

# 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-2750

Public Notice Date:  
May 12, 2014

Expiration Date:  
June 1, 2014

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Numbers: 2010-79 (P-2750)

Mississippi River Miles 180.0

Interested parties are hereby notified that proposed plans have been received for Department of the Army permits to establish a barge fleeting facility in a navigable water 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 Numbers 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  
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Jennifer L. Brown)  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**APPLICANT:** SCF Lewis & Clark Fleeting, LLC., Mr. Myron McDonough, 2801 Rock Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040, (618) 876-1116.

**LOCATION:** The proposed barge fleeting facility is located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River Mile 180.0 in St. Clair County, Illinois. (See Attached Vicinity Map)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed barge fleeting facility, known as the Queen Fleet, is proposed downstream of the Eads Bridge at River Mile 180 at the former Casino Queens Mooring.

The project includes the installation of 3-fleet barges between 2 existing mooring cells, to allow the fleeting of the 12-additional barges. The Queen Fleet will be attached in a 3-wide and 4-long configuration, with a proposed maximum capacity of 12 barges, with the addition of the three spare barges to hold the fleet. The fleet will be held in place by two protected mooring cells using 4-part wire ropes at both the upstream and downstream locations. The wire will be attached to the captive barges using shackles and reinforced deck fittings and secured in a manner which would allow the fleet to slide up or down depending on the river stage. The entire fleet will be approximately 780 feet long, running parallel to the river bank.

No explosives or hazardous materials are proposed to be stored on the fleeting area. In addition, a tug will be stationed in the fleeting area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Brown, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8579 or at electronic mail address: [Jennifer.L.Brown@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jennifer.L.Brown@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).

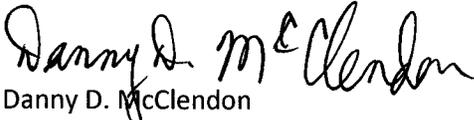
**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

**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 Pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this activity is not likely to affect the listed species. 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.

**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 areas.

**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.

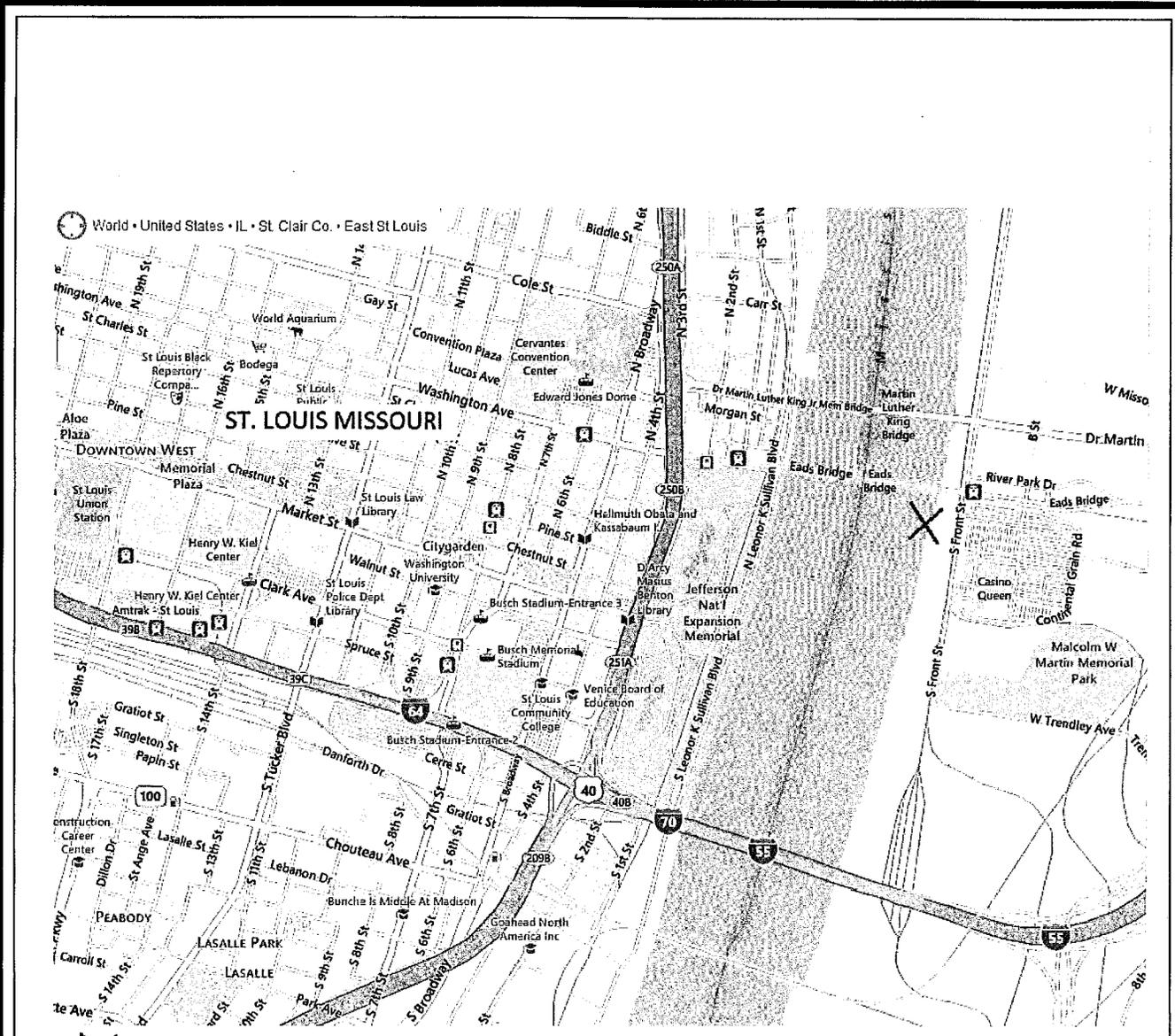
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for these proposals. 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.

  
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.



X - DENOTES AREA OF THE PROPOSED BARGE FLEETING ACTIVITY.

SCF FLEETING LLC - VICINITY MAP OF PROPOSED NEW BARGE FLEETING AREA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
 SCF FLEETING LLC  
 BARGE FLEETING AREA  
 LOCATION:  
 UMR MILE 179.9 (LDB)  
 EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

