Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.
P-2804
Public Notice Date
August 23, 2011

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Expiration Date
September 12, 2011

File Number: 2010-69

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army permits to create a fleeting area within navigable 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 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: OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Mr. Myron McDonough, SCF Fleeting LLC, 727 North 1st Street, Suite 600, St. Louis, Missouri 63102 (314) 436-7559.

LOCATION: The proposed fleet would be located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 181.0, near North Front Street, in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois 62201.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to establish a fleeting area immediately adjacent to and downstream of their approved loading dock (Department of the Army Permit P-2780, issued March 8, 2011). The fleet would be comprised of a maximum of 15 standard sized hopper barges (35-feet by 195-feet) configured in a 5 wide by 3 long arrangement. The fleet would measure approximately 175-feet-wide by 600-feet-long and would be situated near the shoreline outside of the designated navigation channel. The fleet would be secured to the bank with chain and fleeting wires secured to upstream and downstream deadman structures that would be constructed in the adjacent bankline. An approximate 12-foot by 12-foot area would be excavated in the riverbank and filled with concrete to create the two deadmen tie-off structures. All mooring hardware would be professionally designed to withstand anticipated flow, debris and ice. The mooring hardware would consist of anchor chain and wire rope connected to the proposed deadmen structures. See attached figures for more information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant's consultant, Mr. Wade McGrady at 636-225-9106 or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at electronic mail address: *charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil*

AUTHORITY: The pending permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

JOINT APPLICATION STATE APPROVAL: The applicant also applied 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 615 ILCS 5". Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the IDNR, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers. Jerry Bishoff of the IDNR/OWR (217-782-3863) may be contacted for additional information.

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**), and the Pallid Sturgeon **(Scaphirhynchus albus)**. A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity is not likely to 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.

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.

