

Exhibit 18 - US Army Corp of Engineers Wetlands Determination Letter



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

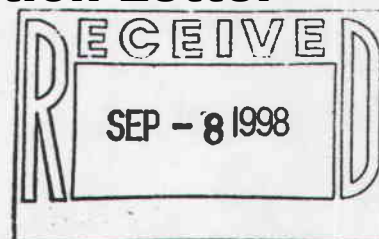
VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

4155 CLAY STREET

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39180-3435

<http://www.mvck.usace.army.mil/>

September 3, 1998



Operations Division
Regulatory

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Regulatory Requirements-PHASE II
WARD INDUSTRIAL PARK..

Mr. Gordon M. Naquin
Alliance, Incorporated
Petroleum Square, Suite 100
1324 North Hearne Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

Dear Mr. Naquin:

This is in response to your letter concerning possible regulatory requirements for your plans to develop a 240 acre tract of land south of Vivian, Louisiana into an industrial park. The tract is located in section 1, T21N-R16W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Based upon the information provided, we have determined there are jurisdictional areas on the property subject to regulation pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The approximate extent of these waters (intermittent streams) within the boundary of the property described in your letter is depicted on the enclosed map (enclosure 1). Any work involving the discharge of dredged or fill material (land clearing, ditching, filling, leveeing, etc.) within the limits of the jurisdictional areas identified will require a Department of the Army Section 404 permit prior to beginning work.

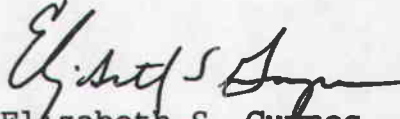
For your convenience, I am enclosing a Department of the Army permit application package with instructions (enclosure 2). Your application for any proposed work in wetlands or other waters of the United States should be submitted at least 90 - 120 days in advance of the proposed starting date. To expedite the evaluation process, please reference the number CEMVK-OD-FS-980008490-TS when submitting the application.

This jurisdictional determination is valid for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of this letter unless superseded by law, regulation, or policy change.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact Timothy Scott of this office, telephone number (601)631-7528, telefax (601) 631-5459 or e-mail address: regulatory@mvk01.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth S. Guynes
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



Key

- Wetlands
- Drains/Streams
- Lakes/Ponds

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REPLY TO
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October 10, 2002

Operations Division
Regulatory

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Regulatory Requirements--40-Acre
Tract, Barrow Heath Property, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Mr. C. Eric Hudson
Alliance, Incorporated
Bank One Tower
Suite 1200
400 Texas Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

Dear Mr. Hudson:

This is in response to your letter requesting a wetland determination for the subject property located in section 6, T21N-R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Based upon the information provided, it appears there are jurisdictional areas on the property subject to regulation pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The approximate extent of jurisdictional waters of the United States within the boundary of the property described in your letter is depicted on the enclosed preliminary map (enclosure 1). Any work involving the discharge of dredged or fill material (land clearing, ditching, filling, leveeing, etc.) within the limits of the jurisdictional areas identified will require a Department of the Army Section 404 permit prior to beginning work. Please note that this jurisdictional determination is preliminary and should be used for planning purposes only. A final determination will be made upon your submission of a completed application with project plans. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of an appeals form (enclosure 2).

For your convenience, I am enclosing a Department of the Army permit application package with instructions (enclosure 3). Your application for any proposed work on the subject property should be submitted at least 120 days in advance of the proposed starting date. To expedite the evaluation process, please refer to No. CEMVK-OD-FS-200210940-CRA when submitting the application.

