

APPLICATION NO. **00245-5**

PUBLIC NOTICE  
(25-Day Comment Period)  
(Comment Expiration Date - August 26, 2008)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: **Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the Public Involvement section for details on submitting comments.**

Point of Contact. If additional information is desired, please contact the project manager, Sarah Usdrowski Chitwood, telephone number: (501) 324-5296, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Office, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, e-mail address: <mailto:sarah.l.usdrowski@usace.army.mil>

Project Information. Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. Code 403), notice is hereby given that

**Arkholo Sand and Gravel Company  
James C. Ray, PE  
PO Box 1627  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902**

has requested authorization to excavate the Arkansas River bank to an approximate 3 to 4 percent grade in order to construct a launching ramp. The excavation would start at an elevation of 391 feet and extend upslope. The ordinary high water mark at this location is 393 feet. The ramp would be approximately 144 feet wide by 169 feet long. The material removed from the site would be stockpiled for future use or sale. The proposed launching ramp site is located in T. 9 N., R. 32 W., on the left descending bank of the Arkansas River, navigation mile 300.4, in Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas.

The purpose of the project is to launch a new sand dredge at the site. No mitigation is proposed for this work.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets.

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Cultural Resources. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted; and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed in the Register, or eligible for inclusion therein, which would be affected by the proposed work. A Corps staff archeologist also will review topographic maps and data on reported sites in the area. If it is determined that further review is not warranted, these reviews will constitute the full extent of cultural resources investigation by this office unless we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice or by other means, of the existence of specific structures or sites which might be affected by the proposed work.

Endangered Species. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those agencies for information on whether any listed or proposed-to-be-listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

Flood Plain. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate flood plain officials in accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Flood Plain Management.

Public Involvement. Any interested party is invited to submit to the above-listed POC written comments or objections relative to the proposed work on or before **August 26, 2008**. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. 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, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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

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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. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

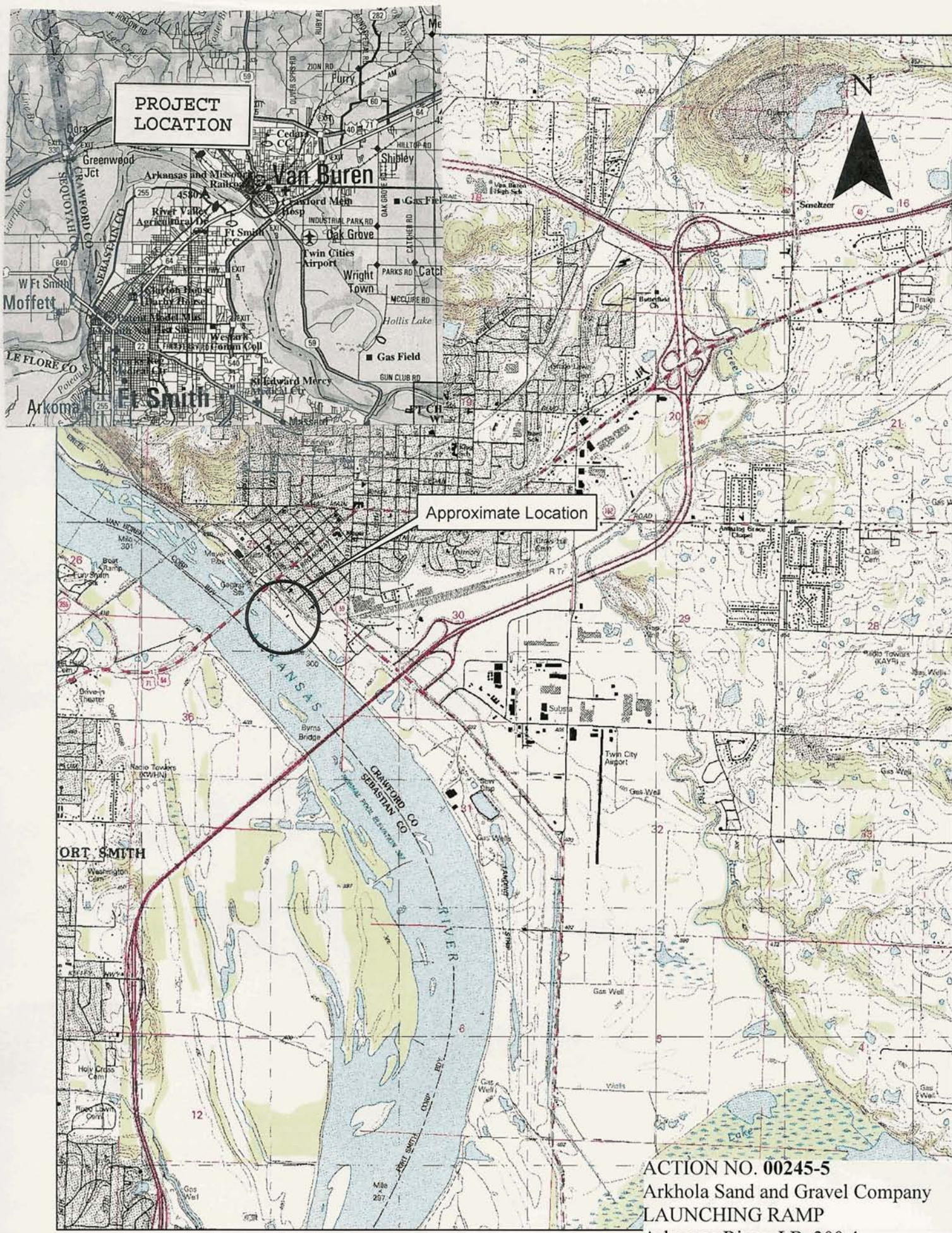
**NOTE:** The mailing list for this Public Notice is arranged by state and county(s) where the project is located, and also includes any addressees who have asked to receive copies of all public notices. Please discard notices that are not of interest to you. If you have no need for any of these notices, please advise us so that your name can be removed from the mailing list.

