

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT 7400 LEAKE AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118-3651

## CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Operations Division Surveillance and Enforcement Section

ISSUED TO: Lafayette Consolidated Government

ADDRESS: 705 W University Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70506 PHONE: 337-291-8200

LOCATION OF WORK: Sections 33 and 4, Township 9S, Range 5E in St. Martin Parish, and

Section 15, Township 9S, Range 5E in Lafayette Parish; along and near the Vermilion River

CHARACTER OF WORK: Unauthorized deposition and redistribution of dredged and fill material in

waters of the U.S., and unauthorized work in navigable waters of the U.S.

APPARENT VIOLATION OF: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA); Section 13 of RHA; Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (CWA); and/or Section 404 of the CWA.

The work described above was performed in waters of the United States and is therefore subject to Department of the Army (DA) regulatory authority. You are directed not to perform or allow any further unauthorized work at this site until proper authorization has been granted. Failure to abide by this Cease and Desist Order will result in appropriate legal action.

You are advised that violations of the RHA and/or CWA may subject you to administrative and/or judicial action. Legal action could result in a fine and/or a court order to restore the site to preproject conditions. A DA permit application cannot be accepted until all legal issues are resolved. To assist us in our evaluation, you are requested to submit a letter of comments. Specifically, your comments should address why you failed to obtain a DA permit prior to conducting this unauthorized work in light of the fact that

you had a permit application in for this work and withdrew it, had a wetland delineation showing where wetlands and non-wetland waters occurred on the properties,

understand that permits are required for activities in waters of the U.S., and have extensive permitting history with the Corps.

Your comments should be submitted to the Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section, at the above address.

If we do not receive a written response from you within 20 days from the date shown below, we will proceed with appropriate action for resolution of the legal issues based on the information in our files.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, or if you have any questions concerning wetlands and the permitting process, please contact the undersigned issuer at (504) 862-2274 or -2270.

Sincerely,

Stephen . Murp Colonel, U.S. Army **District Commander** 

ISSUED BY: Brad Guarisco

JOB TITLE: Deputy Chief, Regulatory Division

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED:

DATE: