

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)

NORTH AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING, LLC
LAROSE SHIPYARD
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for North American Shipbuilding, LLC, Larose Shipyard, P.O. Box 580, Larose, LA 70373. **The facility is located at 800 Industrial Park Road, Larose, Lafourche Parish.** Upon the effective date of the final permit, the LPDES permit shall replace the previously issued LPDES permit.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into to the property ditch, thence to the parish ditch, and thence to the Intracoastal Waterway, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation and propagation of fish and wildlife. Under the SIC Code 3731, the applicant proposes to discharge stormwater runoff combined with previously treated sanitary wastewater from Internal Outfalls 501, 701, 901, and 902 (Final Outfall 001); and maintenance ballast water and/or void tank water from work, treatment, spar, and office barges/vessels, (Outfall 002) from an existing ship building and repair facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. **Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011.** Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

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If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The permit application, draft permit, additional information, and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov .**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Ms. Valerie Powe, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3214.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton

Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pubNotice/default.asp and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx .

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All correspondence should specify AI Number 26155, Permit Number LA0105856, and Activity Number PER20090003.

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