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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2731
Public Notice Date
August 20, 2009

Expiration Date
September 9, 2009

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army authorization to perform periodic hydraulic cutterhead dredging in an existing inland harbor along the Mississippi River, as described below and shown on the attached figures.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Holcim (U.S.) Inc., Mr. James Lunan, 2942 US Highway 61, Bloomsdale, Missouri 63627, (636) 524-8000.

LOCATION: Dredging activities would occur in Holcim's existing inland harbor. The harbor is located along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 138.1, in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. (See Attachments)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A hydraulic cutterhead dredge would be utilized to conduct periodic maintenance dredging on an as needed basis within Holcim's recently excavated inland harbor to the original construction depth. Recent high river events have caused fine sediments to deposit within the harbor. Up to 200,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment material would be dredged annually from within the new harbor and transported in a 12-inch-diameter contained pipeline for open river disposal. The disposal pipe would exit the harbor and run southward on an existing road paralleling the riverbank. The pipeline would then angle down the existing riprap bankline into the river, where it would extend to the point of discharge near the thalweg of the river. At the point of discharge, the pipeline would be located on pontoons which would allow for rapid removal from the river should such action be necessary. A vessel will attend the point of discharge pipeline area at all times. The vessel would monitor radio Channel 16 at all times to remain in contact with mariners. The applicant would coordinate the activity with the U.S. Coast Guard to make notice to mariners

prior to each dredging event. During discharge operations, bathymetric data would be acquired weekly to ensure the open water discharge is not negatively impacting navigation. If authorized, the permit would be valid for a five year period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Charles Frerker, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at either (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: *charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil*

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

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

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Least tern (**Sterna antillarum**), and the Pallid Sturgeon (**Scaphirhynchus albus**). We have determined the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species with open river disposal located at the thalweg of the river. In order to complete our federally listed species evaluation, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity 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, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army 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 these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

