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COE NUMBER:
MVN-2011-2110-WJJ

WQC NUMBER:
110817-01

CUP NUMBER:
P20111003

NAME: **EAST CAMERON PORT**
c/o LONNIE G. HARPER & ASSOC. INC.
2746 HWY 384
BELL CITY, LA 70630
Attn: Lonnie G. Harper

LOCATION: **Cameron Parish, LA;** P.O.B. @ Lat 29° 47' 01.35"N / Long 93° 06' 50.81"W; P.O.E. @ Lat 29° 45' 51.60"N / Long 93° 02' 41.56"W; Sections 2,3,4,5,8,9, and 10 T15S R7W; Section 32 T14S R7W; Creole Canal and Mermentau River; Oak Grove, La.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed maintenance dredging of the Creole Canal (approximately 90' wide in the canal) and portions of the Mermentau River (approximately 100' wide in the river), for a length of 30,135', and depth of -7.0 NAVD 88 to improve gravity drainage for the Creole and Oak Grove areas. Spoil will be permanently placed on an existing embankments along both sides of the Creole Canal (35' maximum width and approximately 10,285' long to a height of +5.00 NAVD 88 on the east side and 35' maximum width and approximately 10,285' long to a height of 6 inches on the west side) and in the Mermentau River (130' wide x approximately 19,740' long to a height of +2.00 NAVD 88). Approximately 423,932 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and used as fill. Approximately 124.2 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms and 16.5 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

NOTICE the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has received the above application for a Coastal Use Permit (CUP) in accordance with the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended, (Louisiana R.S. 49:214.21-214.41), and the rules and regulations of the Coastal Resources Program. Applications for the proposed work may be inspected at 617 North 3rd Street, Room 1078, Baton Rouge, LA or on the OCM web page at: <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=591>. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work and stating the reasons thereof, are being solicited from the public. Comments must be received within 25 days of the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be uploaded to our electronic record, but may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the designated OCM Reviewer. All comments must contain the appropriate application number and the commenter's full name and contact information.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30:2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Comments concerning the application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: Office of Environmental Services, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313.

The public comment period for Coastal Use Permit and Water Quality Certification applications begins on the

date of publication of notice in the official journal (The Advocate), in accordance with LAC 43:I. 723(C)(5)(c). OCM will provide this date on request.

Additionally, interested parties are hereby notified that application has been received by the District Engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816: 33 USC 1344) and/or Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403). The notice and notice policies of the Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District can be found on their webpage at: <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/publicnotices.asp>.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a State or Federal public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing and must contain the name and contact information of the requester.

Attached Plats:	1)	P20111003	Notice Plats	08/24/2011
	2)	P20111003	Notice Plats	03/19/2012
	3)	P20111003	Notice Plats	03/07/2012