

C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

A complete description of the horizontal and vertical control for survey H13194 can be found in the OPR-J347-KR-18 Horizontal and Vertical Control Report (HVCR), to be submitted with the final survey for this project. A summary of horizontal and vertical control for this survey follows.

C.1 Vertical Control

The vertical datum for this project is LW Reference Plane 2007.

ERS Datum Transformation

The following ellipsoid-to-chart vertical datum transformation was used:

Method	Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File
ERS via VDATUM	NAD83- LWRP2007_RM13.4_MLLW2012-2016_Geoid12B.csar

Table 12: ERS method and SEP file

While ERS via VDATUM is listed in Table 12, it was one of the limited options available in the XML DR schema’s enumerated values. The separation model covering the H13194 survey area was constructed by the HSD Operations Branch specifically for this survey project using NAVD88 (GEOID 2012B) to Mississippi River Low Water Reference Plane of 2007 (LWRP 2007) values published by USACE. Refer to the HVCR submitted under separate cover for additional information.

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

The projection used for this project is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 16.

RTK

During acquisition, RTK correctors were obtained from Louisiana State University's (LSU) Center for Geoinformatics (C4G) service via a dedicated cellular modem. These correctors provided RTK level of accuracy for horizontal and vertical positions for all survey data. If a loss of service was experienced during acquisition it was noted by the field watch stander, and those data were further analyzed to be resurveyed. No prolonged outages were experienced during survey acquisition of H13194. Verification of the C4G Network correctors were conducted by the field unit at various monuments established by USACE along the shoreline of the OPR-J347-KR-18 project area. Methods, analysis and results of these monument check-ins are further documented in the project wide HVCR.

C.3 Additional Horizontal or Vertical Control Issues

C.3.1 Water Level Floats

Water level floats were conducted by the field unit at the location of each USACE or NOAA gauge within the OPR-J347-KR-18 project area. Methods, analysis and results of these floats are further documented in the project wide HVCR. In general, these floats helped identify issues between the USACE and NOAA datums and that of the LWRP 2007 separation model utilized during acquisition. These tests resulted in iterations to the model by NOAA, discussed in detail in the HVCR.

C.3.2 Separation model change and re-processing

As discussed in section C4 of the DAPR and the project wide HVCR, due to a revision of the separation model used during acquisition, all ERS water levels were reprocessed after the revised model was issued. Refer to section B4.c of the DAPR for an outline of the processing steps.