



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: 12:30 pm 02/03/2025

Time Out/End Date: 1:30 pm 02/03/2025

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: Tom's Marine and Salvage

Site Address/Location:

3008 Jean Lafitte Blvd

Jean Lafitte, LA

Jefferson Parish

Site Coordinates: Latitude: 29.72513 Longitude: -90.12041

Responsible Party Mailing Address: same as above

Estimated Size of site: 16 acres

Is there a home on the site?: unknown

Opening Conference

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

Name of person authorizing site access/access issues: No access granted

Summary of Notes from Opening conference: n/a

Inspection Observations

Site Owner/Responsible Party and contact information: Tom Dinh 504 921-7373

Additional Persons Present at Inspection: Bill (contractor)

General Site Characteristics: Majority of the site has been converted to Salvage yard with piles of salvage material, old boats, etc and roads covering 99% of the area.

Respondent's Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged of Fill Material: More room for more salvage material

Site Overview (past inspections, permits, etc.): Corps inspections 4/2/2021 and 5/10/2021

Scope of Inspection/Summary of findings: No formal onsite inspection performed as Mr. Dinh did not show up. Waited onsite and chatted with "Bill" about the business, but he was not empowered to provide site access. Bill did place several calls to Mr. Dinh, but those went unanswered, as did EPA calls.

Environmental Conditions: 75 degrees, Sunny

Field Work Conducted: After waiting almost 1 hour, I went to the property to the south and observed the vegetation from public right-of-way.

Closing Conference

Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection: No closing conference

Compliance Assistance Provided (if any): n/a

Observations Relayed to Site Owner: Informed Bill that this was an EPA inspection regarding the deposition of fill material without a permit. He chuckled.

Corrective Actions Taken by Owner/Respondent During the Inspection: n/a

Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations: n/a

Attachments

Maps and Sketches: photo site map

Photographs and/or Photo Log: Photo log

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

Additional Notes: Next step needed: Update WOTUS map and extent of unauthorized fill material map and provide to Mr. Dinh.

Inspector Signature and date:

Nystrom, Thomas

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Supervisor Signature and date:

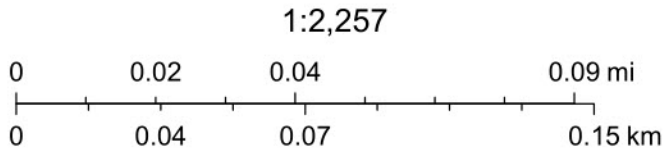
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Tom's Marine and Salvage Photo locations



3/3/2025, 11:06:58 AM



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

Appendix 1

Photograph Log



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