DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Operations Division
Central Evaluation Section

SUBJECT: MVN-2008-0143 CQ

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Office of Wildlife
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a permit dated this date, subject as above, authorizing work under the Department of the Army permit program.

You are again reminded that any work not in accordance with the approved plans is subject to removal regardless of the expense and the inconvenience that such removal may involve and regardless of the date when the discrepancy is discovered.

Your attention is directed to all the terms and conditions of the approval. In order to have the work approved in accordance with the issued permit, all terms and conditions of the permit and plans shown on the drawings attached thereto must be rigidly adhered to.

It is necessary that you notify the District Engineer, Attention: Central Evaluation Section, in writing, prior to commencement of work and also upon its completion. The notification must include the permittee’s name, as shown on the permit, and the permit number. Please note the expiration date on the permit. Should the project not be completed by that date, you may request a permit time extension. Such requests must be received before, but no sooner than six months before, the permit expiration date and must show the work completed and the reason the project was not finished within the time period granted by the permit.

A copy of Page 1 of the permit (ENG Form 1721) must be conspicuously displayed at the project site. Also, you must keep a copy of the signed permit at the project site until the work is completed.

We ask that you utilize the following link to complete and submit a Customer Service Survey: http://pet2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html. The New Orleans District Regulatory Branch is committed to improving our service to you and would like your honest opinions of how we are doing. If you do not have internet access you may request a hard copy of the Customer Service Survey by calling (504) 862-2257. Your input is important to us, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Central Evaluation Section

Enclosure
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Permit No. MVN-2008-0143-CQ

Issuing Office: New Orleans District

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

Project Description: Dredge and deposit earthen material to construct and maintain a back bay vegetated marsh platform along the northern shoreline of Raccoon Island to implement the Raccoon Island Marsh Creation Project- Phase B (CWPPRA TE-48), in accordance with the drawings attached in fifteen sheets, dated August 2007, September 2007, and December 2007 and no revisions.

Project Location: At a location central to a point approximately 21.0 miles southwesterly of Cocodrie, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish.

Permit Conditions:

General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on May 31, 2013. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least 1 month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

8. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

Special Conditions: Page 4.

Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

   (X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
   (X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. Limits of this authorization.
   a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
   b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
   c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
   d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
   a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
   b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.
   c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.
   d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
   b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).
   c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions: General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

[Signature]  5-29-08
(PERMITTEE)  (DATE)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

[Signature]  18 June 2008
Martin S. Mayer  (DATE)
(Chief, Central Evaluation Section)

for Alvin B. Lee, District Commander

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

[Signature]  (DATE)
(TRANSFEREE)
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7. The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana has stated that the project area is part of the aboriginal Chitimacha homelands. If during the course of work at the site, prehistoric and/or historic aboriginal cultural materials are discovered, the permittee will contact the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana at P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523, and the Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Regulatory Branch (CEMVN). CEMVN will initiate the required Federal, State, and Tribal coordination to determine the significance of the cultural materials and the need, if applicable, for additional cultural resource investigations.

8. Many local governing bodies have instituted laws and/or ordinances in order to regulate dredge and/or fill activities in floodplains to assure maintenance of floodwater storage capacity and avoid disruption of drainage patterns that may affect surrounding properties. Your project involves dredging and/or placement of fill, therefore, you must contact the local municipal and/or parish governing body regarding potential impacts to floodplains and compliance of your proposed activities with local floodplain ordinances, regulations or permits.

9. If the proposed project requires any additional work not expressly permitted herein, or impacts any wetlands other than the areas indicated on the attached drawings, the permittee must apply for an amendment to this authorization, prior to commencement of work in such areas.

10. The use of the permitted activity must not interfere with the public’s right to free navigation on all navigable waters of the United States.

11. The permittee must install and maintain, at permittee’s expense, any safety lights, signs and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, on the authorized facilities.

12. The permittee is aware that all local, state and parish approvals must be obtained prior to the commencement of work at the project site.
TOPO MAP - EAST SIDE
RACCOON ISLAND (TE-4B)
PHASE B - MARSH CREATION PROJECT
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PRELIMINARY

NRCS
National Resources Conservation Service
Louisiana Field Office, Baton Rouge, Lousiana

DATE: 04/05/96
DRAWN: D.J. Mangene
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PREPARED: D.C. Huffman

SCALE: 1" = 100'