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August 4, 2010

Attention: KARL MORGAN

REQUEST TO AMEND

RE: EUA 10-056

Dear Coastal Management Division,

Please be advised that this office is making a request for an amendment of the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) that was granted by your office on June 11, 2010. We were granted a 60-day extension on July 9, 2010 via email from your office. The original EUA issued was for proposed emergency dredging of 62,134' of Wilkinson Canal A to allow access to an emergency staging area for vessels responding to the Deep Water Horizon oil spill. Additionally, dredged material was to be placed between the marsh line and water line to keep oil out of the marsh with no spoil being placed upon vegetated marsh.

After consulting with your office and the New Orleans District USACE, the drawings have been revised. The revisions to the original EUA drawings include a much smaller length to be dredged. Approximately 6,100 feet of the canal will now be dredged (rather than 62,134' which was originally planned) strictly for navigational purposes of response vessels (which include airboats, barges, jack-up barges, etc...). There is currently a Staging Area Headquarters established at the Myrtle Grove Marina and very heavy vessel traffic is occurring. All of the dredged material will still be placed between the marsh line and water line as originally intended and therefore, there are no proposed wetland impacts. Thank you in advance for your immediate assistance.

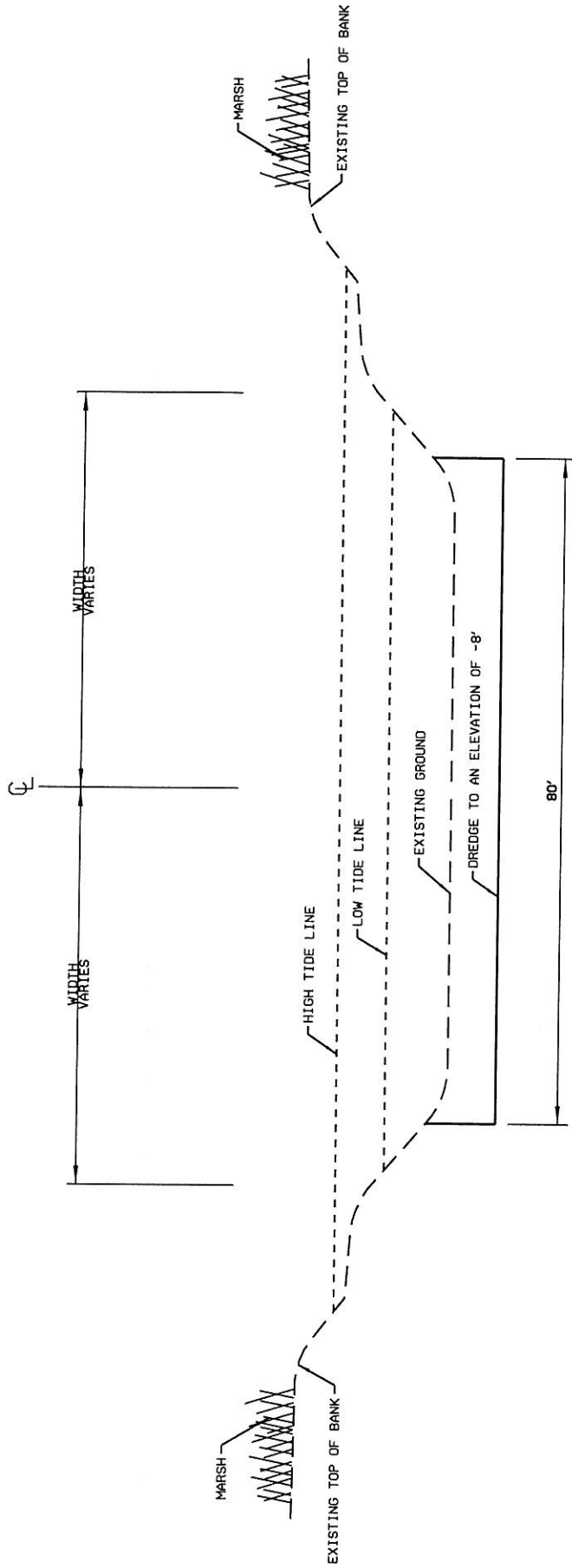
Respectfully yours,

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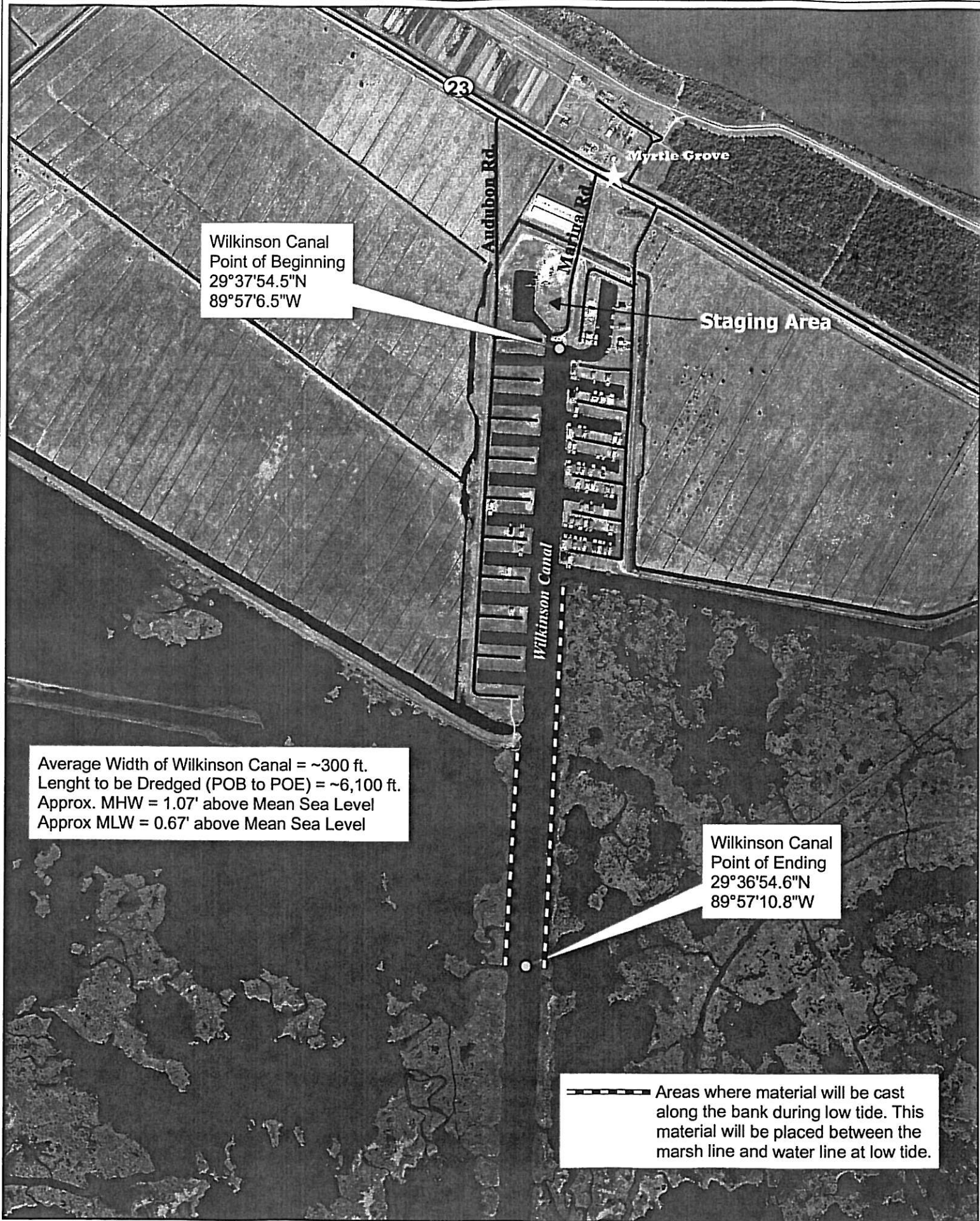
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WILKINSON CANAL "B"



