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St. Louis District

PUBLIC NOTICE

FILE NUMBER: MVS-2014-627

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: April 08, 2024

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 2024

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. The purpose of the public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you may be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest.

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 or may be submitted electronically at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notice>.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE: This public notice is issued jointly with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program. The Department of Natural Resources will use the comments to this notice in deciding whether to grant Section 401 water quality certification. Commenters are requested to furnish a copy of their comments to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources by email at wpssc401cert@dnr.mo.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

APPLICANT: City of St. Louis Port Authority
Attn: Ms. Susan Taylor
1520 Market Street Suite 2000
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

PROJECT LOCATION: The activity site is located at the Port's municipal river terminal, situated at the foot of North Market Street, along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, between approximate river miles 181.4 to 181.7, in St. Louis, Missouri.

AUTHORITY: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344)

ACTIVITY: The proposed project seeks reissuance of previously authorized dredging/dredge disposal permits. The applicant's river terminal is an active municipal port with goods moving in and out via barge, truck, and rail. To ensure uninterrupted barge access, the applicant requests authorization to perform annual maintenance dredging along the entire 2000' length of the dock to an area extending 100' riverward of the dock face. While not anticipated, up to 100,000 tons of material would be dredged from the project area with associated open river disposal. The attached hydrograph, from October of 2024, depicts river elevation depths at the project site. The shallow areas to be dredged are shown in red, and the deeper water areas shown in black lettering would be more appropriate for dredge disposal. Annual dredge tonnage would vary and be influenced by river deposition patterns.

WETLANDS/AQUATIC HABITAT: The maintenance dredging will occur within a previously authorized dredging/dredge disposal area within the St. Louis Harbor.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO AQUATIC RESOURCES: The proposed disposal site was reviewed by the St. Louis District Hydraulics Branch and verified to be a deep part of the Mississippi Riverbed. Placement of disposal material in deeper areas will allow faster moving river currents to resuspend some of the material back into the Mississippi River's natural sediment transport system.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information about this application may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, St. Louis District Regulatory Division, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63103. All comments to this public notice should be sent to alan.r.edmondson@usace.army.mil

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800. However, we will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (or Tribe designated representative) and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area to check for unknown historic properties, if warranted. The St. Louis District Archeologist has made a preliminary determination of "no effect to historic properties".

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), and Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) that currently is a threatened species and is a proposed candidate for endangered status. In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. The Corps is coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the applicant is taking measures to minimize potential effects of the project during construction. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals. Informal coordination for this project has been initiated.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Certification Improvement Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), effective November 27, 2023, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The scope for CWA Section 401 certification by the certifying authority shall evaluate whether the activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements. The certifying authority's evaluation is limited to the water quality-related impacts from the activity subject to the Federal license or permit, including the activity's construction and operation. The applicant is solely responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. In accordance with Certification Rule part 121.12, the Corps will notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator when it has received a Department of the Army (DA) permit application and the related certification. The Administrator is responsible for determining if the discharge may affect water quality in a neighboring jurisdiction. The DA permit may not be issued pending the conclusion of the Administrator's determination of effects on neighboring jurisdictions.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including the cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That 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 including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the

Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). The 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 this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the 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 the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in 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.

COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Tribes; and other interested parties 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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PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, prior to the expiration date of this public notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Such requests shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.



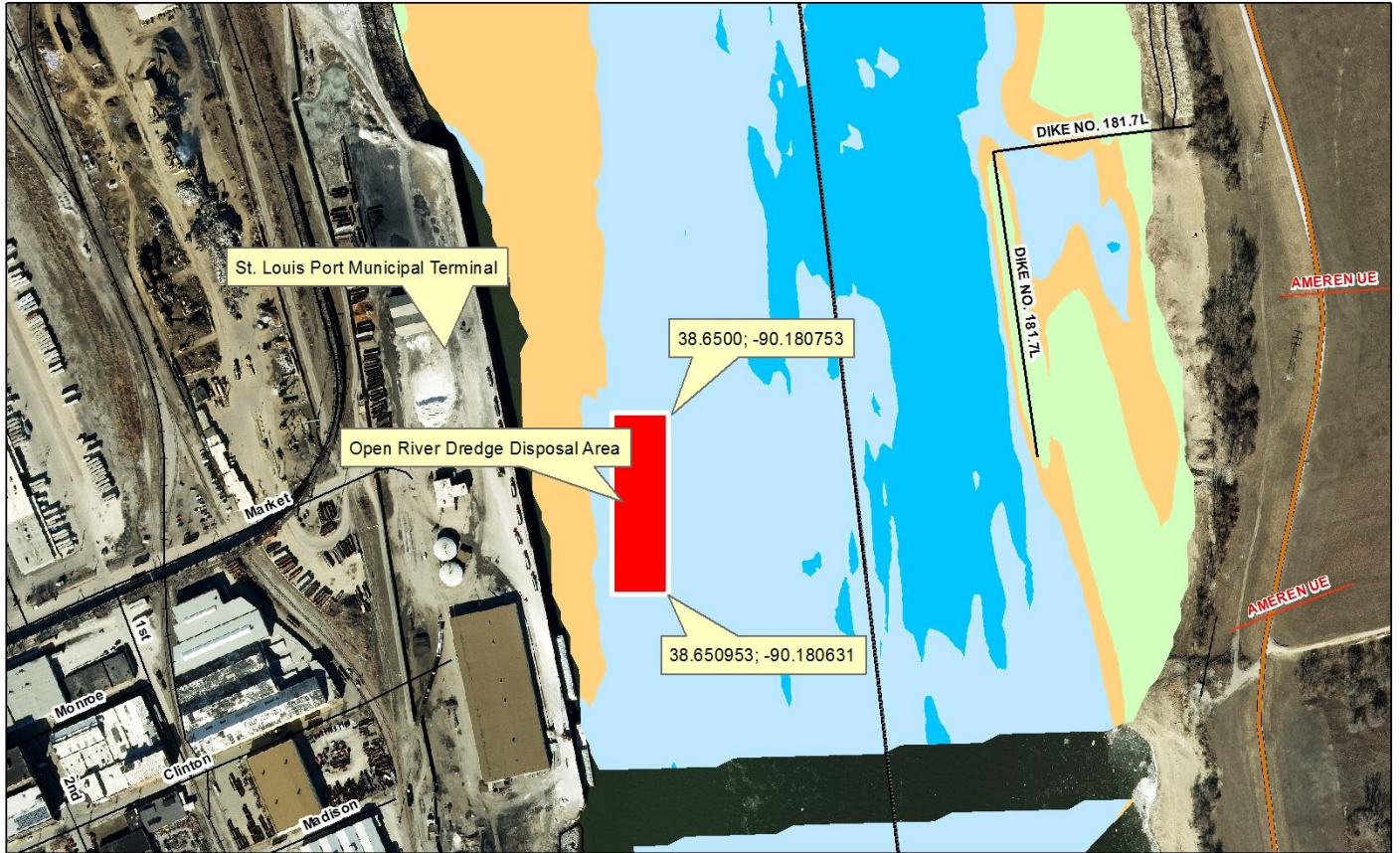
Robert S. Gramke
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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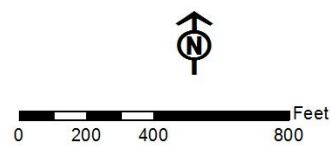
2024 Depth Survey
Disposal Location

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.



Disposal Area Riverward Coordinates
P-2888 St. Louis Port Municipal Terminal



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