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# Public Notice of Application for Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:

February 27, 2017

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 

March 28, 2017

REFERENCE NUMBER:

POA-2016-115

WATERWAY:

Lake Lucille

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Mr. Michael Gala at (907) 753-753-2821, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at michael.r.gala@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Mr. and Ms. Richards, Post Office Box 870149, Wasilla, AK 99687

<u>LOCATION</u>: The project site is located within Section 8, T. 17 N., R. 1 W., Seward Meridian; USGS Quad Map AK-Anchorage C-7; Latitude 61.5767° N., Longitude 149.4979° W.; Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Parcel Identification #507829, in Wasilla, Alaska.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a single family dwelling on the property.

<u>PROPOSED WORK</u>: The applicant is proposing to place up to 4,000 cubic yards of type II clean fill material into 0.81-acre of waters of the U.S., including wetlands in order to construct one 32 foot by 64 foot single family residence and one 40 foot by 100 foot workshop. The additional space would be utilized to construct a green house. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-5), dated February 23, 2017.

<u>APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION</u>: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

# a) Avoidance:

- "Of the 3.21 acres composing the lot, the City of Wasilla and Mat Su Borough code require 75 foot set back from water's edge. In addition the City of Wasilla code 16.33.050 (A.2) restricts to seventy (70) percent of the lot area may be cleared for development. These two codes restrict the available land for disturbance and development therefore preserving a significant portion of the area.
- Due to the configuration of the lot and the area designated as emergent wetlands and to take as much advantage of possible of lake access and views there is not enough area available for upland construction of planned structures.
- We are proposing utilizing the existing permitted pad to full extent and only requesting an extension of the present pad.
- All planned structures would be co-located on the pad to minimize area disturbed.

# b) Minimization:

- Silt fencing would be installed 5 10 feet from the toe of the pad to minimize migration of sediment. A Type 3 DOT Silt screen / curtain would be used along the entire length of 75 foot set back to prevent any run off from the property into the lake.
- The pad and pad slope would be stabilized with vegetation after construction to avoid any runoff into the wetlands and lake.
- City sewer would be utilized and the required well would be drilled as close to the upland area as possible while still on the proposed pad.
- Before any fill is placed a 3 foot by 100 foot with 17 stakes per rolls of silt / construction fencing would be installed. This would not only mark the edge of the fill area, it would prevent any debris from migrating into the water.
- All structures would be > 100 feet from the shoreline.
- The current driveway and pad provide access to the proposed fill area, avoiding any disturbance from construction.
- The slope of the proposed pad would be as steep as possible to effect the least amount of wetland as possible.
  - Plans were altered to reduce wetland impacts from 70,341 square feet (1.61-acres) to 35,300 square feet (0.81-acre)."

# c) Compensatory Mitigation:

The applicant believes since every effort is being made to minimize unnecessary disturbance to the wetlands and every effort possible is being proposed to prevent any runoff into the lake. The applicant believes that compensatory mitigation efforts is not warranted.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

The Corps has determined the proposed activity would have "No Effect" to Historic Properties, due to no known historic properties in the vicinity of the proposed project.

<u>ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on ESA listed species, and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation. shore 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. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(l) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; 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.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings and a Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

# STATE OF ALASKA

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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

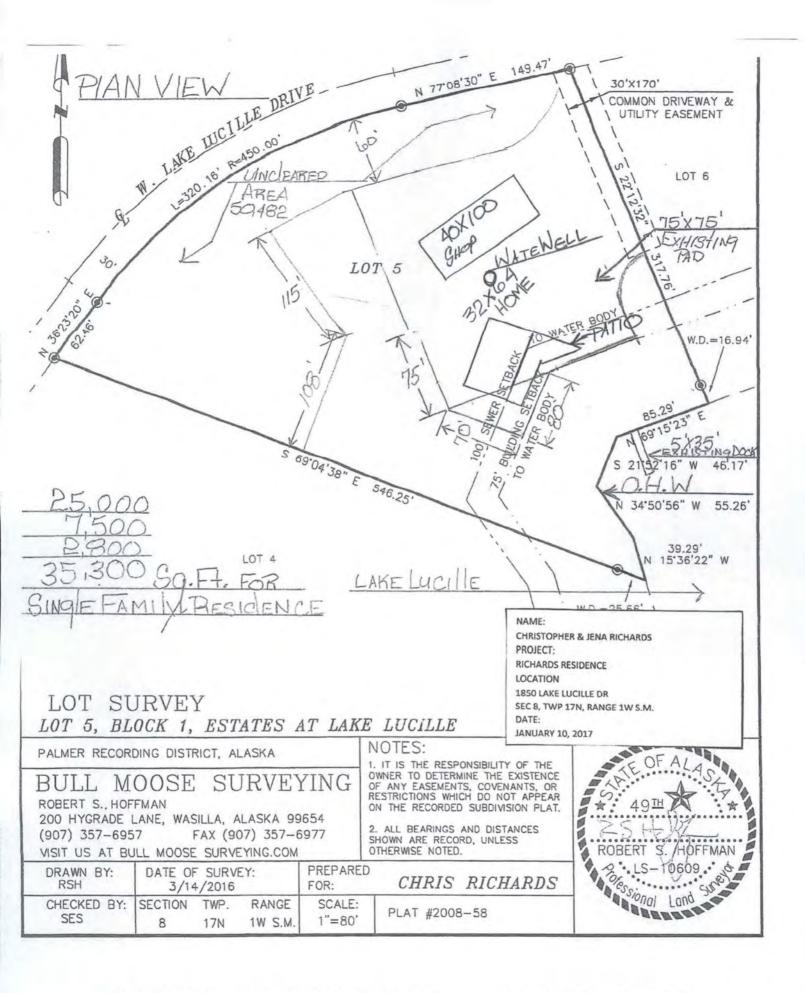
Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