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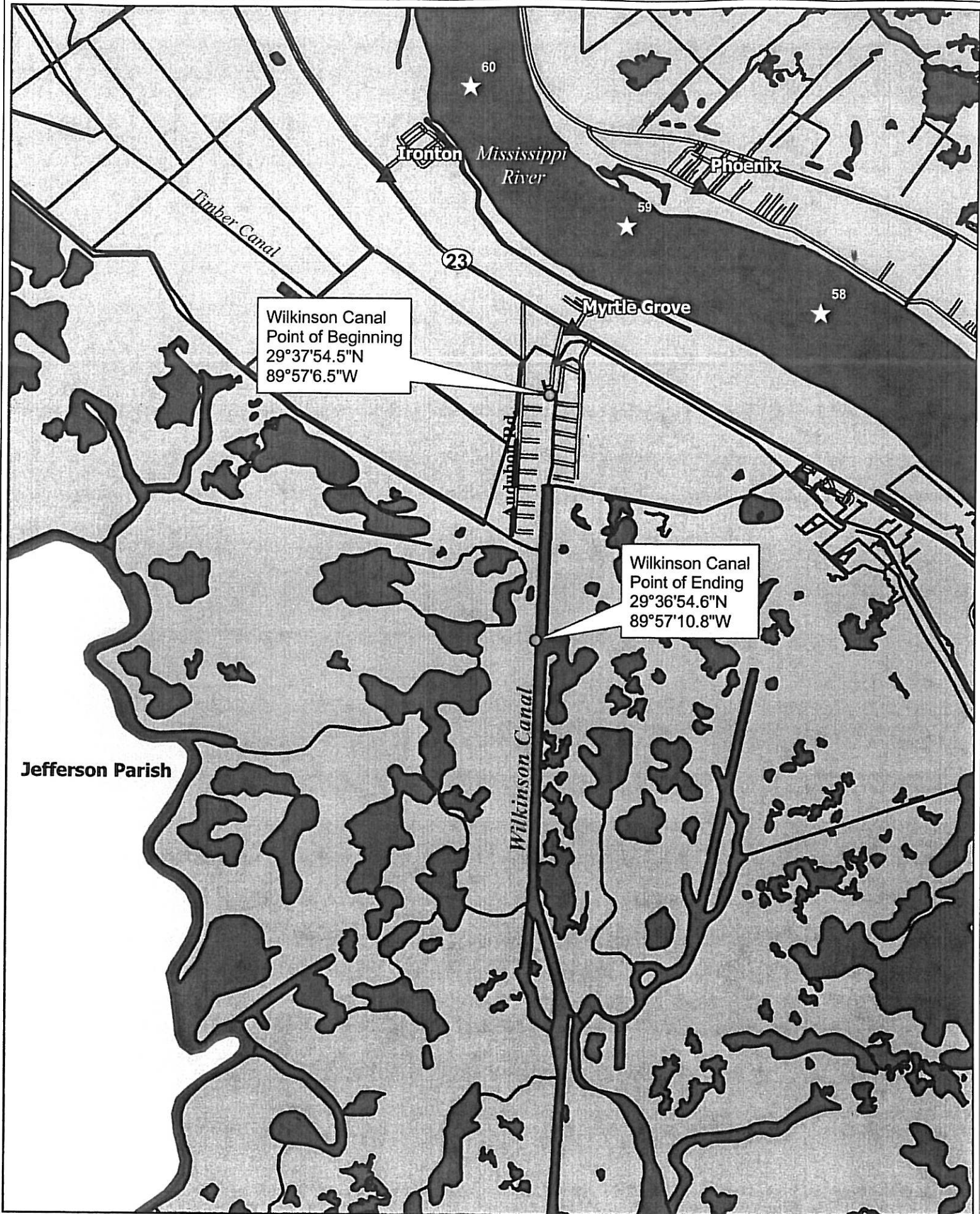
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Staging Area

Average Width of Wilkinson Canal = ~300 ft.
 Length to be Dredged (POB to POE) = ~6,100 ft.
 Approx. MHW = 1.07' above Mean Sea Level
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--- Areas where material will be cast along the bank during low tide. This material will be placed between the marsh line and water line at low tide.



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Subject: FW: Emergency Authorization Request (MVN-2010-1098-EFF) & (EUA 10-056 Ammendment) / Agency Coordination
Attachments: EUA AMEND letter to DNR 8.4.10.pdf; Wilkinson_Vicinity B&W 8.4.10.pdf; Wilkinson_PlanView B&W 8.4.10.pdf; Typical Sections 8.3.10.pdf

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***PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING AN (EXTENSION OF TIME) FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT PROPOSAL,

UNTIL (MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010, AT 12:30 PM). THANK YOU FOR YOUR COORDINATION.

