

## **Public Notice**

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District

Public Notice No. POH-2005-500 Reply to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Guam Regulatory Branch PSC 455, Box 188 FPO AP 96540-1088 Dated: March 14, 2006 Respond By: April 13, 2006

## APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

- 1. <u>APPLICANT</u>: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Marianas
  - APPLICANT'S AGENT: Belt Collins Guam, Ltd.
- 2. <u>APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES</u>: Section 10, River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
- 3. LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Sumay Cove, Apra Harbor, Guam
- 4. <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY</u>: The applicant proposes to construct 543 linear feet of riprap shore protection in Sumay Cove and repair 1,300 linear feet of deteriorated steel sheet piling using pressurized grout along the Entrance Channel to Sumay Cove. The riprap shore protection would involve the discharge of 1,280 cubic yards of quarried fill covering an overall area of 5,543 square feet and the excavation of 322 cubic yards of material to be disposed of at the Navy landfill.

All work would conform to the attached drawings (6 sheets) entitled "Repairs to EOD Facility Seawall" dated September 2005.

- 5. IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT: The project is not expected to have any impact on the Essential Fish Habitat zone around Guam. There would be a localized increase in turbidity and suspended sediments during the construction of the project. However, the use of appropriate silt control devices should contain the turbidity and suspended sediments. Any non-mobile organisms in the areas to be excavated for the riprap or in the voids in the sheet piles would be killed. Sea turtles nesting has been recorded in the area, any permit would be conditioned to require in water stoppage of work should sea turtles be seen in the vicinity of the project.
- 6. IMPACTS ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Navy, in their Record of Categorical Exclusion, dated February 15, 2006, stated that there are no historical or archaeological sites listed on or considered eligible for inclusion on the National Register located at the proposed project site. A copy of this notice was sent to the Guam Historic

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Preservation Office and the U.S. National Park Service for their review and comment in conformance with Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act.

- 7. <u>IMPACTS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: The latest list of threatened and endangered species was consulted. The endangered species, Hawksbill Sea Turtle (<u>Eretmochelys imbricata</u>, has been reported to nest in the general area of the project. The threatened Green Sea Turtle (<u>Chelonia mydas</u>) is occasionally seen in the vicinity of the project area. Any permit would be conditioned to require in water stoppage of work should sea turtles be seen in the vicinity of the project. A copy of this notice was sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for their review and comment in conformance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.
- 8. <u>OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS</u>: The applicant is required to obtain the following certifications prior to the issuance of the Department of the Army Permit:
- a. Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

The Department of the Army permit does not obviate the need for the applicant to obtain other Federal, State or local authorizations required by Federal, State or local laws.

- 9. <u>EVALUATION FACTORS</u>: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both the protection and the utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation will apply the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.
- 10. <u>COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES</u>: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Interested parties may submit in writing any comments that they may have on the proposed activity. Comments should be submitted to this District no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Written inquiries and comments should be mailed to the address indicated in the letterhead and should make reference to this public notice number.

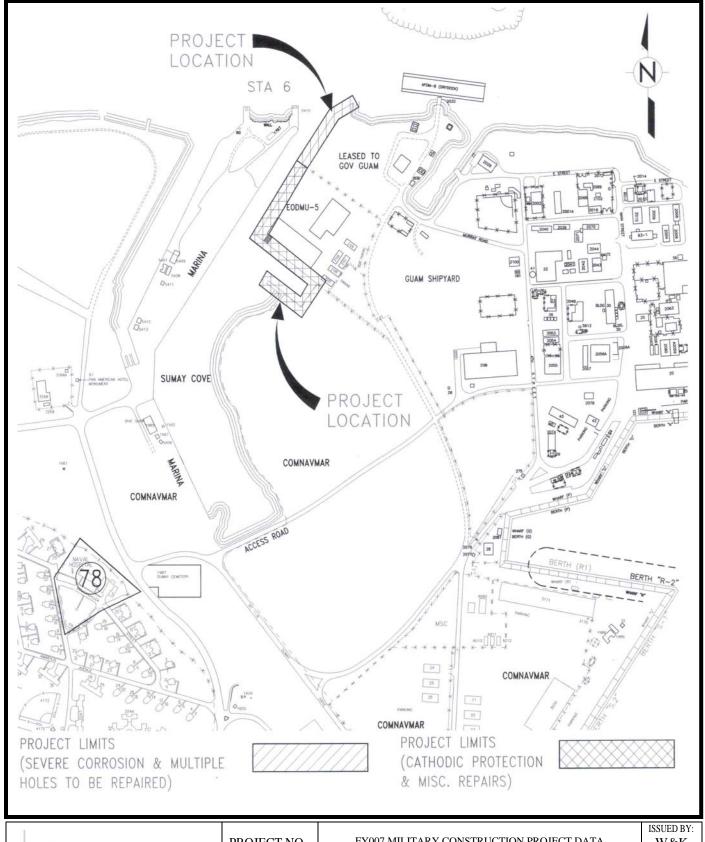
Further information may be obtained from the Guam Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PSC 455, Box 188, FPO AP 96540-1088 or by telephone (671) 339-2108, by fax at (671) 339-2306 or by e-mail at:

