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PUBLIC NOTICE

Introduction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN), has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment #542.A (SEA #542.A) titled “Louisiana Coastal Area Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program at Tiger Pass Project, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana” which is available for your review. This public notice is being posted per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council of Environmental Quality’s Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1506.6, Public Involvement and the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 in accordance with provisions of Title 33 CFR Parts 336.1(b)(1) and 337.1, which establish policy, practices, and procedures to be followed on Federal actions involving the disposal of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (application of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA guidelines).

The purpose of SEA #542.A is to address changes to the previously approved ridge restoration and marsh creation project approved in EA #542 which was released for public review from December 20, 2015 through January 20, 2016. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for EA #542 was approved by the CEMVN Commander on March 9, 2016.

Location of Work. The proposed action is located in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Description of Work. The proposed action assessed in SEA #542.A involves changes to the approved Project Plan for ridge restoration and marsh creation previously described in EA #542. Changes include adjustments to the design of the ridge and marsh platform in the Project Area, the expansion of the marsh platform to include perimeter dikes, borrow pits for perimeter dike construction, the addition of an equipment and pipeline staging area and the impacts associated with the equipment needed for the jack and bore pipeline casing installation of a 42 inch pipeline casing under portions of Tide Water Road. Also being proposed is an alternative route to facilitate the transport of the dredged material from the marina to the Project Area via a dredge material discharge pipeline. Utilization of the proposed alternative route would require dredging of a marine vessel slip located at the eastern end of Haliburton Road in order to accommodate barge traffic.

The proposed action is located in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Evaluation of the proposed action includes application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through 40 CFR 230. The action is proposed under the LCA BUDMAT Program, which has been approved under Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement entitled "Louisiana Coastal Area Beneficial Use of Dredge Material, Record of Decision signed August 13, 2010.

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. Copies of SEA #542.A and supporting documents are available at <http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov>, or upon request.

The 30-day public review and comment period for SEA #542.A and the CWA notice will begin on December 5, 2016 and end on January 3, 2017. Interested parties may express their views on the proposed action. All comments postmarked on or before the expiration of the comment period for this notice will be considered.

Comments may be submitted via www.nolaenvironmental.gov, by emailing mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil, by fax to (504) 862-2088, or by mail to Ms. Patricia Leroux; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Regional Planning and Environmental Division South; 7400 Leake Avenue; New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 to request a copy.