



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 60267
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 14, 2010

Operations Division
Eastern Evaluation Section

SUBJECT: (General Permit) NOD-20
BASE FILE: MVN-2010-1098-EFF

Plaquemines Parish
c/o: Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, OCPR
Attn: Mr. Jerome Zeringue, Deputy Director
Post Office Box 44027
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4027

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

This concerns your enclosed communication dated May 13, 2010, relative to your request for an emergency authorization to sling load sandbags within designated breach sites, off of Pelican Island and Scofield Island, near Empire, Louisiana, within Plaquemines Parish; all as part of mitigating effects of oil from the MC252 (Deepwater Horizon) oil spill, within the region.

We have reviewed your request and find that the work qualifies under (General Permit) NOD-20 for emergency operations, as long as all conditions of this permit are met. This authorization does not obviate you from acquiring a Louisiana Coastal Use Permit or any other federal, state, or local approvals that may be required by law.

The following conditions are hereby made a part of this emergency authorization:

1. The authorized activities shall be done in accordance with your request and performed in a manner that will avoid adverse impacts to the environment and aquatic resources, to the maximum extent practicable.
2. Material utilized within the sand bags shall be free of contaminants and come from a non-wetland location and/or a previously authorized site.
3. Permittee shall insure sand bags are cut, removed and disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner as soon as practicable to insure that all sand bags have been removed prior to construction of proposed restoration projects within this vicinity. Permittee shall coordinate with Ms. Rachel Sweeney Service, [REDACTED] with NOAA's, National Marine Fisheries on the timing of sand bag removal to insure construction schedules for the restoration projects are not impacted.
4. Permittee shall monitor the areas where sand bags are placed to determine if increased erosion is realized at these locations. If increased levels of erosion are recognized, appropriate, environmentally acceptable methods should be taken to degrade and stabilize these areas to minimize such impacts. Such monitoring should be done on a regular basis until final recommendations are made through your after-the-fact permit application evaluation.



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SEP 13 2007

SUBJECT: MVN-1997-4840-CX
(General Permit)NOD-20

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL PERMIT TIME EXTENSION
FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
WITHIN THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

On March 9, 2007, this district issued a public notice announcing consideration of a time extension to the general permit for emergency operations. All available information and comments were considered in determining that the overall public interest would be best served by issuing the time extension. A copy of the extended general permit for emergency operations is attached.

We have reserved the right to modify, suspend, or revoke this general permit any time we determine it is in the public's interest to do so. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments or suggestions for modifications or improvement of this general permit to the Regulatory Branch of this district at any time.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Serio".

Pete J. Serio
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachment



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**SUBJECT: MVN-1997-4840-CX
(General Permit)NOD-20**

**GENERAL PERMIT
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
WITHIN THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**

Authorization No.: (General Permit)NOD-20
Initial Effective Date: November 1, 1982
Expiration Date: October 31, 2012

Under authorization granted by Part 325.8(b) of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, the District Commander at New Orleans has granted this general permit for certain emergency operations as described. This permit authorizes work and structures under the following legislation:

- a. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (33 USC 403).
- b. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

This permit does not authorize any work under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (33 USC 404) or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413).

This permit is applicable only within the boundaries of the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Work authorized by this general permit is the minimum amount necessary to respond to such emergencies as oil or gas well blowouts, pipeline explosions or ruptures, explosions, fires, oil or hazardous materials spills, and shipwrecks or sinkings of vessels in navigation channels or similar situations which would result in an imminent safety and/or environmental hazard, loss of property, or immediate economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process an application.

Approval to perform work under this general permit does not replace normal permitting approval required under our regulations. Authorization under the general permit is a temporary approval to allow the applicant to perform work under emergency situations. After the emergency situation has been addressed, the applicant must either restore the site to as near pre-project conditions as practical, or must apply for a permit to maintain the work initially authorized under the general permit. Permit applications to maintain work initially authorized under this general permit would be processed in the normal manner to include a public notice, water quality certification from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and coastal use permit or other approval from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division, where applicable.