Enclosures

Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

Latitude: **35.43 degrees**      Longitude: **-94.36 degrees**

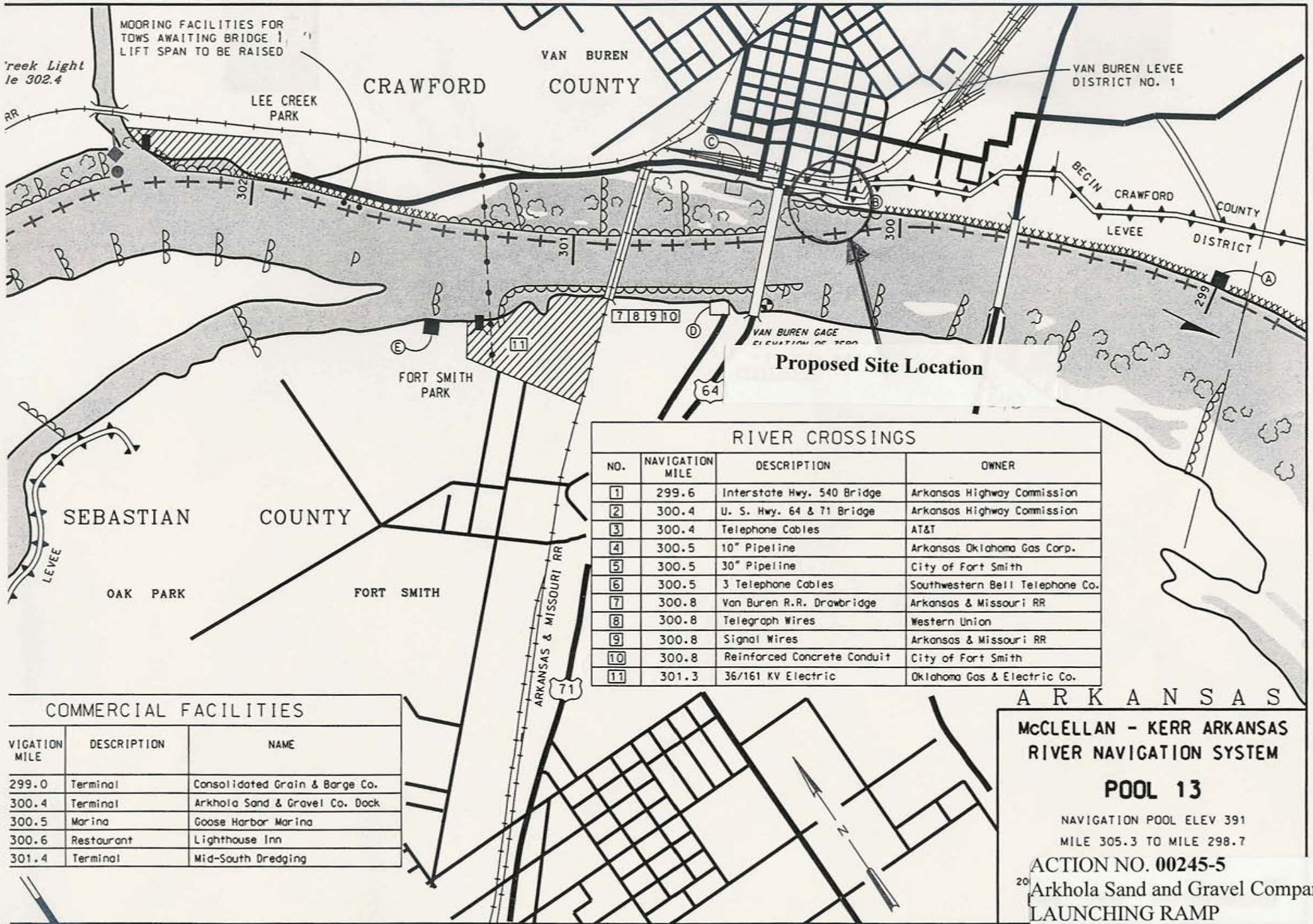
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**PROJECT  
LOCATION**