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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August 5, 2010

Mr. Pete J. Serio, Chief
Regulatory Branch
United States Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

RE: *Application Number: MVN-2010-1098 (Re:EUA-10-056)*
Applicant: Plaquemines Parish Government
Public Notice Date: August 5, 2010

Dear Mr. Serio:

The professional staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has reviewed the above referenced Public Notice. Based upon this review, the following has been determined:

It is anticipated that the proposed activity will have minimal or no long-term adverse impacts to wetland functions and, therefore, we have no objection.

Our database indicates the presence of bird nesting colonies within one mile of this proposed project. **Please be aware that entry into or disturbance of active breeding colonies is prohibited by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). In addition, LDWF prohibits work within a certain radius of an active nesting colony.**

Nesting colonies can move from year to year and no current information is available on the status of these colonies. If work for the proposed project will commence during the nesting season, conduct a field visit to the worksite to look for evidence of nesting colonies. This field visit should take place no more than two weeks before the project begins. If no nesting colonies are found within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of the proposed project, no further consultation with LDWF will be necessary. If active nesting colonies are found within the previously stated distances of the proposed project, further consultation with LDWF will be required. In addition, colonies should be surveyed by a qualified biologist to document species present and the extent of colonies. Provide LDWF with a survey report which is to include the following information:

1. qualifications of survey personnel;
2. survey methodology including dates, site characteristics, and size of survey area;

3. species of birds present, activity, estimates of number of nests present, and general vegetation type including digital photographs representing the site; and
4. topographic maps and ArcView shapefiles projected in UTM NAD83 Zone 15 to illustrate the location and extent of the colony.

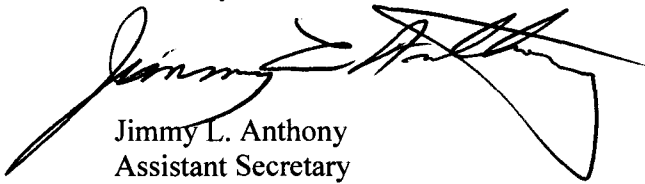
Please mail survey reports on CD to: Louisiana Natural Heritage Program
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

To minimize disturbance to colonial nesting birds, the following restrictions on activity should be observed:

- For colonies containing nesting wading birds (i.e., herons, egrets, night-herons, ibis, roseate spoonbills, anhingas, and/or cormorants), all project activity occurring within 300 meters of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 1 through February 15).
- For colonies containing nesting gulls, terns, and/or black skimmers, all project activity occurring within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 16 through April 1).

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to review and provide recommendations to you regarding this proposed activity. Please do not hesitate to contact Habitat Section biologist Matthew Weigel at [REDACTED] should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,



Jimmy L. Anthony
Assistant Secretary

mw/cm

c: Matthew Weigel, Biologist
Carolyn Michon, Biologist
EPA Marine & Wetlands Section
USFWS Ecological Services

USEPA Comments
Emergency Authorization Amendment
MVN-2010-1098 EFF and EUA 10-056 Amendment
Wilkinson Canal Dredging, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

EPA does not object to this proposed project provided that the following conditions are a component of the Corps' emergency authorization amendment. However, it is unclear whether this project has been coordinated through the NIC, the Houma Command Center and/or the Coast Guard. Therefore, prior to project implementation proper clearance should be received from the appropriate coordinating and review bodies, including, but not limited to, those identified above.

Recommended Conditions

1. Dredged material shall not be placed in vegetated wetlands.
2. Dredged material shall not be disposed of at a height above existing marsh elevation.
3. Proposed project shall not impede fisheries and wildlife ingress/egress into adjacent natural marsh areas. Potential impacts shall be coordinated with appropriate state and federal resource agencies.
4. Dredging depth and channel width shall not exceed previously maintained channel depth and width or original design depth and width of channel.
5. All dredging operations shall be conducted from water borne vessels. No dredging equipment is to be operating from adjacent marsh areas to the Wilkinson Canal.
6. The applicant shall identify to the New Orleans Corps District the location(s) of the emergency response staging areas associated with the proposal to ensure any potential impacts to vegetated wetlands are avoided and minimized.