The activities authorized by this general permit include, but are not limited to:

- a. Emergency placement of a drilling rig in open waters to drill a shutoff well.
 - b. Emergency dredging and disposal of dredged material for movement of equipment to evacuate personnel, fight fires, shutoff blow-out wells, install and service pollution control equipment, and repair ruptured pipelines.
 - c. Emergency dredging and placement of fills to collect and confine oil or hazardous materials.
 - d. Emergency dredging and deposition of dredged material to remove or re-float grounded, wrecked, burned out or sunken vessels blocking major navigation channels.
 - e. Emergency placement of fills to provide access to a location for placement of drilling rigs to drill shutoff wells.
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In addition to the applicable conditions of our standard permit form (copy enclosed), the following conditions apply to this general permit:

- a. Dredging and other activities will be the minimum necessary to meet the emergency.
 - b. Restoration is required in accordance with the following:
 - (1) Restoration plans must be submitted to the Regulatory Branch of this district within 30 days of the date when the approval was granted by the New Orleans District for the emergency work under the general permit.
 - (2) The District Commander will consult with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies prior to approval of restoration plans.
 - (3) The restoration work must begin within 30 days of approval of plans or lesser time when so specified by the District Commander or his representative, unless a specific time extension is granted by the New Orleans District.
 - (4) Once begun, restoration work will be diligently prosecuted until completed.
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(5) Disturbed wetland areas shall be restored to as near preproject conditions as practicable.

c. In appropriate cases when it may be in the public interest to allow maintenance of structures, fills, or dredged areas installed under this general permit authorization, permittees must apply for and receive a Department of the Army permit. If the permit application is denied, restoration will proceed in accordance with condition b., immediately above.

d. Applications to maintain facilities authorized by this general permit must be submitted within 30 days of the date when the approval was granted by the New Orleans District for the emergency work under the general permit, unless a specific time extension is granted by the New Orleans District. Permit applications will be processed using regular procedures, including a public notice where applicable.

e. Requests to maintain facilities authorized under this general permit must include a completed application form, letter-sized drawings illustrating the location and scope of the work, and be mailed to the Regulatory Branch at the letterhead address above. Applications for work in the Louisiana Coastal Zone must also be sent to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division.

f. This general permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked by the District Commander any time it is found to be in the public interest to do so.

g. Approval under this general permit does not relieve permittees from obtaining emergency permits or other approvals from any required state or local agency, or the consent of the landowner. For emergency work within the Louisiana Coastal Zone, applicant's must also contact Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division (CMD) at (225) 342-7591 for specific approval before performing the emergency work. CMD has a similar emergency general permit, CUP-GP-29.

h. Other conditions may be added in individual approvals for work under this general permit to address site specific conditions or situations.

Procedures to be followed in administering this general permit are as follows:

a. The initial contact may be made in person or by telephone to one of the following numbers.

(1) Regulatory Branch
(504) 862-2255

(2) Eastern Evaluation Section
(504) 862-2044

(3) Central evaluation Section
(504) 862-2276

(4) Western Evaluation Section
(504) 862-2261

For work within the Louisiana Coastal Zone **also** contact the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division at (225) 342-7591.

b. Authorization under this general permit may be granted upon initial contact provided the requester can present sufficient information on the location, nature, and extent of the work to establish that the emergency situation exists. Depending on the extent of the emergency, immediate verbal authorization may be granted to perform the work, however, in other cases a written request explaining the emergency, with sketches and maps, may be needed to establish that the project qualifies for approval under the provisions of the emergency general permit.

c. If authorization to proceed is granted at the initial contact, the permittee must supply written documentation of the work to be done within 1 working day of the approval being granted, including necessary maps, drawings, and sketches.

d. Permittees will supply all other information necessary to establish a complete file.

e. Written approval will be granted after all necessary information has been provided.



Pete J. Serio
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

OIL SPILL 2010 (15MAY10)

Region Requiring Sandbag Support



Mission:

O/O 205th conducts sling load operations at Pelican Island and Scofield Island NLT 15MAY10, in order to mitigate effects of oil spill in region .

TASK 1: Conduct Recon of area in order to identify areas to be reinforced, to fill bags, to stage bags for air pickup

TASK 2: Determine personnel, equipment, supplies, BOM, and materials needed for mission.

TASK 3: Conduct planning and coordination with civil Authorities, air assets, and local vendors.

TASK 4: Conduct movement to Empire/Buras jobsite. (Location TBD)

STAGE 4: Layout jobsite and begin filling, moving, and preparing sandbags for sling ops.

STAGE 5: Maintain 24hr ops until mission is complete.

Concept: 205th will fill, haul and sling load sandbags O/A 15MAY10 near Empire, LA in order to mitigate effects of oil spill in region. 244th AVN BN will provide aircraft to haul and drop sandbags at Pelican Island and Scofield Island. Soldiers from the 205th EN BN will be located at drop site in order to direct placement of sandbags in breach sites.