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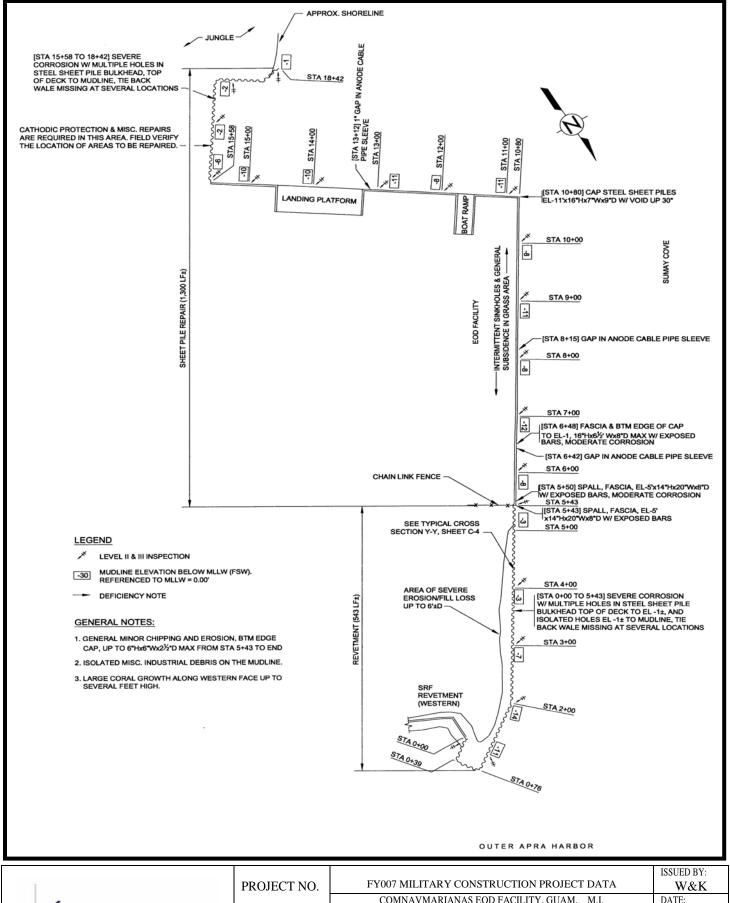
It is Corps of Engineers policy that any objections will be forwarded to the applicant for resolution or rebuttal before a final decision is made on the application. If the objecting party so requests, all personal information will be deleted from the forwarded letter or the objections will be paraphrased in summary form.

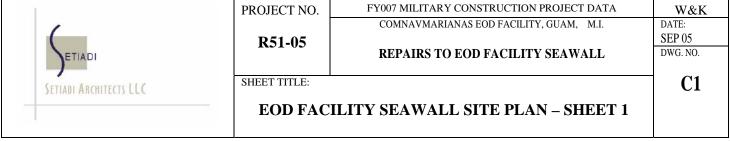
11. <u>REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Within 30 days from the date of this notice, any person may request, in writing, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, hold a public hearing to consider this Department of the Army permit application. Requests for public hearings shall state clearly and concisely, the reasons and rationale for wanting to hold a public hearing.

