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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

**TITLE:** North Canadian River Channel, Oklahoma City, OK Phillips 66 PP-05 Pipeline Replacement

**PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:**

Begins: April 17, 2024

Ends: April 27, 2024

**REQUESTER:** In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, Phillips 66 Carrier, LLC (requester) has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the replacement of pipeline PP-05 under the North Canadian Channel in Oklahoma City, OK.

**LOCATION:** Between N Sooner Road and N Sunnyslane Road and terminating at the NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street Phillips 66 Products Terminal in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, OK (Attachment 1).

**REQUESTERS PROPOSED ACTION:**

Phillips 66 proposes to replace approximately 36.5 miles of an existing 8-inch gasoline / diesel pipeline with approximately 43.7 miles of new 10-inch pipeline that extends from Guthrie, OK to the Phillips 66 Oklahoma City Terminal. This proposed pipeline will cross under the North Canadian River Channel, which was federally constructed and inspected under the ICW Levee Safety Program and is eligible and enrolled in the P.L. 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. The new 10-inch pipeline will be installed utilizing the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) installation technique and the existing pipeline will be abandoned in place by grouting the pipe and capping it at either end beyond the extents of the levee under the landside levee toes on both the north and south side of the channel. The maps below show the location of the proposed pipeline and the North Canadian River Channel. The entry and exit locations of the HDD are also shown in Attachment 2.

The proposed pipeline will be 2,604 feet with a horizontal length of 2,590 feet. The HDD entry and exit locations will be at 300 feet from the levee toe on both the north and south side of the channel (Attachment 2). The HDD bore will be approximately 79 feet below the levee's north toe and will have a minimum depth cover of 70 feet under the North Canadian River (Attachment 3). The proposed depth below the Arkansas River is 41 feet. The abandoned pipeline will be purged, emptied, and cleaned. The operations team will confirm zero vapors and Lowest Explosion Limits (LELs) within the line. Phillips 66 will also make sure there is no pressure on the line. The line will then be capped off below ground. In this case the cap will be at the ending and the beginning of

the replacement tie-in locations. The portion of the 8-inch line under the levee and Northern Canadian River will be cut, fully grouted, and then capped so there are no voids.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED ACTION:** USACE reviewed the environmental compliance documentation submitted by the requester and is currently reviewing if the proposed activity could impact federally listed species under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The proposed project was reviewed for cultural resources, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, based on an area of potential effect determined upon construction plans and Endangered Species Act figures. Based on the cultural resources review, the project meets the No Effect threshold, concluding the Section 106 process.

**AUTHORITY:** The authority to grant permission for a temporary or permanent use, occupation, or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408). Section 408 authorized the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of the Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, Chief of Engineers. The USACE Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

**LIMITS OF SECTION 408 AUTHORITY:** A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

**EVALUATION FACTORS:** The decision whether to grant the requested permission for project alteration under Section 408 will be based on several factors. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of requests for alteration will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

- 1) Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination. The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes, or outputs. In order for an alteration to be approved, the Requester must demonstrate that the alteration does not impair the usefulness of the federally authorized project.
- 2) Injurious to the Public Interest Determination. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest evaluation depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and the nature of the proposed alteration and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be compared against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks and by the net impact of the alteration on the public interest using the public interest factors.
- 3) Environmental Compliance. A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While USACE is responsible for ensuring environmental compliance, the requester is responsible for providing all information that the Tulsa District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and procedures. NEPA and other analysis completed to comply with other environmental statutes (e.g., Endangered Species Act) should be commensurate with the scale and potential effects of the activity that would alter the USACE project. The Tulsa District will work with the requester to determine the requirements, which will be scaled to the likely impacts of the proposed alteration and should convey the relevant considerations and impacts in a concise and effective manner.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; tribes; and other interested parties regarding the North Canadian River Channel Local Flood Protection Project. Comments received within 10 days of publication of this notice will be used in the evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed action on important resources and in the evaluation of whether the proposed alteration would be injurious to the public interest

and/or would impair the usefulness of the authorized project. Only the specific activities that have the potential to occupy, use, or alter the North Canadian River Channel Local Flood Protection Project will be evaluated. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by proposed highway interchange expansion.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** Written comments, referencing Identification Number 408-SWT-2023-0008 must be submitted to the office listed below on or before April 27, 2024.

