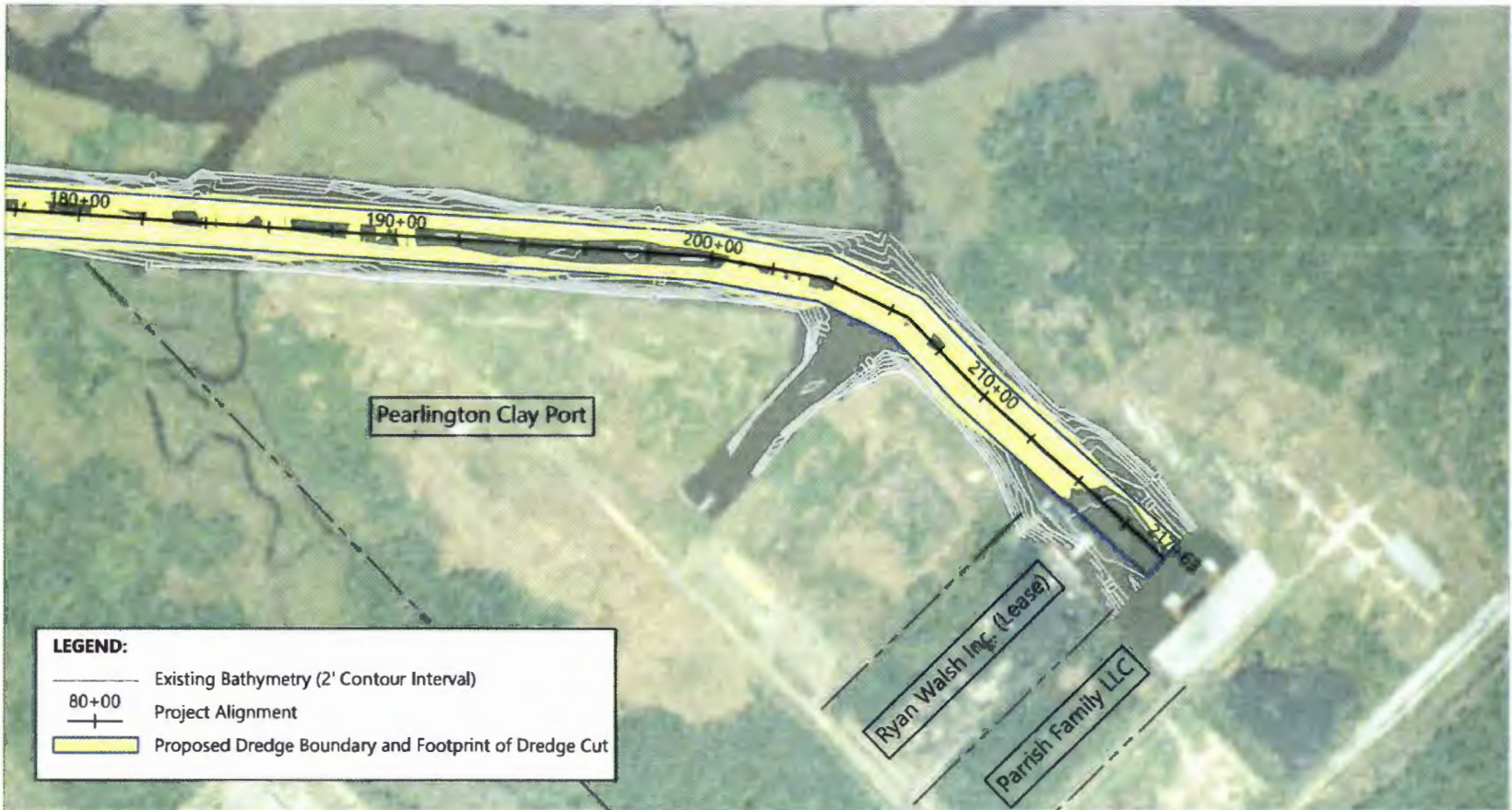
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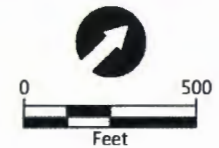
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