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RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT, SECTION 10
PUBLIC NOTICE

ORLEANS PARISH DRAINAGE PUMP STATION STORMPROOFING PROJECT
PUMP STATION #19
ORLEANS PARISH, LOUISIANA

Introduction. This Public Notice is issued in accordance with provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. 403.

Project Authority. The action was authorized by the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law [PL] 109-234; 4th Supplemental). Additional funding was provided in the Fiscal Year 2008 Emergency Supplemental Funding, P.L. 110-252 (6th Supplemental).

Location. Drainage Pump Station (DPS) 19 is located north of Florida Avenue and adjacent to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

Project Description. The proposed work is part of the Existing Pump Station Storm proofing program in Orleans Parish. Storm proofing activities at DPS 19 include reinforcement and flood protection of the existing pump station against wind, installation of a generator to provide temporary power to the station, and installation of an emergency fuel fill line for the existing generator fuel tanks.

The emergency fuel fill line would allow barges on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to supply fuel to the station if roads to the pump station are impassable. Two alternatives are being considered for the fuel line(figure 1); one would run parallel to Harbor Road on the South side of the station and the other would run along the property line between the Port of New Orleans and DPS 19 on the North side of the property. An engineering study is currently being performed to determine the choice of the alternative.

In both alternatives, a 3-inch emergency fuel line would be attached to the top of one of the existing dolphins that are protecting DPS 19. The fuel line would not extend beyond the edge of the dolphin and so would not impact navigation in the channel. The fuel line would extend from the dolphin back to DPS 19. The fuel line would be about 10-15 feet above the water and would extend over the water a distance of approximately 60-70 feet.

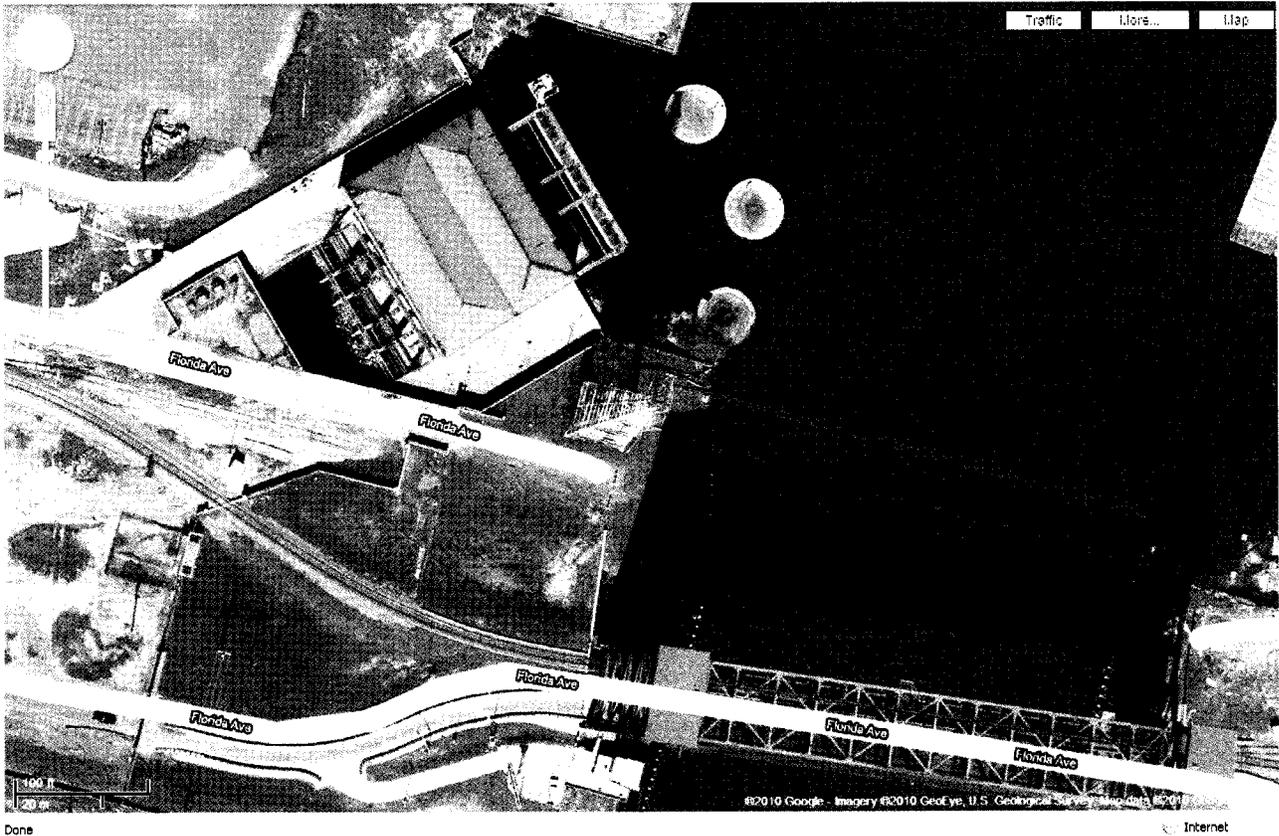


Figure 1: Two Possible Approximate Routes to Dolphin. Only portion of line over water is shown.

Discharges by Others. No.

Properties Adjacent to the site. Port of New Orleans

Status of Environmental Assessment and Other Environmental Documents. A Finding of No Significant Impact for this project, as described in Environmental Assessment #474, was signed by the CEMVN Commander on June 16, 2009.

Environmental compliance for the project was achieved upon: coordination of Environmental Assessment #474 with appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals for their review and comments; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) confirmation that the proposed action would not be likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species; Louisiana Department of Natural Resources concurrence with the determination that the proposed action is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program; receipt of the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer Determination of No Affect on cultural resources; receipt and acceptance or resolution of all USFWS Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act recommendations; and receipt and acceptance or resolution of all Louisiana

Department of Environmental Quality comments on the air quality impact analysis documented in the EA. The Finding of No Significant Impact was signed once the proposed action achieved environmental compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as described above. Once design details were developed for the emergency fuel fill pipeline, the need for additional environmental compliance was realized. As this line, as now designed, would be constructed over a portion of a navigable water of the United States, compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act is required.

Coordination. The following is a partial list of agencies to which a copy of this notice is being sent:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
U.S. Coast Guard, Eighth District
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer
Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities

This notice is being distributed to these and other appropriate Congressional, Federal, state, and local interests, environmental organizations, and other interested parties.

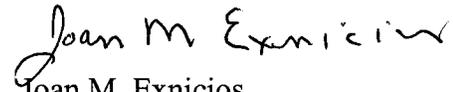
Public Involvement. Draft Environmental Assessment #474 was released for a 30-day public period on April 17, 2009. An amended Draft Environmental Assessment was released for an additional 15 day public comment period on May 15, 2009. The comment period for this Environmental Assessment was open for 43 days.

Interested parties may express their views on the placement of the above water emergency fuel line to an existing dolphin. All comments postmarked on or before the expiration of the comment period for this notice will be considered.

Any person who has an interest that may be affected by this action may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the comment period of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by the project.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any parties who may have an interest in the project.

For further information regarding the proposed action, please contact Ms. Lee Walker at (504) 862-1444. Ms. Walker's FAX number is (504) 862-1557 and her E-mail address is Lee.Z.Walker@usace.army.mil.



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COMMENT PERIOD FOR THIS PUBLIC NOTICE EXPIRES: 29 May 2010