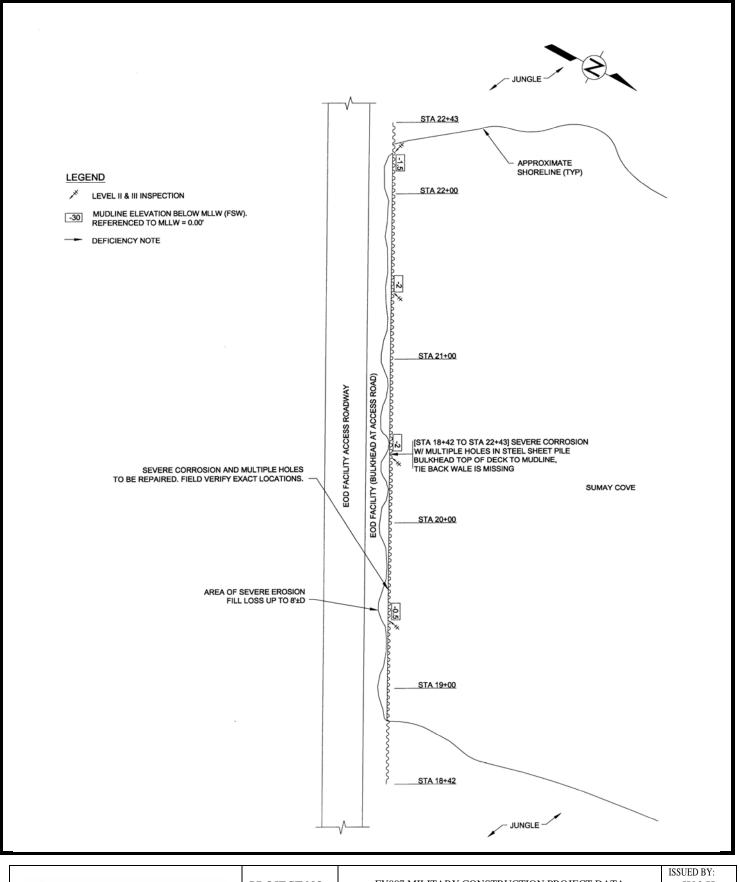
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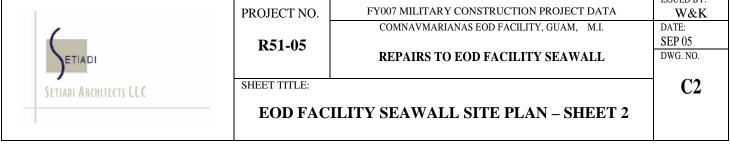


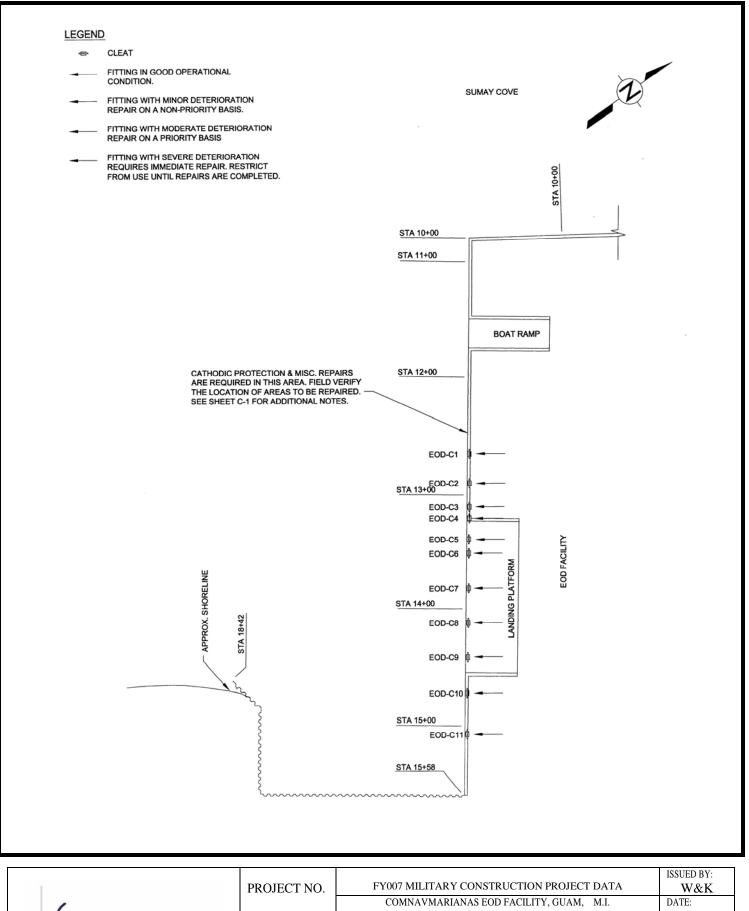
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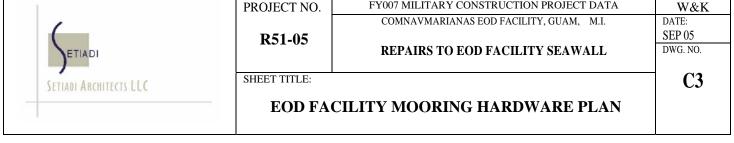


