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

Public Notice No.

P-2777

Public Notice Date

December 14, 2010

Expiration Date

January 3, 2011

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Comments on the activities described below should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice 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:

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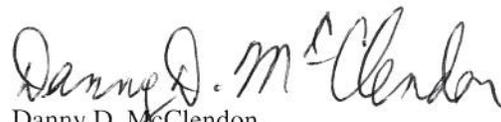
1. Mr. Sam Beelman, Beelman River Terminals, Inc., One Racehorse Drive, East St. Louis, Illinois 62205 (618-646-5300), has applied:

a. To the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Regulatory Branch for authorization under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to construct an outbound barge load-out facility at their existing intermodal facility that was constructed in 1999-2000 on the Mississippi River between the McKinley Bridge and Merchants Bridge, and west of Illinois Route 3. This new barge loading facility will be located north of the existing north dock. The existing storage yard will be utilized for short term storage piles and portable conveying systems. The new barge loading facility will include three (3) new tripod dolphins, a work deck barge moored between two of the dolphins, a new outbound conveyor mounted on the work barge, a truck unloading conveying system, a portable stacker along with two (2) tunnels beneath the short term storage piles equipped with vibratory feeders and reclaim conveying systems. The existing storage yard located adjacent to and north of the North Dock will be used to place the commodities on two (2) short term storage piles prior to loading the barges. The portable stacker will be used to place the commodities on short term storage piles or direct to the load-out conveyor and onto the barge. The access road will be an extension of the existing road located on the west side of the levee near the levee toe and will extend northerly to a turnaround area. The trucks will be facing south as they dump into the drive over truck dump facility. This new barge loading addition is being constructed to handle various bulk commodities that could consist of mill scale, coal, coke, and various aggregates. The new facilities will be added without making any grade or elevation changes to the existing river bottom or to the existing storage yard. The storage yard slopes away from the river towards the levee. An existing holding basin is located along the toe of the levee. Storm water sheet drains from the existing storage yard into the existing holding basin and then when the water level in the holding basin gets high enough, it will drain around the north side of the storage yard and into the Mississippi River. No changes will be made to the storage yard grades so the existing storm water arrangement will be maintained. It is the intent of the owner to have this facility operational as long as the Mississippi River is open to navigation. When the river water levels become high enough to shut down the river, the short term storage piles will be removed. The portable facilities in the storage yard can be removed and placed into storage on the dry side of the levee. This project will not impact any wetlands as the storage yard is in place and the river bottom will not be modified. No dredging work is planned as part of these improvements. The activity site is located at 210 Bremen Avenue, in the Northern ½ of Section 35, Township 35 North, Range 10 West, in Venice, Madison County, Illinois. More specifically, the riverine features are proposed along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 182.9. (See Attached Figures)

