

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT  
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

CSX Transportation, Inc. has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing to place multi-layer caps over areas containing residual polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which is a contaminant within the West Pascagoula River and Bayou Pierre. The proposed cap within the river has a length of approximately 1,250 feet and a maximum width of 200 feet. The proposed cap within the bayou has a length of approximately 1,200 feet and a maximum width of approximately 125 feet. To avoid disturbing the navigational depths of the bayou, a portion of the bayou area will be dredged prior to capping to maintain navigational depths. This dredging will be limited to the portion of the cap area east and just west of the Graveline Road bridge. A navigation channel 75 feet in length and 35 feet in width will be dredged through marsh vegetation to allow recreational craft to bypass the bayou oxbow west of Graveline Road. The cap is comprised of layers of reactive core mat, silty sand isolation layer, non-woven geotextile and poorly graded stone. The cap will then be overlaid with a veneer of fine sand and indigenous wetland vegetation within the intertidal zone to mitigate the 0.7 acre of tidal fringe wetland that will be affected by the project. Once the capping process is complete the applicant proposes to install a bulkhead 125 feet in length beginning just east of the Graveline Road bridge and tied into the existing bulkhead on the property. The project is located on Graveline Road, Gautier, Jackson County, MS.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303

(U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261 before 1:00 p.m. on the day December 10, 2009. A public hearing on the proposed project will be held Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Moss Point Riverfront Recreation Center Gym of Moss Point located at 4400 Denny Street, Moss Point, Mississippi.