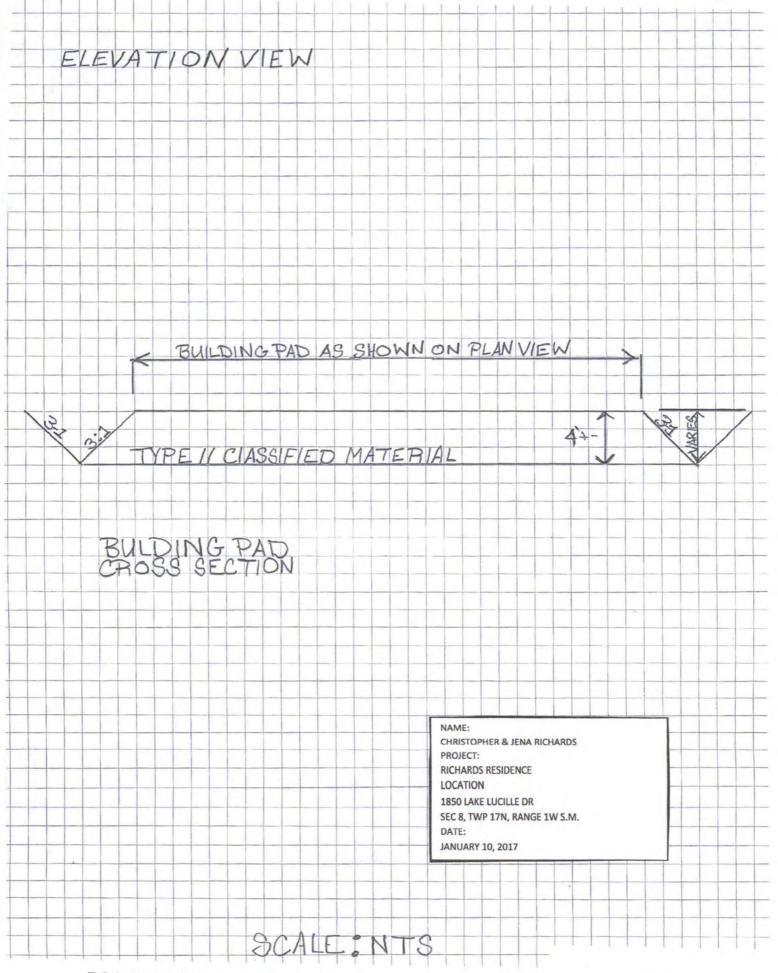
Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. <u>POA-2016-115, Lake Lucille</u>, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.

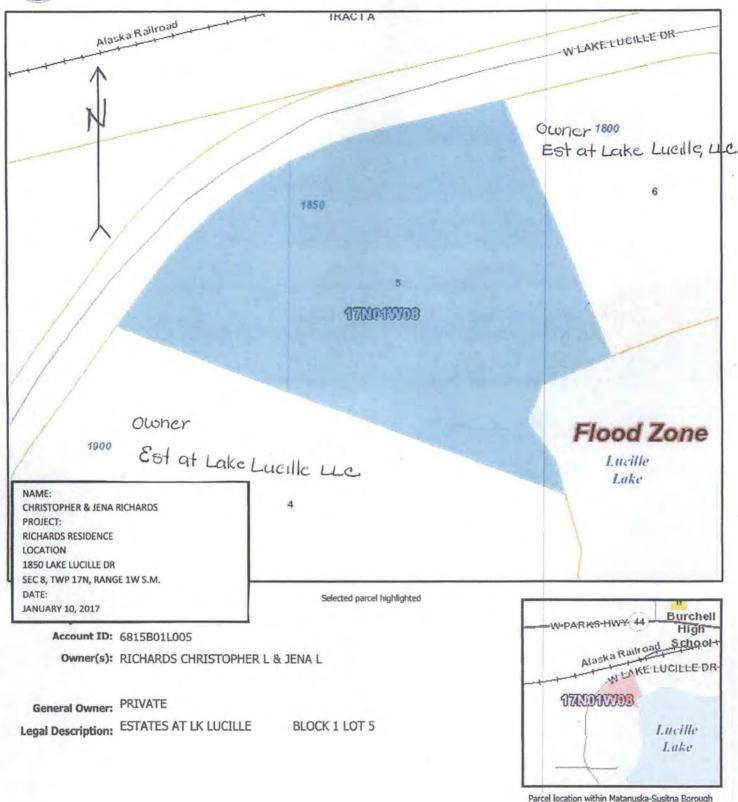








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