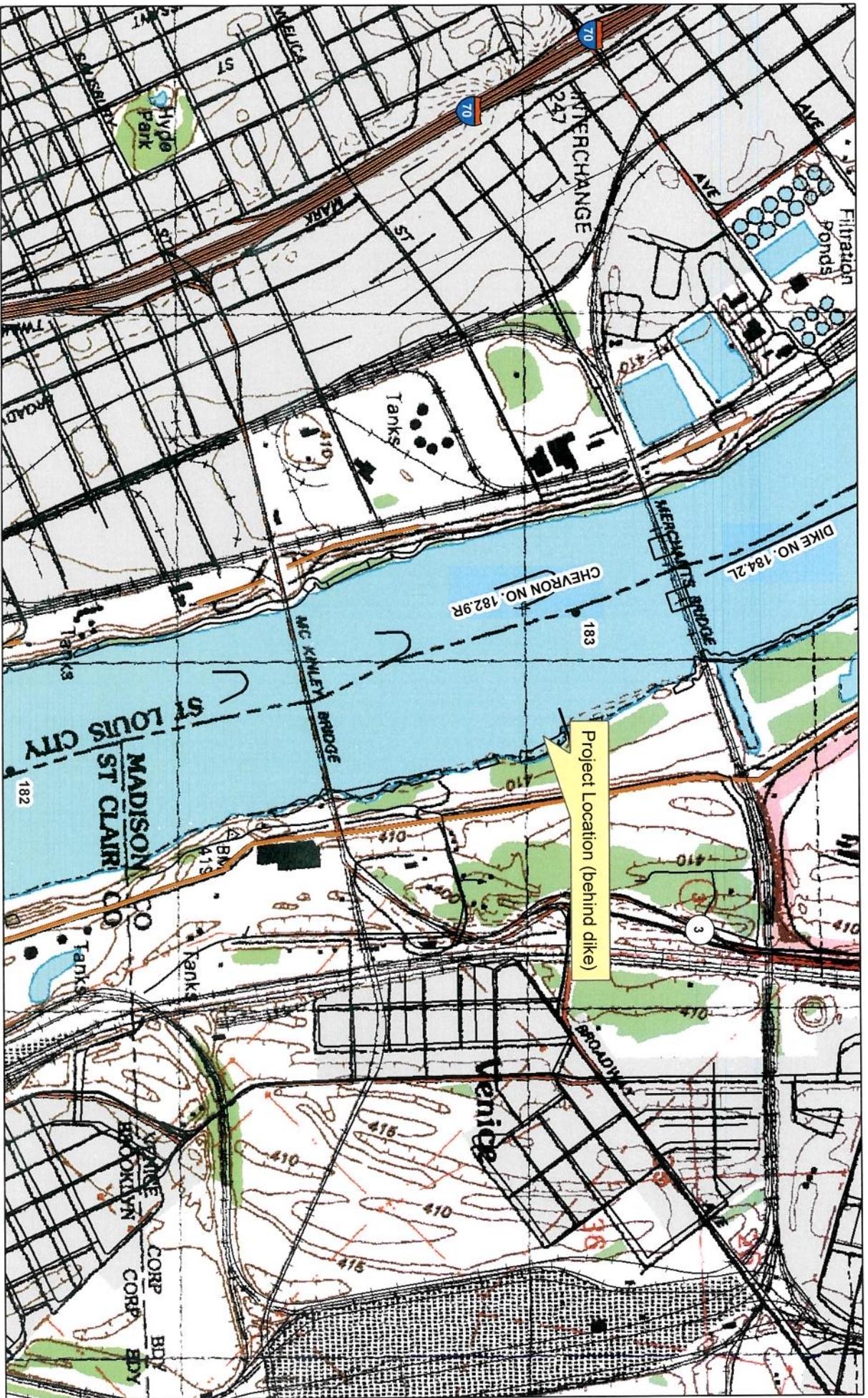
b. To the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for state approval of the proposed work in accordance with "an Act in Relation to the Regulation of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams of the State of Illinois, Chapter 516 ILCS 5". Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with a copy provided to the Corps of

Engineers. Jerry Bishoff of IDNR/OWR (217/782-3863) may be contacted for additional information, with copies of the comments provided to the Corps of Engineers.

2. Based on our initial processing of the applicants' proposal, the action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment. However, a final determination of the need for an environmental impact statement will not be made until the St. Louis District has completed its full review of this application. The review will include our evaluation of any written responses received as a result of this public notice.
3. This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.
4. 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.
5. The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirynchus albus*), and the federally threatened Decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*) and Eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthaera leucophaea*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, this public notice solicits comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.
6. Any interested parties, particularly navigation interests, Federal and state agencies for the protection of environmental and cultural resources, and the officials of any state, town, or local associations whose interest may be affected by this work, are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before the public notice expiration date. The decision whether to authorize the proposed work will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain 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. Project authorization will be granted only if it is found not contrary to the public interest.
7. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny authorization for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.
8. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: OD-F (Frerker), 1222 Spruce Street, , St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833, or by electronic mail to charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil, on or before the public notice closing date.
9. 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.


Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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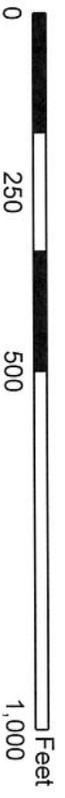
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