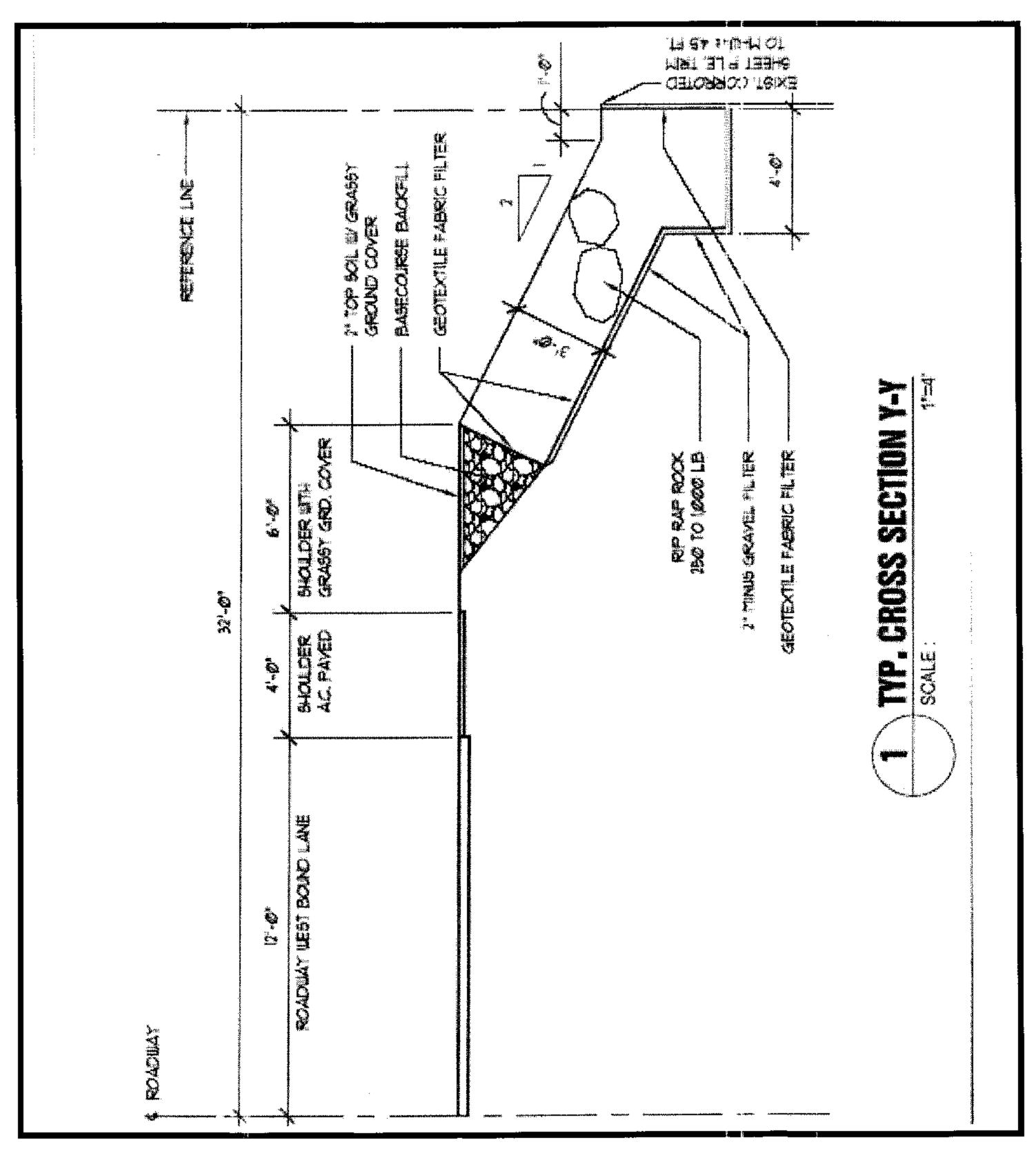












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