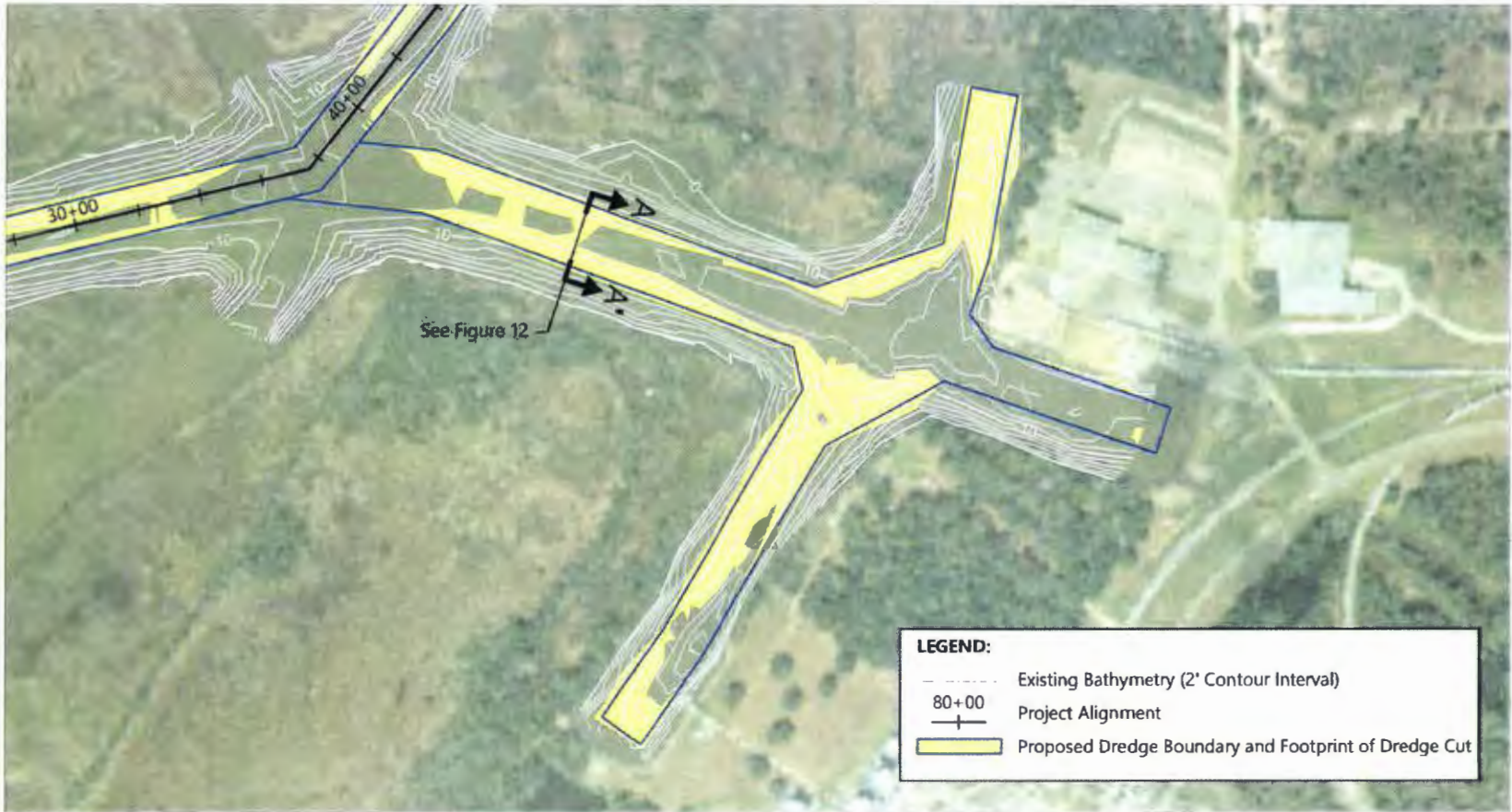
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**Figure 7
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