National Marine Fisheries Service
Comments on
Emergency Authorization Request for
Wilkinson Canal Dredging (MNV 2010-1879 EFF)

August 6, 2010

By electronic mail dated August 5, 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (NOD) requested natural resource agency review of the application by Plaquemines Parish for emergency authorization to dredge approximately 6,100 feet of Wilkinson Canal in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. As depicted on the plats, an unspecified quantity of material would be placed in open water adjacent to the canal and no material would be placed on existing marsh. The purpose of the proposed activity is to provide a staging area at Myrtle Grove Marina for emergency response vessels responding to the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Due to the limited time provided for agency review and response to the emergency authorization request, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reserves the right to provide additional recommendations and permit conditions. Those recommendations could be provided during our review of a response to agency comments developed by the applicant, our review of proposed permit special conditions provided to NMFS by NOD personnel, or when a formal permit application is processed within 30 days of permit issuance as required by provisions of General Permit NOD-20.

General Comments

- The stated purpose of the proposed activity is to provide a staging area for vessels involved in response activities associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident. Mike Utsler, now the BP Area Commander, but until this week the BP Incident Commander for Louisiana has informed NOAA's on-scene Scientific Support Coordinator that the only vessels being staged out of Myrtle Grove were shallow draft and are having no problems with those operations moving through Wilkinson Canal.

Shoreline outlook and nearshore surface oil forecasting reports from the command center identify no recoverable oil since July 31, and new shoreline impacts from oil slicks are not projected at this time, although onshore winds may bring tar balls onto the shore. Therefore, NMFS believes that the need for dredging may be questionable if there is a reduced need for on-going or future response, and the response to date has been accommodated from other approved staging areas with the present draft constraints at the proposed project site. Thus, the need for emergency authorization procedures may be questionable.

- The applicant has not provided any information in the plats regarding existing depths in the canal; therefore, it is not possible to assess the need for the proposed dredging.

- As proposed, the project may not be technically feasible and critical information is not provided. Based on our review of the provided plats and our knowledge of the project site, limited area may be available for dredged material placement. Material placed immediately adjacent to the canal will likely slough back into the canal. This is based on the lack of an offset between the toe of the dredge and fill areas needed for stability plus the infeasible slope depicted for the fill areas. Rapid sloughing of dredged material will be accelerated by heavy boat traffic. We also note that the application does not include information such as the volume of material to be excavated (nor can it be calculated with the provided information) or the maximum disposal elevation. This information should be required/provided to assist in determining what modifications may be appropriate to avoid and minimize potential adverse impacts. Based on the information provided, we cannot determine if adequate area is available to allow for disposal of material in open water to avoid impacts to marsh, allow disposal at elevations conducive to marsh creation, or if supratidal disposal elevations may be appropriate (with subsequent degradation) to avoid direct impacts to adjacent marsh.

Overall, the project potentially could have minimal adverse environmental impacts, if deepening is deemed necessary. However, alternative lesser damaging alternatives should be considered. Similar to the authorization for Happy Jack Canal, there are feasible opportunities to place dredged material in open water in a manner conducive to the establishment of marsh elevations west of Wilkinson Canal and south of the existing local levee. These alternative disposal areas are within the reach limits of a barge mounted bucket dredge, double handling with marsh buggy backhoes, or a small hydraulic dredge. In addition to beneficial use of dredged material, maintenance of ample tidal exchange points from the canal with adjacent habitat should be considered. There are two such existing gaps that could be kept open to maintain existing hydrology.