Approximate Location

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**Proposed Site Location**

RIVER CROSSINGS			
NO.	NAVIGATION MILE	DESCRIPTION	OWNER
1	299.6	Interstate Hwy. 540 Bridge	Arkansas Highway Commission
2	300.4	U. S. Hwy. 64 & 71 Bridge	Arkansas Highway Commission
3	300.4	Telephone Cables	AT&T
4	300.5	10" Pipeline	Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corp.
5	300.5	30" Pipeline	City of Fort Smith
6	300.5	3 Telephone Cables	Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
7	300.8	Van Buren R.R. Drawbridge	Arkansas & Missouri RR
8	300.8	Telegraph Wires	Western Union
9	300.8	Signal Wires	Arkansas & Missouri RR
10	300.8	Reinforced Concrete Conduit	City of Fort Smith
11	301.3	36/161 KV Electric	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES		
NAVIGATION MILE	DESCRIPTION	NAME
299.0	Terminal	Consolidated Grain & Barge Co.
300.4	Terminal	Arkholia Sand & Gravel Co. Dock
300.5	Marina	Goose Harbor Marina
300.6	Restaurant	Lighthouse Inn
301.4	Terminal	Mid-South Dredging

**ARKANSAS**

**McCLELLAN - KERR ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM**

**POOL 13**

NAVIGATION POOL ELEV 391  
MILE 305.3 TO MILE 298.7

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**PROPOSED SITE  
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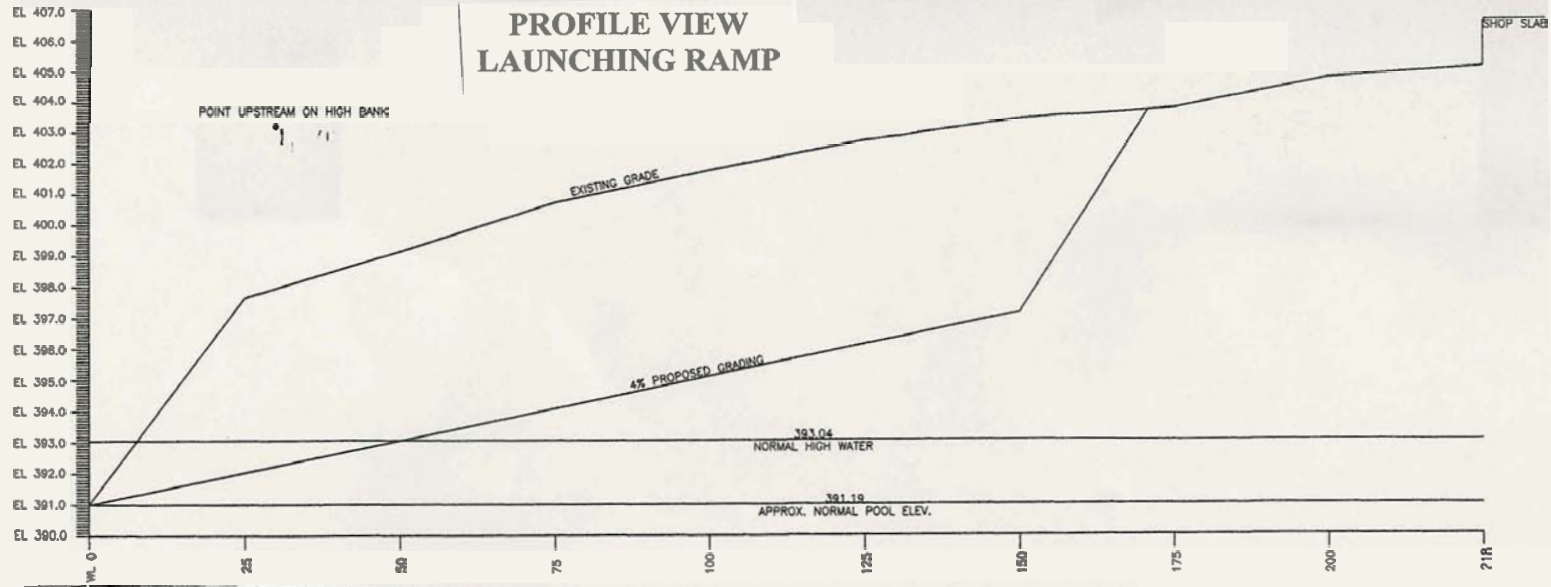
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**PLOT PLAN SCALE: 1"=60'-0"**