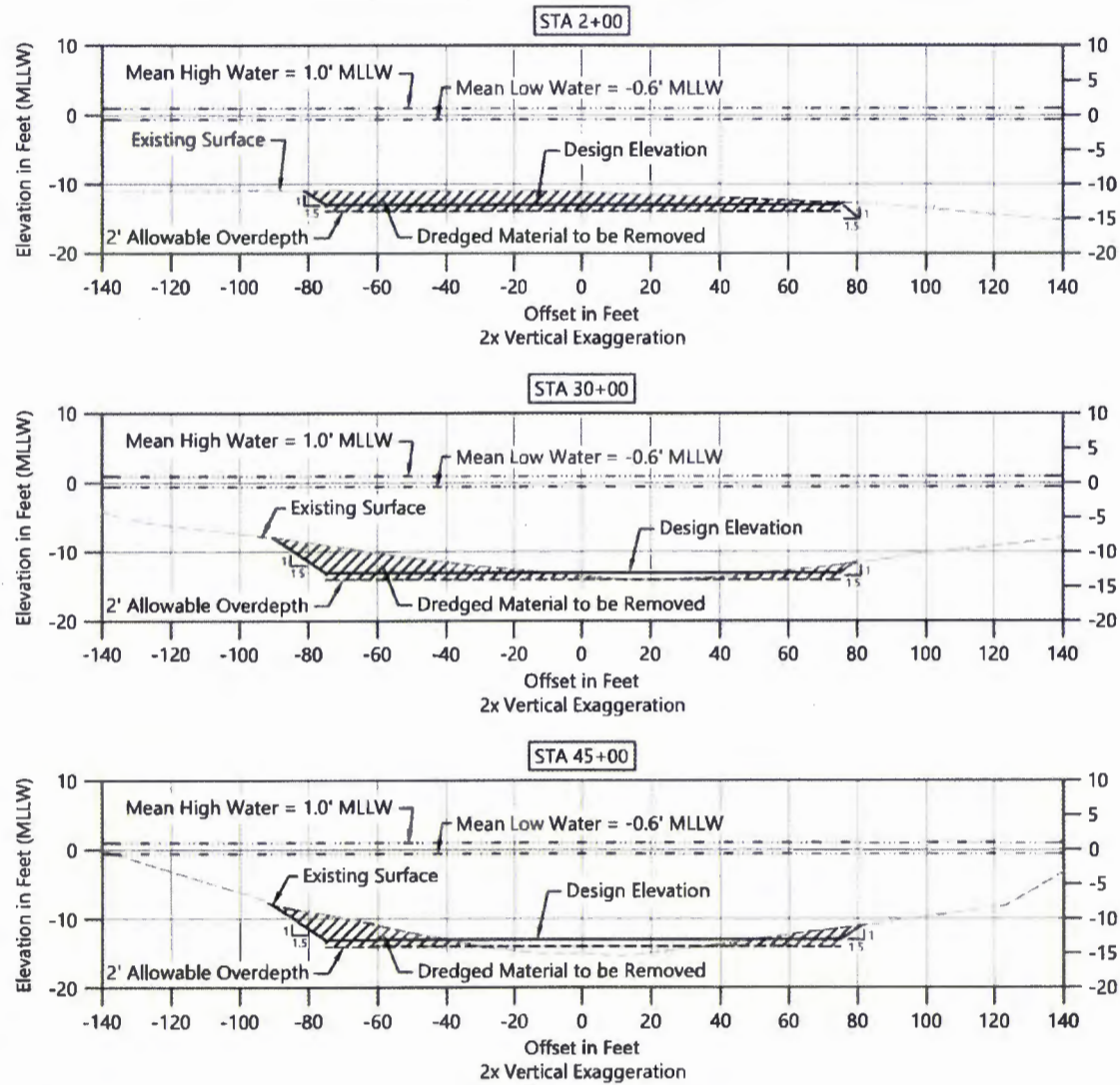
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**Figure 8
 Port Bienville Dredged Material Upland Placement Area**