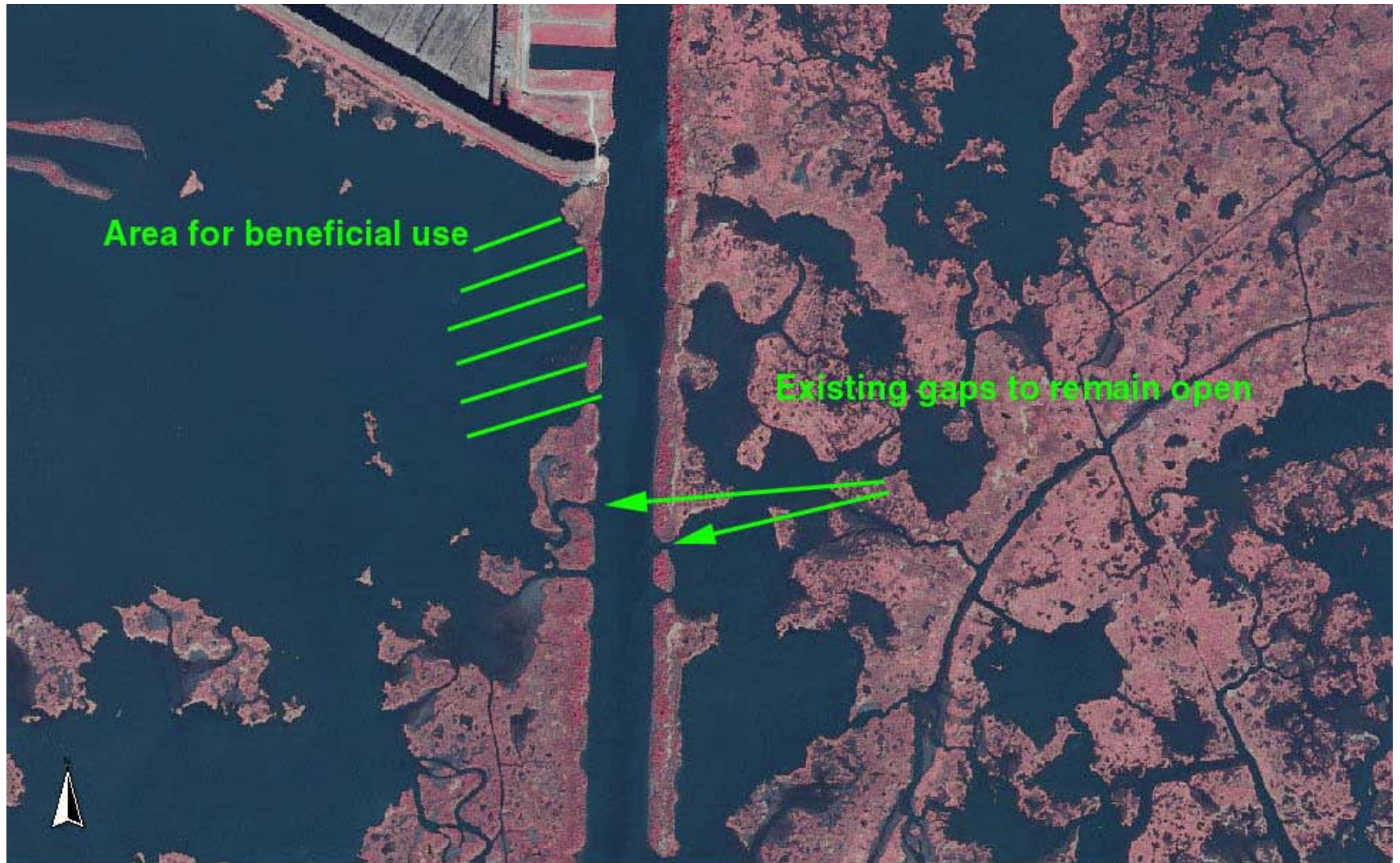
Specific Comments

NMFS does not concur with emergency authorization of the proposed activity. If the NOD determines that emergency authorization for this effort is warranted or considers issuance under the Programmatic General Permit Category II, NMFS recommends the following conditions be included in any permit issued for this project. These comments are provided under the authority of the essential fish habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

1. No dredged material shall be placed on existing wetlands.
2. Spoil shall not be placed continuously. Twenty-five foot wide gaps shall be left in spoil disposal areas at no less than 1,000 foot intervals.
3. To the maximum extent practicable, dredged material shall be placed west of Wilkinson Canal and south of the existing local levee in a manner conducive to the establishment of marsh elevations. Specifically, dredged material shall be placed

in the area identified on the enclosed figure not to exceed a settled elevation of +1.5 ft NAVD 88 within one year of fill placement.

4. No dredged material shall be placed to block existing openings in the canal bankline identified in the enclosed figure.
5. The permittee shall be responsible for mitigating all unavoidable adverse impacts to wetlands and other essential fish habitat. If mitigation is required, an acceptable mitigation plan shall be developed through coordination with the NOD, NMFS, and other interested natural resource agencies. Mitigation, if deemed necessary, shall be required to be implemented as quickly as practicable or temporal loss of habitat function may be assessed and be required to be mitigated.