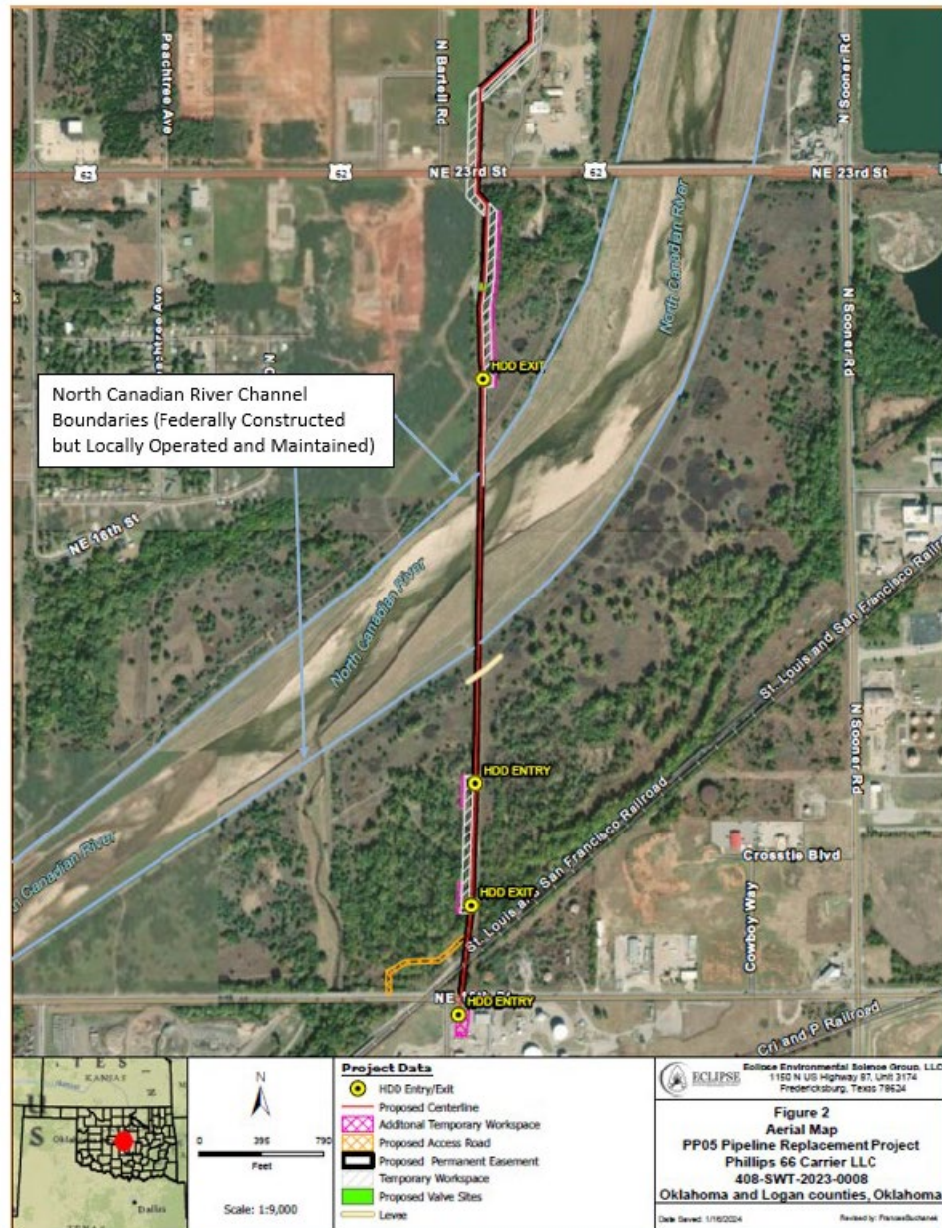
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Attachment 1: Project vicinity.



Attachment 2: Project location.



### Attachment 3. Horizontal directional drilling profile.

