

resilient and reliable storm damage and risk reduction system, as directed by Congress.

Following a public meeting, opportunity for public comments, extensive interagency coordination and thorough ecological analyses, EPA approved the modification request on May 28, 2009, publishing the decision at 74 FR 143 (July 28, 2009). EPA determined that construction of the modified "T-wall" style floodwall within a 100 foot by 4,200 foot corridor ( $\leq 9.6$  acres) on a previously impacted area of the Bayou aux Carpes site (along with commitments from the Corps that would minimize construction impacts and provide for mitigation, wetland enhancement and long-term monitoring) was an acceptable approach. EPA found that compelling circumstances justified a modification, that there were no less environmentally damaging practicable alternatives that would adequately address those circumstances and that all feasible means of minimizing adverse wetland effects to the Bayou aux Carpes site would be implemented. This decision to modify a CWA Section 404(c) Final Determination was unique in the history of such determinations and EPA granted the modification in the belief that it would achieve a balance between the national interest in reducing overwhelming flood risks to the people and critical infrastructure of south Louisiana while minimizing any damage to the Bayou aux Carpes Section 404(c) area to the maximum degree possible in order to avoid unacceptable adverse effects.

In addition to that modification of the 1985 EPA Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) Final Determination, EPA has considered very few requests for coverage under the original exceptions. In 1992, Shell Pipeline Corporation requested permission to allow the discharge of dredged and fill material effecting approximately 0.43 acres of wetlands in the restricted site in connection with a proposed below ground pipeline relocation. This work was necessary to facilitate the enlargement of a federal hurricane protection levee and to remedy the emergency reconstruction of a leaking temporary by-pass pipeline segment. In addition, future routine operation and maintenance activities associated with this pipeline were requested to be excluded from the CWA Section 404(c) restriction. After notifying interested parties of the request via **Federal Register** publication and coordinating with the Corps and other agencies, EPA granted the requests, publishing the decision at 57 FR 3757 (January 31, 1992). EPA concluded that relocating

the pipeline to non-wetlands was infeasible from the perspectives of engineering and public safety, the work would have only minimal and temporary effects on the wetlands at issue and the work was essentially the same as that envisioned under the second exception included in the 1985 Final Determination.

Over the years, additional requests for modifications have been the subject of initial analyses by EPA. In each of those cases, however, the petitioners did not complete the analyses required for an agency decision.

#### Proposed Activities

On August 18, 2014, Entergy petitioned EPA for an exception to cover anticipated temporary impacts to a total of 0.003 acres (approximately 1.35 cubic yards) of wetlands resulting from operation and maintenance activities for portions of an existing transmission and portions of a distribution line located partially within the Bayou aux Carpes Section 404(c) area.

The Barataria to Alliance Transmission line was constructed in the 1960's by Entergy's predecessor, Louisiana Power & Light. Of the 74,012 total transmission line length, an 11,543 foot section and 15 towers are within the 120 foot right-of-way that runs through the southern portion of the Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) site. The distribution line and 15 wooden single poles course through approximately 3,415 feet within a ten foot right-of-way section of the Bayou aux Carpes site.

Entergy has requested permission to conduct preventative maintenance and inspections as required by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations, North American Electric Reliability Corporation regulations, and Entergy's guidelines and procedures. Numerous techniques for minimizing impacts have been proposed and alternatives have been evaluated. The foreseeable activities are projected to temporarily effect no more than 0.003 acres of the protected wetlands during the remaining 50–60 years of expected facility life. Entergy has requested that EPA extend authorization for this work under the 1985 EPA CWA Section 404(c) Bayou aux Carpes Final Determination exception that covers the routine operation and maintenance of a similar linear utility, namely the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline.

EPA proposes to extend coverage, as specified in the request from Entergy, under this exception because the work would have only minimal and temporary effects on 0.003 acres of wetlands and would not be considered

to be unacceptable. Further, the activities to be conducted are essentially the same as that envisioned under the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline exception, which was granted in the 1985 EPA Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) Final Determination.

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#### FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

##### FASAB Requests Comments on Public-Private Partnerships: Disclosure Requirements

**AGENCY:** Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

**ACTION:** Notice.

*Board Action:* Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3511(d), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 2010, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board is seeking input on the Exposure Draft: Public-Private Partnerships: Disclosure Requirements.

The Exposure Draft is available at <http://www.fasab.gov/board-activities/documents-for-comment/exposure-drafts-and-documents-for-comment/>.

Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512–7350.

Respondents are encouraged to comment on any part of the exposure draft.

Written comments are requested by January 2, 2015, and should be sent to: Wendy M. Payne, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street NW., Suite 6814, Mail Stop 6H19, Washington, DC 20548.

For assistance in accessing the document contact FASAB at (202) 512–7350.

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Wendy Payne, Executive Director, at (202) 512–7350.

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