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Date: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:01:27 PM

Darrell,

DEQ has no objection to the revised project and would like to recommend that spoil deposition not be placed in any natural drainages in the project area and that reasonable practices to minimize excessive turbidity be employed.

Thanks,
Jamie Phillippe
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
401 Water Quality Certifications

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Attachments: [DWF comments.pdf](#)
[EPA comments.pdf](#)
[NMFS comments.pdf](#)
[DEQ comments.pdf](#)

Kara, please review and respond to the attached agency comments from the DWF, the EPA, the USFWS, and the DEQ related to the emergency proposal numbered above, by 12:00 noon, August 11, 2010. As previously discussed, our office had similar questions and requests for modified drawings; in order for us to better evaluate and approve the work under our (NOD 20) Emergency Authorization.

By regulation, an emergency is defined as a situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss to property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken in less than the normal time needed to process the application under our standard procedure. In consideration of this, we will maintain an expeditious review of any information that you provide relevant this emergency request.

If deemed more practical by the applicant, please be aware that with the information reviewed so far and with submittal of the Joint Permit Application, it appears that the work would likely fit under our Programmatic General Permit (Category II), pending coordination of agency recommendations related to minimization and mitigation of on-site impacts. Thank you as always and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Thanks!

Kara Knott, CFM

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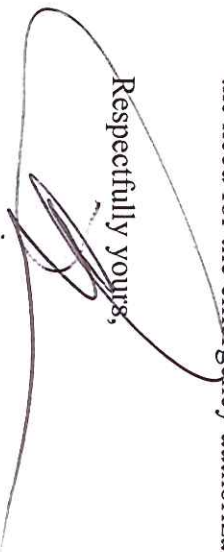
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW EUA AMENDMENT
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SUBJECT: Emergency Authorization Request ---WITHDRAWN---
Ref: (MVN-2010-1098-EFF) & (EUA10-056 Amendment)

Be advised that the subject (Emergency Request) numbered above, by Plaquemines Parish to dredge Wilkinson Canal near Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, for the purpose of oil spill response & vessel navigation; has been withdrawn by the applicant. (see attached letter) At this time, we will be withdrawing this request as an active file. If you have any questions related to this matter, please feel free to contact Darrell Barbara with this office. Thanks you for your coordination.

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To: "[Sharon McCarthy](#)"
Cc: "[P J Hahn](#)"; albertine_kimble@plaqueminesparish.com; [Barbara, Darrell MVN](#)
Subject: RE: Amendment to EUA 10-056 from Plaquemines Parish
Date: Monday, August 09, 2010 4:53:40 PM

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From: Knott, Kara [<mailto:kknott@volkert.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 9:36 AM
To: Sharon McCarthy
Subject: RE: Amendment to EUA 10-056 from Plaquemines Parish

Ok Thanks Sharon!!

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Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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Cc: [Barbara, Darrell MVN](#)
Subject: FW: Amendment to EUA 10-056 from Plaquemines Parish
Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 7:53:28 AM

Kara,

Please see the comments below from my supervisor. Information such as existing water bottom elevations on the cross sections is information we normally require as well as the drafts of those vessels utilizing the canal. She also points out that the frequency of travel from this point on is not clear, the need for boom deployment, suction trucks, and skimmers has diminished since the oil spill has been capped and reports of surface oil coming ashore have dropped dramatically. Please provide the additional information requested in order to make a determination to warrant this an "emergency". Thank You.

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From: Christine Charrier
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 7:20 AM
To: Sharon McCarthy
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No, I think we really need more concrete information such as average depth of dredging (existing water bottom elevations on the cross sections would help), vessel drafts and vessel traffic information (type, size, frequency of travel and purpose). A couple of people have noted that activities have dropped off at this marina, plus we know nothing about water depth and response vessel drafts so the need for this activity as an emergency is not clear.

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Christine,

The agent has supplied the explanation below as justification for the requested EUA. I will also forward an email sent to the agent from the COE that requests similar information. Please review and let me know if you feel this is sufficient.

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