Civilian POC Info:

Name: BJ Richard

Agency: Coastal Protection and Restoration

F: [REDACTED]

OIL SPILL 10 (15MAY10)

MISSION: O/O 205th conducts Sling Load operations at Pelican Island and Scofield Island NLT 15MAY10 in order to mitigate effects of oil spill in Scofield Bay and surrounding marsh areas.

PERSONNEL: 49 pax (Total)

C2 / SPT: 13 (2 MEDICS/2COMMO/4 LOG/2MAINT/3 C2)

OIC: CPT Ron Edwards

NCOIC: SFC Brent Owens (Tentative)

ENGINEERS: 36

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PLAN:

RATIONS: A/A/A Working on establishing contract w/vendor once approved. Contingency is to feed out of Marrero RC.

BILLETING: TBD. Contingency plan is to bus Soldiers from Marrero RC until billeting arrangements get worked out.

TRANSPORTATION: Organic/GSA Bus/GSA Van

DEPLOYMENT TIMELINE: SEE ATTACHED

EQUIPMENT:

2 5t Troop Carriers, 1 Skytrack, 3 BHL's, 1 Ambulance, 2 HUMVEE, 3 Gators, 1 Contact Truck, 1 Light Set, 5 916 w/trailers, 3 Gators, 1 Fueler.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

3 Skid Steers, Grounding Equipment for Aircraft, 3 Satellite Phones

COMMO PLAN:

Primary: 700Mhz

Secondary: Cell Phones/Blackberries

EXTERNAL SUPPORT:

Aviation Support

Plaquemines Parish Civil Authorities (EOC/Department of Public Works/Sherriff's Department)

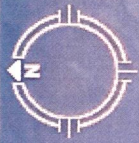
TENATIVE TIMELINE

- 111600MAY10 Received WARNO
- 111700MAY10 Identify Personnel and Equipment
- 120900MAY10 Conduct Aerial and Boat RECON
- 121400MAY10 Stage Equipment at Camp Villere
- 122200MAY10 Develop CONOPS and Identify Material and Special Equipment Needs
- 130900MAY10 SYNC Meeting at GOSHEP
- 131200MAY10 Coordinate with Plaq. Parish EOC for Staging Site
- 131300MAY10 Forward Request for Materials and Special Equipment Needs for Mission. (Tons/Sand, Sandbags, Shackles, Slings, Grounding Equipment for Aircraft) etc.
- 140800MAY10 Begin Convoy of Organic Equipment to Staging Area in Buras/Empire Area
- 141100MAY10 Convoy Arrival Time to Buras/Empire Area.
- 141300MAY10 Begin Filling, Staging, and Rigging Sandbags for Airlift Operations
- 150800MAY10 Begin Airlift Ops to Breach Locations and Continue Fill, Haul and Rigging Operations.