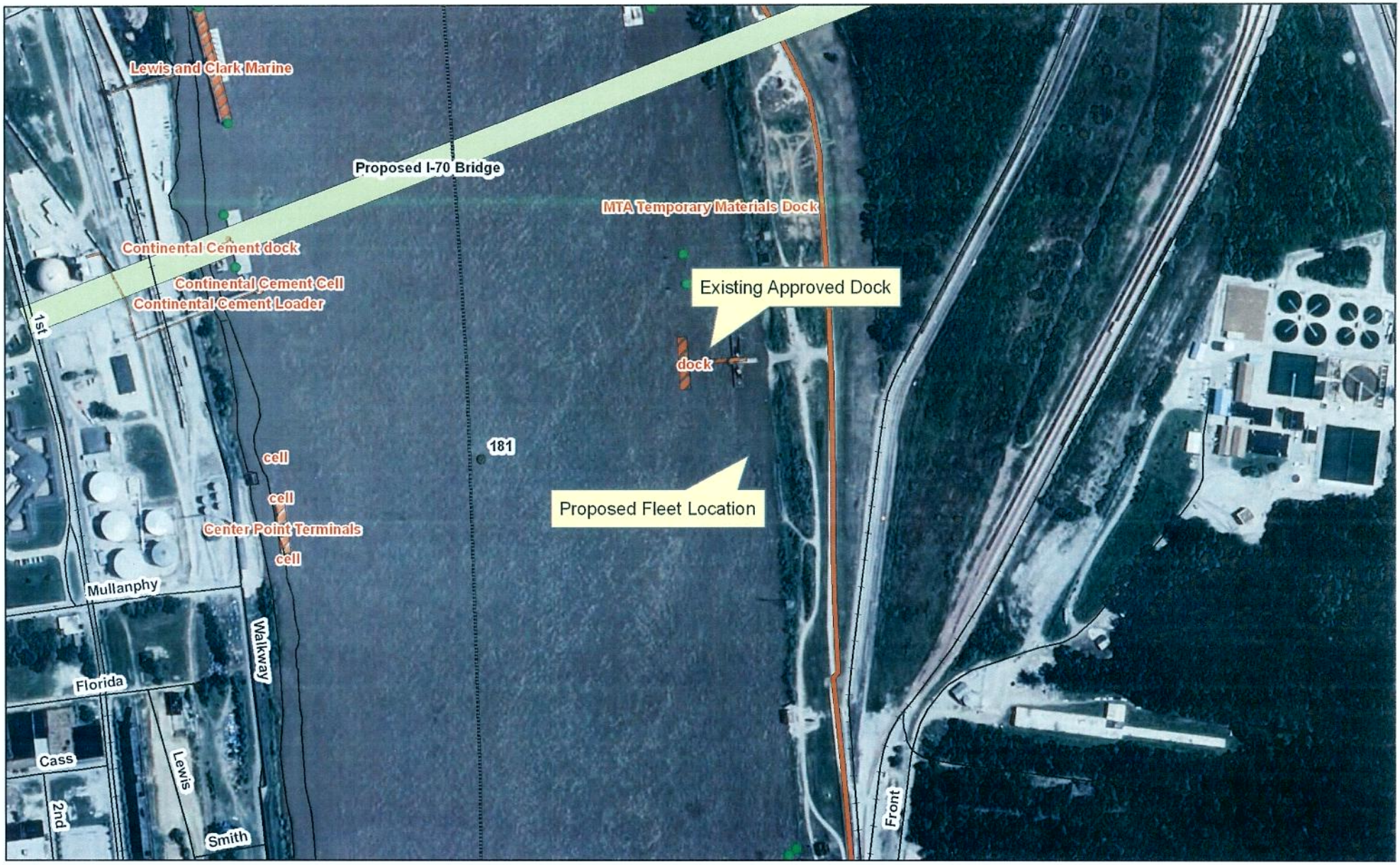
Keith A. McMulkin

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 this issuance of this notice.



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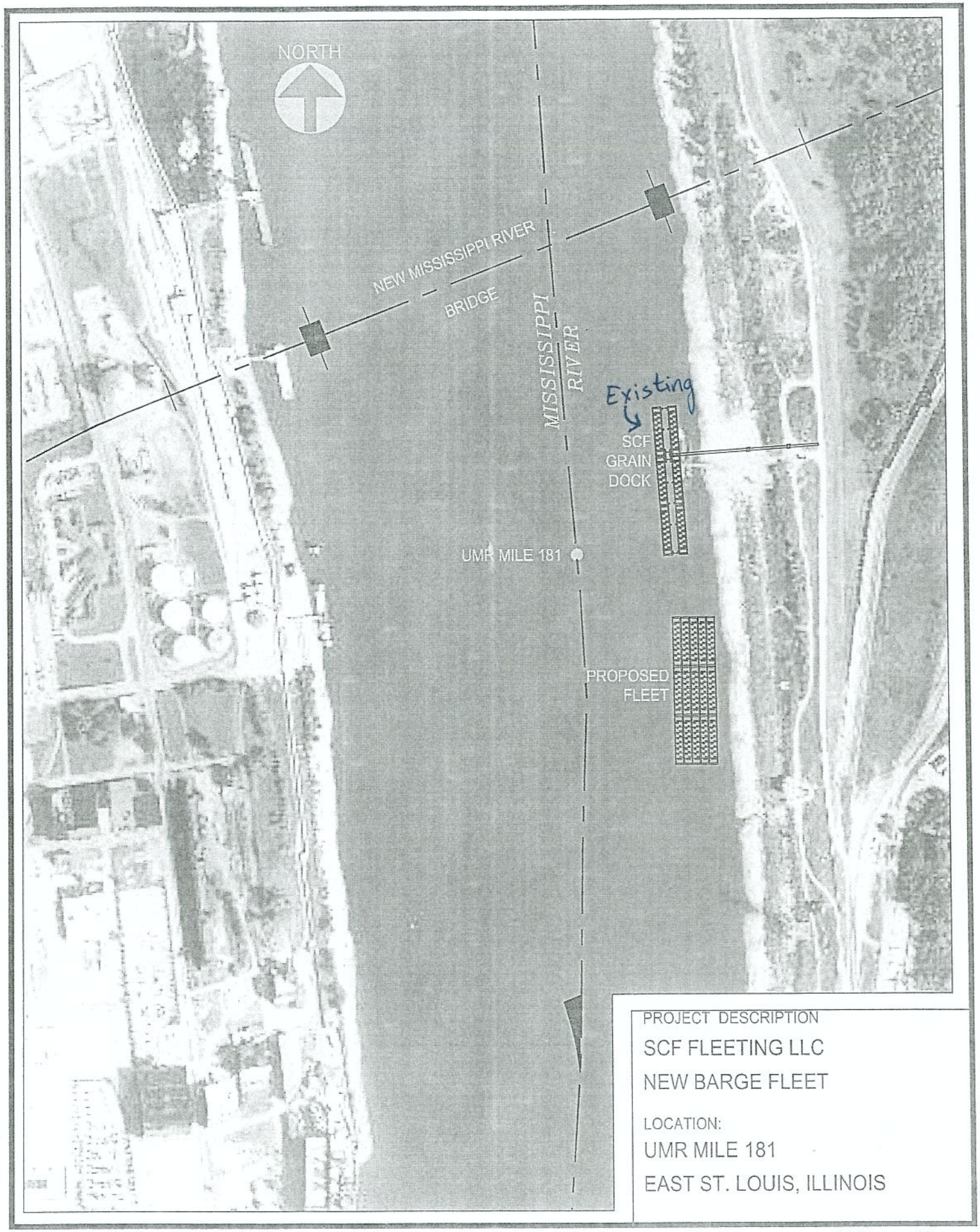

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