Image State of Arkansas

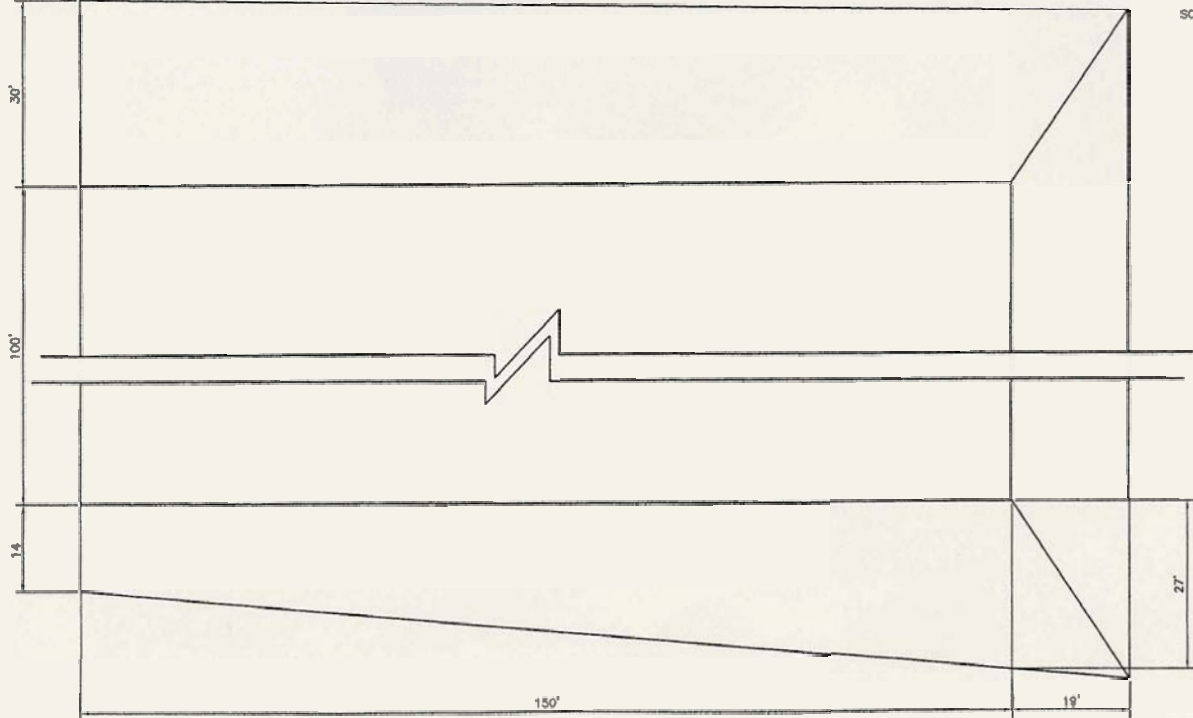
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# PROFILE VIEW LAUNCHING RAMP

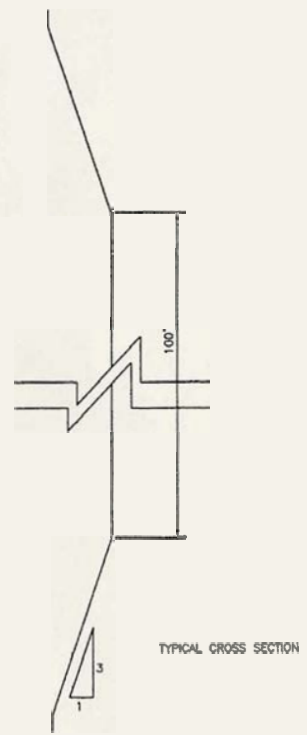
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