Area of Operations

Pelican and Scofield Island



Scofield Bay - Empire, LA



Pelican Island

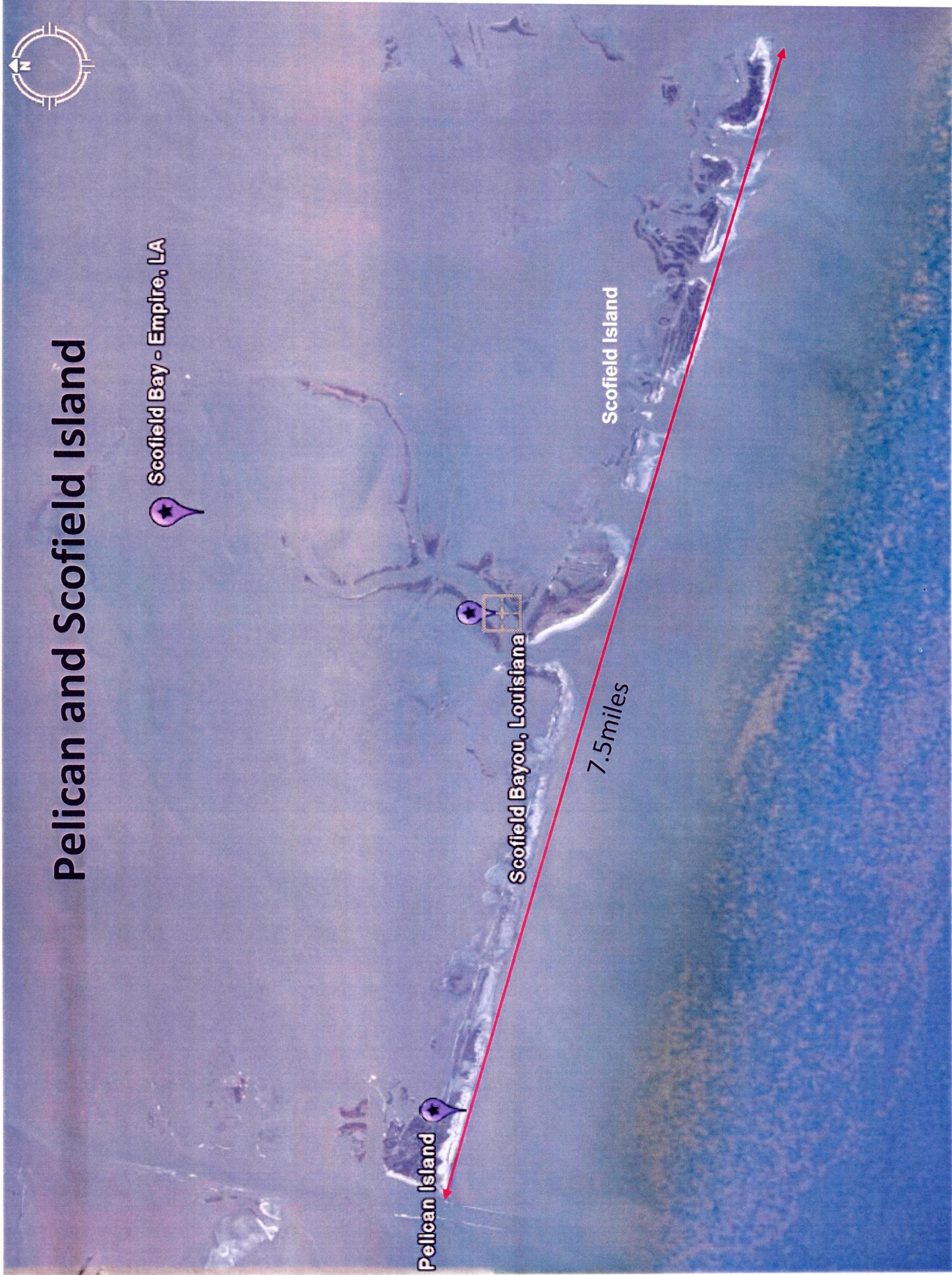


Scofield Bayou, Louisiana



Scofield Island

7.5miles



Priority 1 (D) = 29°15'1.97"N,
89°35'16.98"W (76 Bags)

Priority 2 (E) = 29°14'59.29"N,
89°35'5.41"W (41 Bags)

Priority 3 (F) = 29°14'57.51"N,
89°34'56.15"W (41 Bags)

Priority 4 (G1) = 29°14'54.79"N,
89°34'44.39"W (30 Bags)

Priority 5 (A) = 29°15'13.39"N,
89°36'5.44"W (41 Bags)

Priority 6 (C) = 29°15'6.14"N,
89°35'32.54"W (220 Bags)

Priority 7 (G2) 29°14'51.61"N,
89°34'25.49"W (160 Bags)

Priority 8 (B) 29°15'11.30"N,
89°35'52.68"W (162 Bags)

Cut A / Depth 1' / Length 100'

Cut B / Depth 6' / Length 100'

Cut A / Depth 3' / Length 300'

Cut D / Depth 1' / Length 200'

Cut E / Depth 1' / Length 100'

Cut F / Depth 1' / Length 100'

Cut G1 / Depth 1' / Length 60'

Cut G2 / Depth 4' / Length 150'



Pelican Island (Priority 1)

Priority 9 (H) = 29°14'34.83"N,
89°33'14.01"W (77 Bags)

Priority 10 (I) = 29°14'29.79"N,
89°32'51.27"W (30 Bags)

Priority 11 (J) = 29°14'24.65"N,
89°32'41.28"W (220 Bags)

Priority 12 (K) = 29°14'13.94"N,
89°32'8.80"W (22 Bags)

Priority 13 (L) = 29°14'9.00"N,
89°31'46.66"W (62 Bags)

Priority 14 (M) = 29°14'5.43"N,
89°31'33.79"W (72 Bags)



Cut M / Depth 5' / Length 50'

Cut L / Depth 5' / Length 56'

Cut K / Depth 5' / Length 10'

Cut J / Depth 3' / Length 300'

Cut I / Depth 2' / Length 60'

Cut H / Depth 1' / Length 200'

