



Clean Water Act Section 404: Site Visit/Case Development

[For inspections authorized pursuant to Clean Water Act sections 308 and 404). This report includes only factual information gained by documentation, onsite observations, and/or onsite interviews.]

Inspector Name(s): Tom Nystrom

Time In/Start Date: 8:30 AM, 02/05/2025

Time Out/End Date: 9:30 AM 02/05/2025

Inspector's Organization: Water Resources Section, Water Enforcement Branch

Organization Requesting Inspection (if different): n/a

Inspection Type: Evaluation

Inspection Status: Original

Inspection Purpose: Observe potential unauthorized fill material

Site Name: Tangipahoa Parish Fairgrounds

Site Address/Location:

Arena Road at Hwy 51

Amite City, LA 70422

Tangipahoa Parish

Site Coordinates: Latitude: 30.7432 Longitude: - 90.51524

Responsible Party Mailing Address: Tangipahoa Parish

1301 NW Central Ave.

Amite City, LA

Estimated Size of site: 26.4 acres Is there a home on the site?: no

Opening Conference

Were Inspector credentials presented: no To whom? n/a

Name of person authorizing site access/access issues: Missy Cowart, Tangipahoa Parish

Summary of Notes from Opening conference: Parish understands the extent of the unauthorized activity and has already prepared an after-the-fact permit application to submit to the Corps once an EPA order is issued. They also understand a penalty is a possibility.

Inspection Observations

Site Owner/Responsible Party : Tangipahoa Parish

Additional Persons Present at Inspection:

Missy Cowart, Parish Director of Finance

Joe Thomas, Parish Chief Administrative Officer

Mike Hill, ELOS Environmental

General Site Characteristics: The site has been extensively cleared and leveled, with several streams channelized. Some wetlands may be starting to re-establish in the lowest places.

Respondent's Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material:

Expand area for Parish Fairground activities and parking

Site Overview (past inspections, permits, etc.): Corps has done previous inspections. The Parish has had numerous CWA-404 permits in the past.

Scope of Inspection/Summary of findings: Wetlands at the site have been extensively filled, streams at the site have been channelized and/or filled.

Environmental Conditions: 77 degrees, sunny

Field Work Conducted: Walked site and took photos

Closing Conference

Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection: none

Compliance Assistance Provided (if any): Explained Clean Water Act Section 404 program

Observations Relayed to Site Owner: They will be required to obtain an after-the-fact permit from the Corps of Engineers. Site impacts will be fully addressed through that process, and mitigation for impacts will be required

Corrective Actions Taken by Owner/Respondent During the Inspection: none

Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations: They are expecting Administrative Order on Consent from EPA, and the potential of a penalty after that.

Attachments

Maps and Sketches: photo site map

Photographs and/or Photo Log: Photo log

Other (Wetlands Delineation field data, etc.): n/a

Additional Notes:

Inspector Signature and date:

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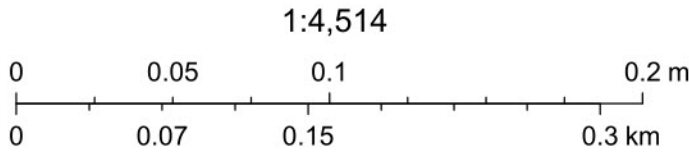
Supervisor Signature and date:

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Tangipahoa Parish Fairgrounds



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Appendix 1

Photograph Log



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Photo No. 1

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City: Amite City	Parish: Tangipahoa	State: LA



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IMG_2974	02/05/2025 8:51 am	T.Nystrom	Site overview from near hwy 51



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