



Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.

P-2829

Public Notice Date

June 08, 2012

Expiration Date

June 29, 2012

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File Number: MVS-1988-316380

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

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
(Regulatory Branch)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Alan Edmondson

APPLICANT: Southeast Missouri Regional Port, 10 Bill Bess Drive, Scott City, Missouri, 63780, (573) 264-4045. (ATTN: Mr. Dan Overby)

LOCATION: The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River at approximate mile 48, Scott County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Scott City and Cape Girardeau USGS quadrangle maps, Section 21, Township 30 North, Range 14 East.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Southeast Missouri Regional Port was designed and built by the Corps of Engineers for the purpose of loading and unloading barges in a slackwater harbor. The harbor is 1800 feet long and 230 feet wide at the toe. Within the 230 feet, there are three areas: (a) the north side berthing area, 40 feet wide; (b) the 130-foot wide navigation channel; and (c) the south side berthing area, 60 feet wide. Maintenance dredging is conducted periodically annually to ensure continued operation.

The purpose of the project is to construct a barge loading and unloading facility which would handle ethanol, biodiesel, petroleum, and other liquid products between truck, rail, and barge. The applicant proposes to construct a barge loading and unloading area which would consist of four dolphins, a modular barge unit with two spud legs, and a bridge between the modular barge unit and the top of the bank (see Figure 2). The bridge would carry a walkway and product pipelines.

To construct the proposed project, approximately 4,000 cubic yards of material would be dredged from the area of the dolphins to allow for use during low water periods. Approximately 16,000 cubic yards of material would be removed and replaced with clean A-stone or boulders at the base of the bank, on the land side of the dolphins, to stabilize the harbor bank slope. The dredged material would be removed by hydraulic dredge and disposed in compliance with the harbor's maintenance dredging permit.

It is anticipated that all dredged material will be removed via hydraulic dredge and disposed in compliance with the harbor's maintenance dredging permit. If any material is removed via a clamshell dredge, it will be hauled to and discharged into an upland disposal site. There will be no jurisdictional wetlands impacted with this project. Periodic maintenance of the berthing area would be performed as part of regular harbor dredging under Permit No. P-2575.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: (See attached.) Figure 1 is the Site Layout for the facility; Figure 2 shows a cross-section of the dock.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@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).

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

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 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 activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered 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.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: 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 the proposed activity. 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.