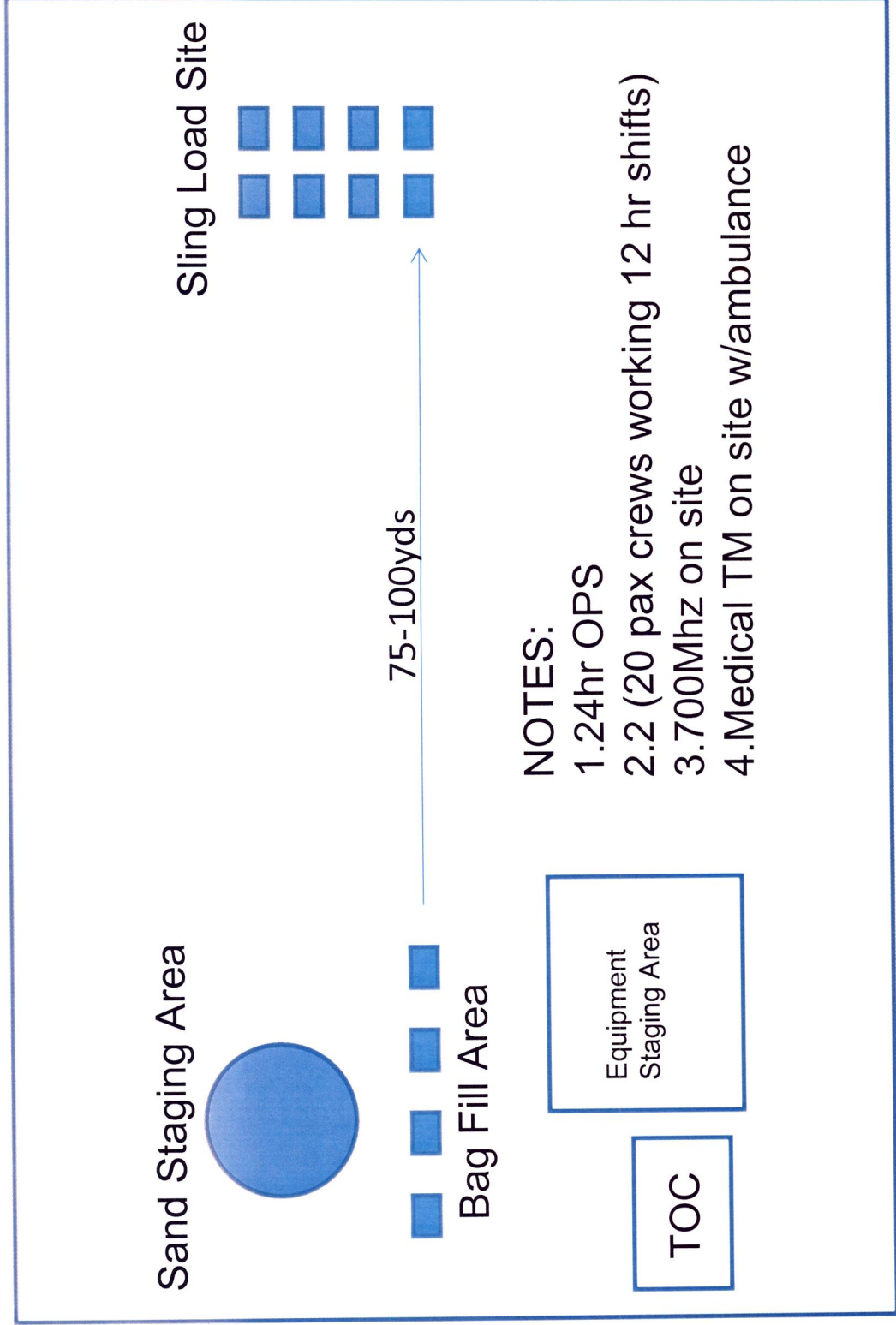
Scofield Island (Priority 2)

SAND BAG MISSION TRACKER FOR Pelican and Scofield Island	Mission Start Date and Time	% Complete	Bags Placed
Pelican Island			
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MATERIAL/EQUIP LIST

- 1,254 (35"x35"x43") Sand Bags
- 1,881 tons of sand(1,254 yds)
- 600 slings (50% recovery rate)
- 600 shackles (50% recovery rate)
- Grounding Equipment for Aircraft
- 3 Skid Steers

GENERAL SITE LAYOUT



ISSUES/RFI'S

- Grounding Equipment for Aircraft?
- Can we get satellite phones? (3 min)
- Who will we request materials through? (Sand/Bags/Slings/Shackles/Grounding Equipment) LSS, Parish or both?
- Will the parish help support this mission? (Haul sand, provide equipment, permits if needed)