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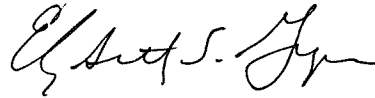


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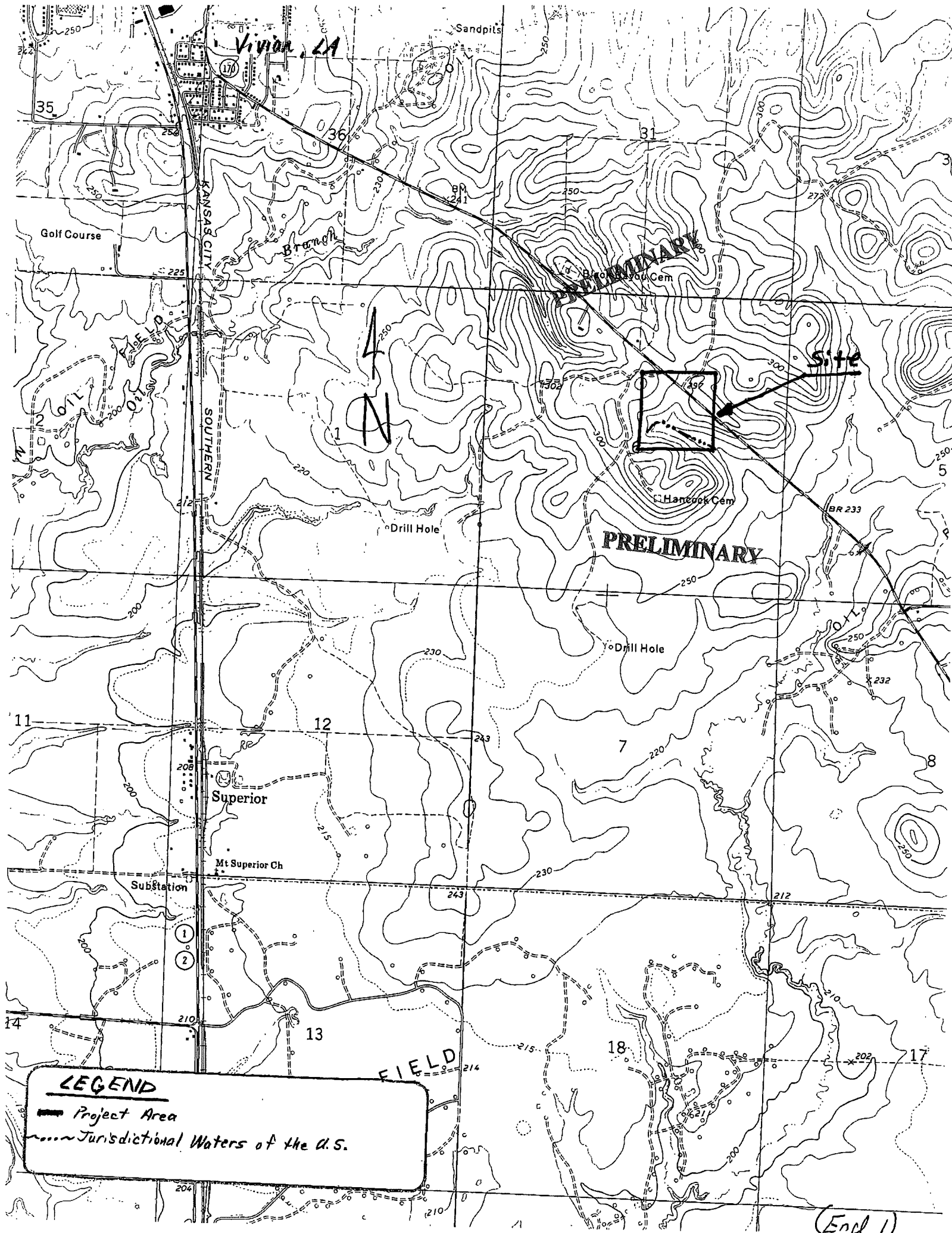
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles R. Allred, Jr., of this office, telephone (601) 631-5546, fax (601) 631-5459 or e-mail address: regulatory@mvk02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth S. Guynes
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



Vivian, LA

Sandpits

Golf Course

KANSAS CITY
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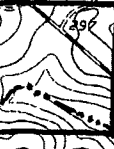
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