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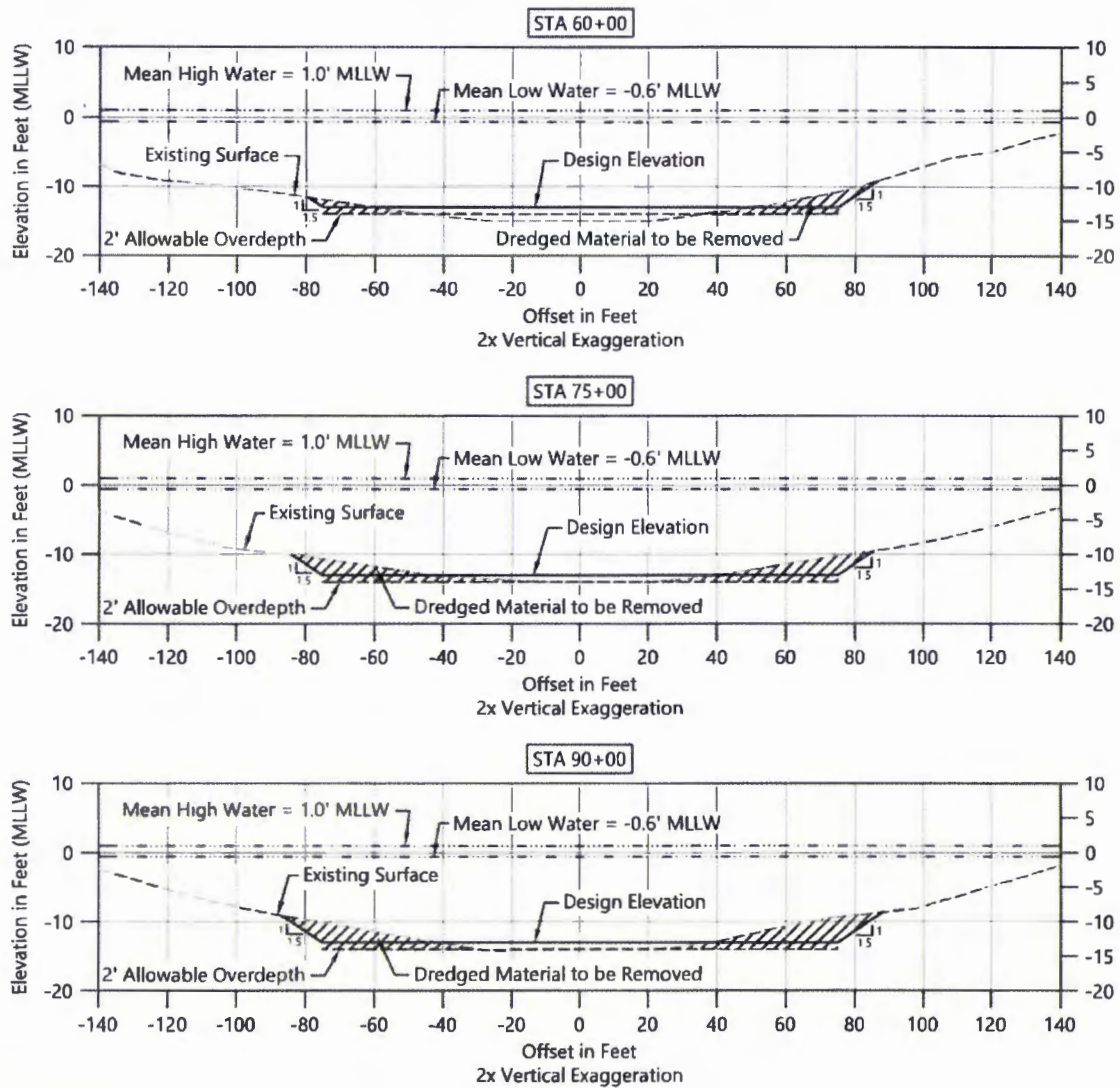
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Cross Sections (1 of 4)