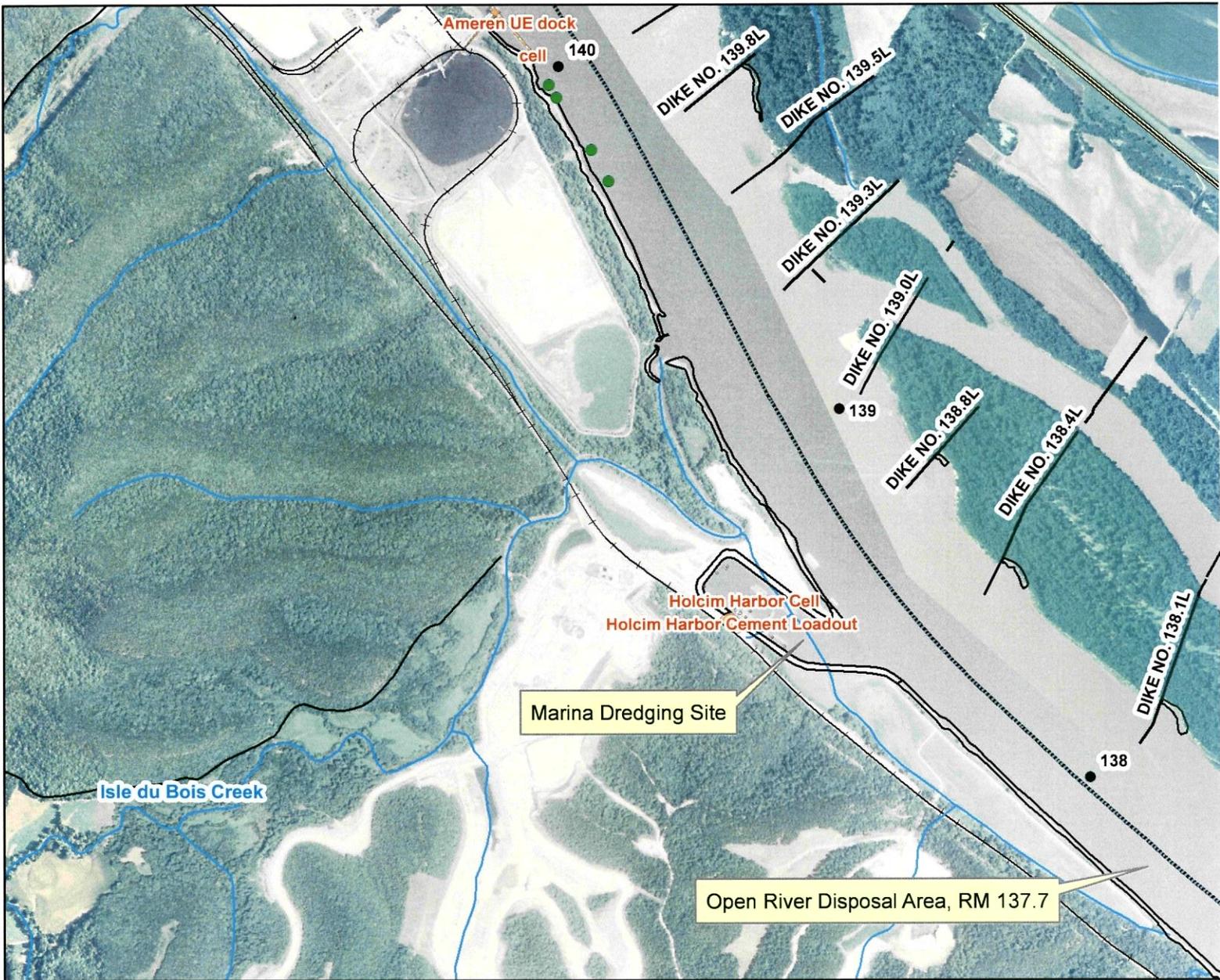


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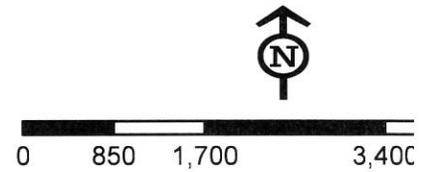
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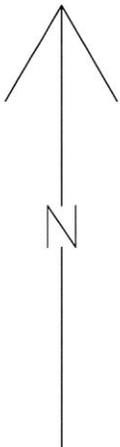
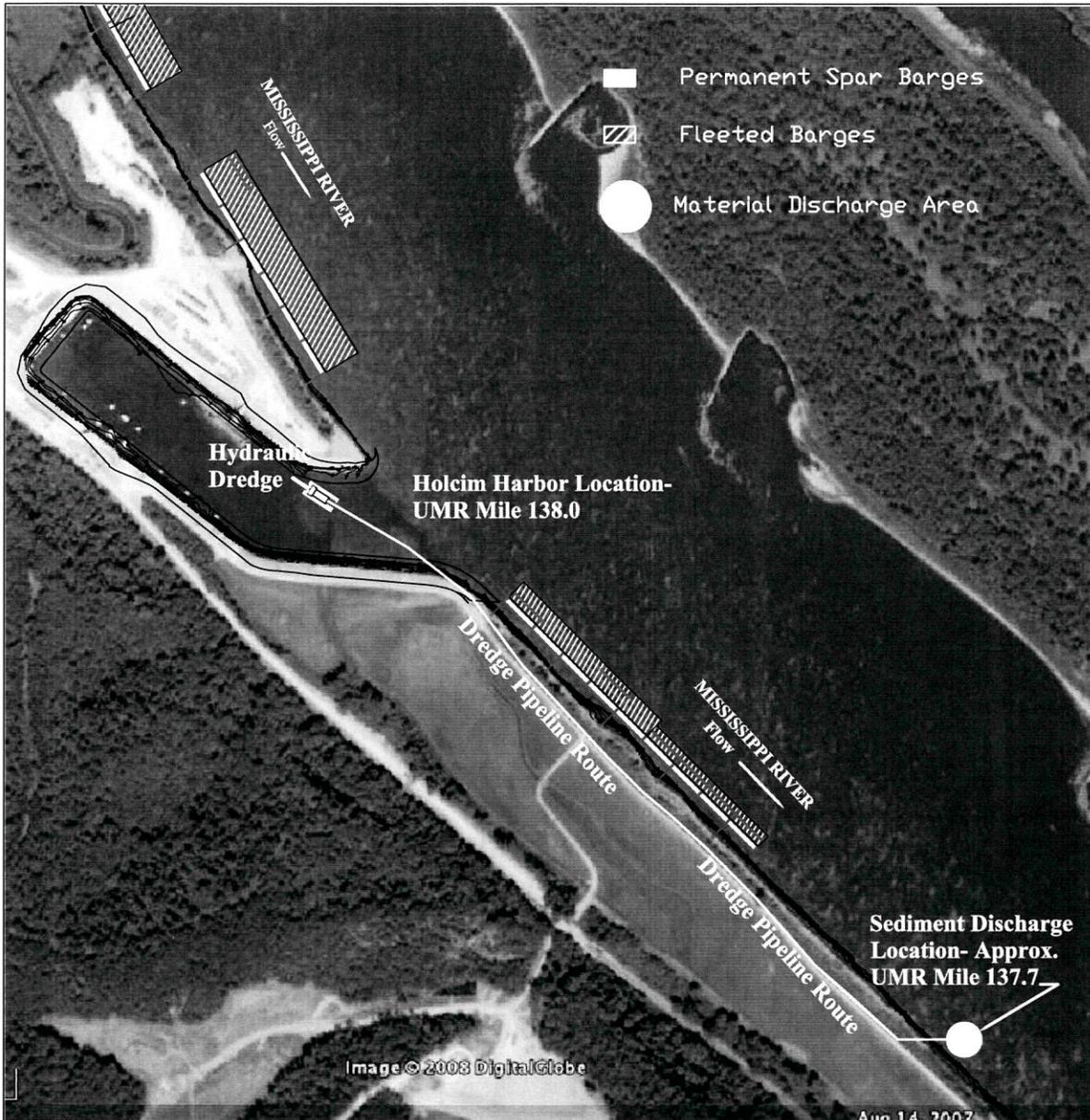
NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



**P-2731 Holcim Harbor Dredging Site
 Project Location Map - MVS-2000-08920
 Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri**





Drawing Notes:

1. The dredge pipeline shall be placed along the MO river bank adjacent to the existing roadway and discharge in approximately 24' of water.
2. The point of sediment discharge shall be located within the specified area at the thalwig of the channel.
3. At all times a tender boat shall standby to move the dredge pipeline discharge point, should it become necessary.
4. Pipeline discharge location at UMR mile 137.7.



J. F. BRENNAN CO., INC.
 Holcim Port- MO
 Dredge Pipeline Route

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