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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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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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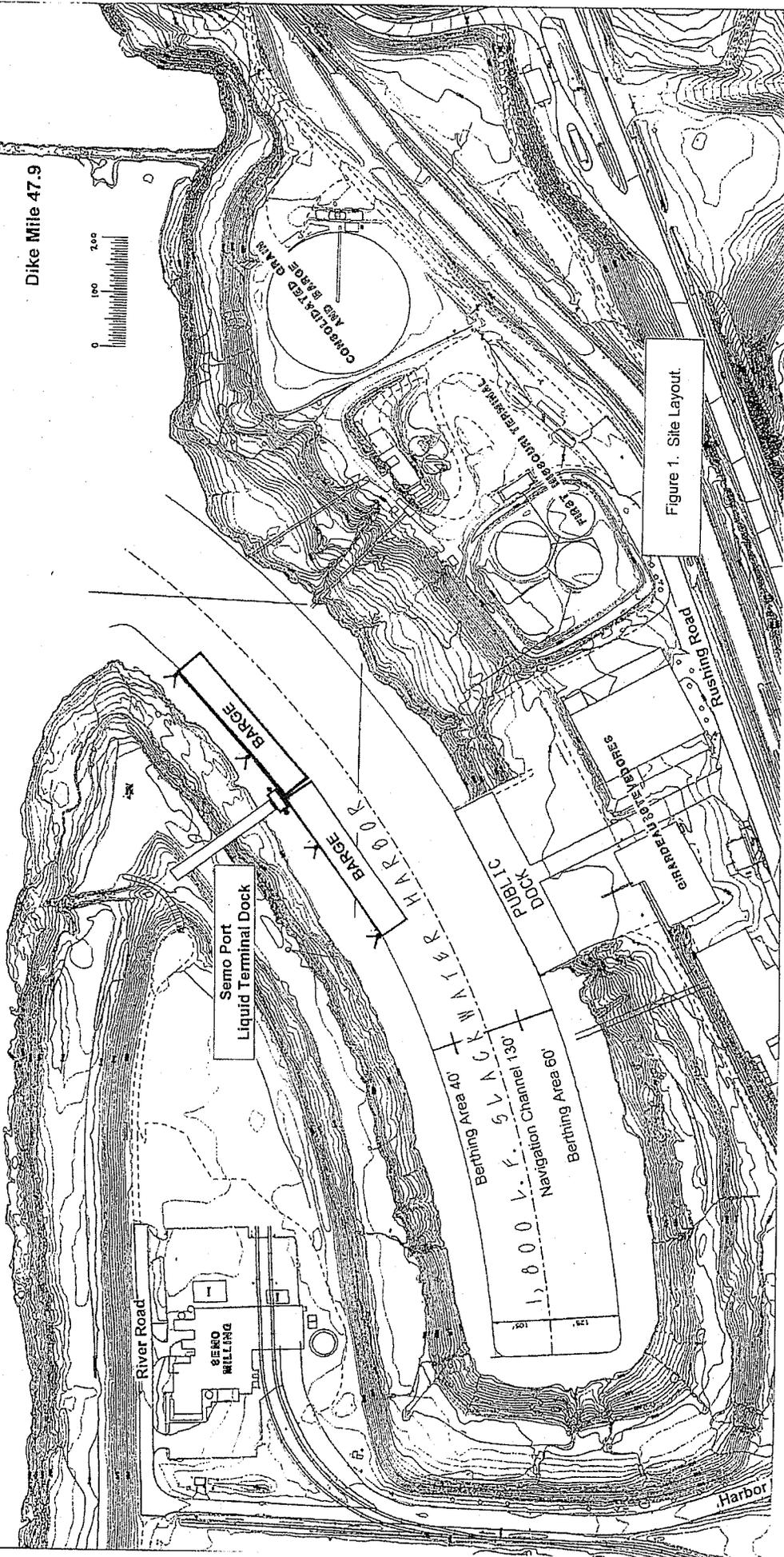


Figure 1. Site Layout.

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500 year flood 355 elevation
 100 year flood 352 elevation

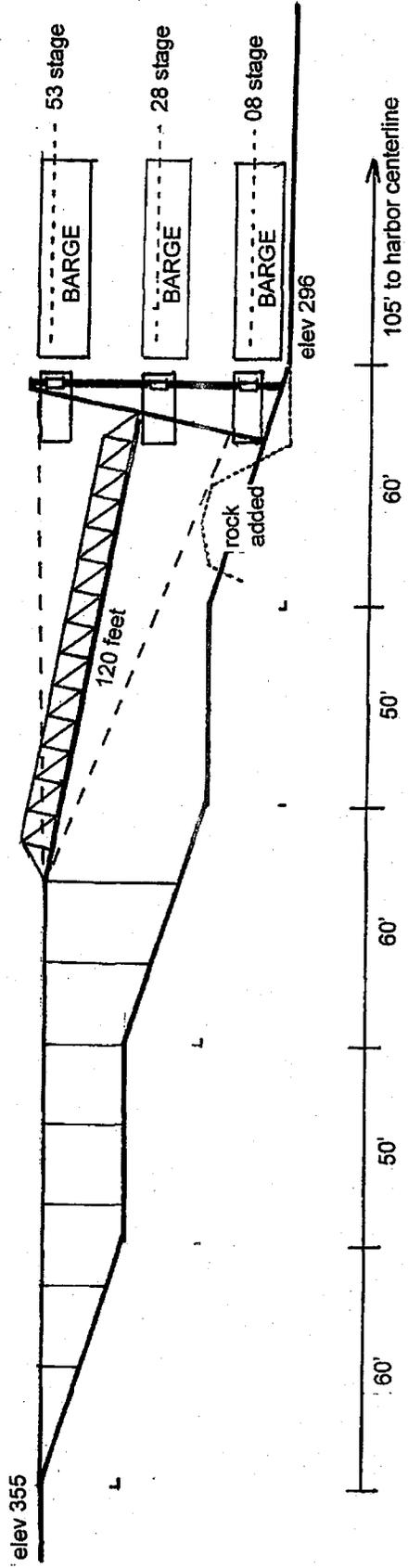


Figure 2. Cross Section

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