



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: 10:25am 2/21/2024

Time Out/End Date: 10:35am 2/21/2024

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

Organization Requesting Inspection (if different): n/a

Inspection Type: Citizen Complaint/Evaluation

Inspection Status: Original

Inspection Purpose: Observe potential unauthorized fill material

Site Name: Pit Road

Site Address/Location:

Pit Road at 13840 Old Spanish Trail
Boutte, St. Charles Parish, LA 70039

Site Coordinates: 29.89844 -90.4014

Responsible Party Mailing Address: unknown at this time

Estimated Size of site: 15 acres Is there a home on the site?: yes

Opening Conference

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

Name of person authorizing site access/access issues: Did not go onsite

Summary of Notes from Opening conference: n/a

Inspection Observations

Site Owner/Responsible Party and contact information: unknown at this time. Corps will investigate and contact landowner

Additional Persons Present at Inspection: Stan Stansbury, New Orleans District Corps of Engineers

General Site Characteristics: Mixed bottomland hardwood forested site which had been partially cleared in the past. Drainage ditch along Pit Road was full of water.

Respondent's Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged of Fill Material: Citizen reported additional tree clearing and piling of downed trees into rows

Site Overview (past inspections, permits, etc.): No previous EPA or Corps inspections

Scope of Inspection/Summary of findings: New work involving tree clearing and piling of trees into rows was observed. Some redistribution of fill material occurred as a result of pushing the downed trees into piles. No new surface drainage work was observed. Water in the roadside ditch on Pit Road was not flowing

Environmental Conditions: Partly cloudy, 66 degrees

Field Work Conducted: Observations from public road. No field work.

Closing Conference

Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection: n/a

Compliance Assistance Provided (if any): n/a

Observations Relayed to Site Owner: n/a

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: Corps of Engineers (Stan) said they would take the lead on finding the landowner and requiring some restoration of wetland areas. They will also respond to the citizen inquiry. Some of the work might have been clean-up of older tree clearing work. It will require aerial photo review to determine how long ago previous tree clearing occurred.

Inspector Signature and date:

Thomas Nystrom

3/1/2024

Supervisor Signature and date:

Carol Johnson

3/5/2024