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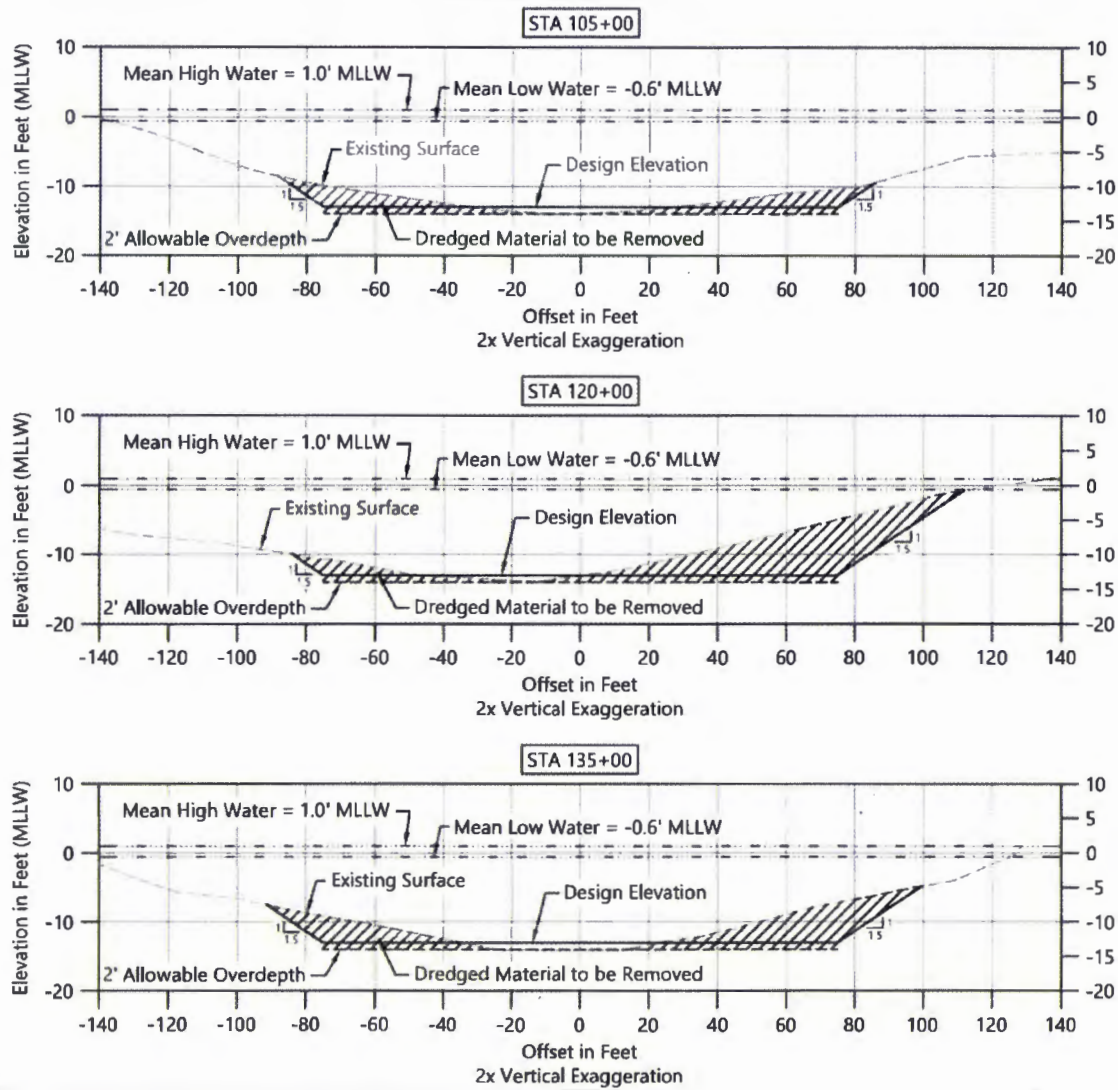
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