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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Charles Frerker (OD-F)
1222 Spruce Street

Public Notice No.
P-2811
Public Notice Date
October 28, 2011

Expiration Date
November 17, 2011

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Regulatory File Number: 2011-598

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Section 10 permit to perform periodic excavation in the Mississippi River at ADM Grain's existing river terminal area, at approximate river mile 184.0, 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 Public Notice 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:

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APPLICANT: ADM Grain Company, c/o Ms. Karena Musgrave, #1 East Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63147.

LOCATION: The project area is located at ADM Grain Company's existing river terminal facility, along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 184, in St. Louis County, Missouri. (See Attached Map and Drawing).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests authorization to conduct periodic maintenance excavation within an approximate 500-foot-wide by 2,000-foot-long area, situated within their existing barge loading facility. The permit is requested for emergency excavation needs or during extreme low river conditions to allow for continued operations. A clamshell excavator would be utilized to remove silt, sand, clay, concrete and rock when low river conditions threaten continued operations. The excavation would be conducted to maintain approximately 12 to 15 feet of river depth in the barge loading area. Excavated material would be loaded into contained hopper barges and delivered to the bank for offloading onto trucks. The material would then be transported to an upland landfill.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Ms. Karena Musgrave at karena.musgrave@adm.com, or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor 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.

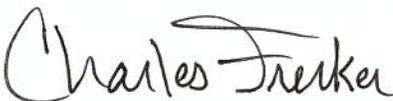
ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and the Pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act 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, comments are solicited by this public notice 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.

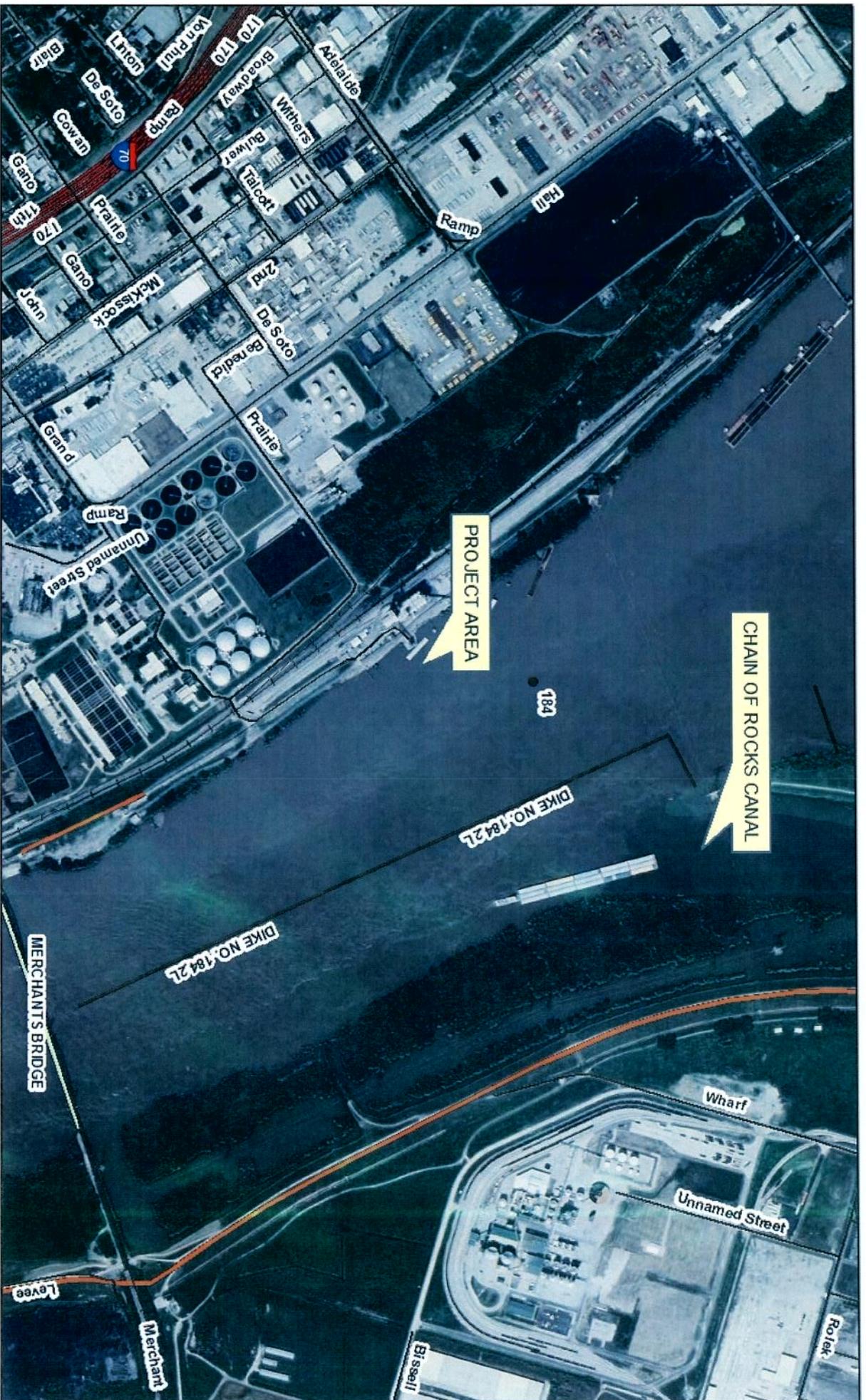
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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.


/s/ 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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