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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-2745

Public Notice Date

January 8, 2010

Expiration Date

January 28, 2010

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File Number: 1997-8461

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to continue commercial sand dredging from waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

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: Limited Leasing Company, c/o: Mr. Brian Viehmann, 1777 Highway 79 South, Old Monroe, Missouri 63369, (636) 665-5180.

LOCATION: Commercial dredging activities are proposed to continue between Mississippi River Mile 201.2 to 218.3, which is located in the Alton Pool (See Attachments).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Limited Leasing Company (formerly known as St. Charles Sand Company) proposes to continue dredging up to 750,000 tons of sand on a yearly basis between approximate Mississippi River miles 201.2 to 218.3. The ongoing operation is performed by suction dredging and will remain the same. Dredged material will be loaded into barges, with excess water discharged back into the river at the dredging location. Filled hopper barges will be transported to the existing Bluff City Minerals Company offloading facility, located along the left descending bank (Illinois side), at approximate Mississippi River mile 203.9, where a hydraulic excavator will unload the material into a conveyor system for stockpiling. The applicant has been authorized to conduct commercial dredging in this reach of the river since 1998 (previous permit numbers P-2087 and P-2360). Standard dredging conditions created by coordinated efforts with other Federal and state resource agencies shall be applied to the potentially re-authorized action to further minimize impacts to aquatic life, navigation and natural/manmade river features. All dredging will be completed in the Alton Pool above the Mel Price Lock and Dam.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Mr. Brian Viehmann at (636) 665-5180, or Corps of Engineers Regulatory Project Manager Charles Frerker at (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 Pollution Control Program for state certification of the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program guidelines and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

IMPACTS TO WATERS OF ILLINOIS: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for state approval of the proposed work in accordance with "an Act in relation to the regulation of the rivers, lakes and streams of the State of Illinois" (Ill. Rev. Stat.; Chap. 19, par 52 et seq.). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Illinois should be addressed to Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

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 Federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stolonifereum*), Eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthaera leucophaea*) and Decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*). Standard dredging conditions created by coordinated efforts with other Federal and state resource agencies would be applied to further avoid impacts to these species. We have determined that the proposed extension of the commercial dredging activities is not likely to adversely impact federally listed species. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested parties to ascertain any potential impacts upon these listed species, any others species or their critical habitats.

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 which 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.

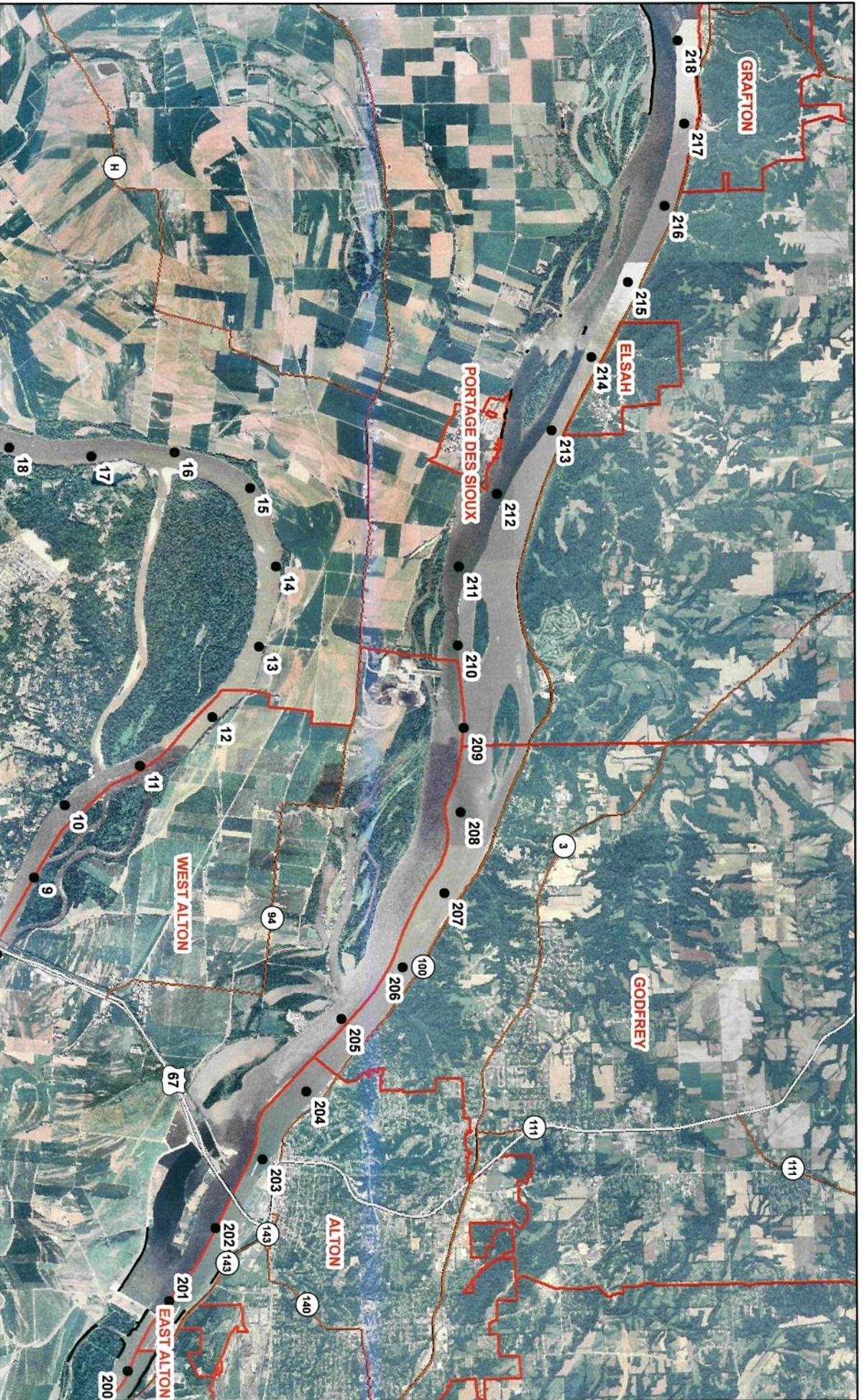
In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.


for/ Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

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



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**Limited Leasing Company Commercial Dredging
River Mile 201.2 to 218.3**

Attachment 1 of 1



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