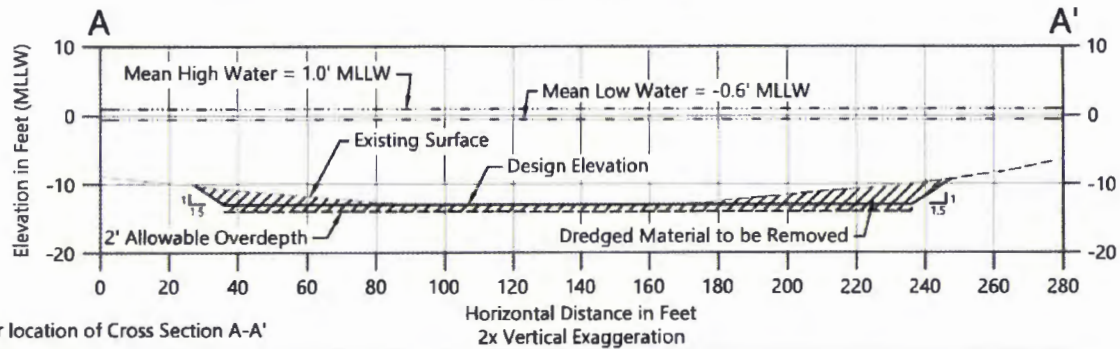
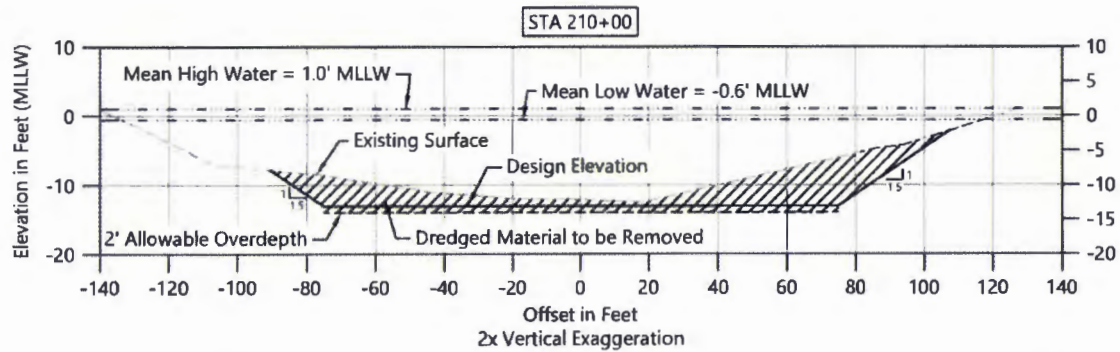
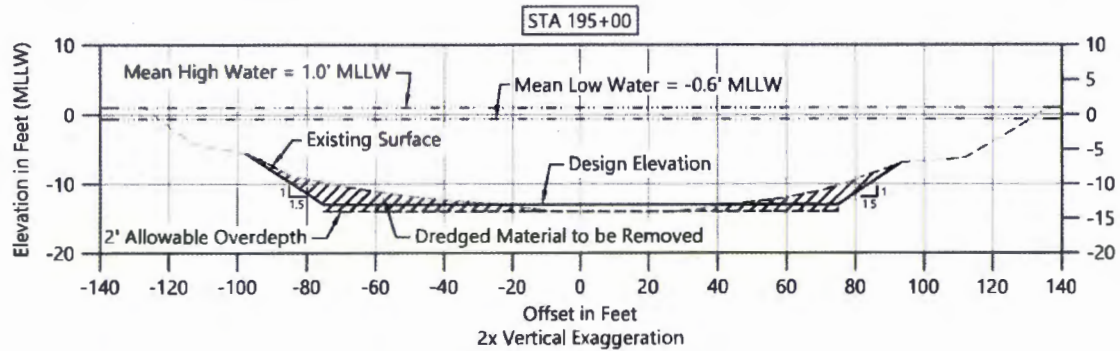
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