



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-2784
Public Notice Date
February 15, 2011

Expiration Date
March 7, 2011

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File Number: MVS-2011-43

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: Tyson Zobrist

APPLICANT: American Milling, L.P., Attention: Mr. David Jump, 4439 Old Alton Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040, (618)798-9800.

LOCATION: The project site is located at Latitude 38°34'22.58"N, Longitude 90°13'8.99"W, Township 01 North, Range 10 West of the 3rd Principle Meridian, St. Clair County, Illinois. The site is located on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at mile 175.66.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to construct a pipe pile supported conveyor, loading tower and to permanently moor two captive dock barges. Approximately 14, pipe dolphins structures and an upstream and downstream pipe piling support structure will be driven to the point of resistance within the Mississippi River substrate to support an approximate 400-foot-long conveyor and loading tower for the transfer of dry bulk materials. Two captive dock barges would be installed along the upstream and downstream side of the loading tower. The two captive dock barges would measure 35-feet-wide by 195-feet-long. The barges would be permanently moored to the proposed pipe dolphins. Cargo barges would be delivered to the site for loading to the outside of the proposed captive dock barges. The delivered cargo barges would arrive as empties, be loaded, and then switched as loads to other existing fleets for shipment. The terminus of the proposed conveyor/loading tower and the riverward side of the proposed captive dock barges would not extend further riverward than the existing Arsenal Island

mooring line. As such, the proposed operation isn't expected to hinder or impede navigation that already passes the mooring line of the Arsenal Island fleets. The activity site is located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 175.66, near Cahokia, in St. Clair County, Illinois. (See Attached Figures)

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachments 1, 2, 3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Tyson Zobrist, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8578. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8533 or by e-mail to tyson.j.zobrist@usace.army.mil.

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

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES- OFFIC OF WATER RESOURCES: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) application is being processed pursuant to an Act in Relation to the Regulation of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams of the State of Illinois, Chapter 516 ILCS 5. Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers. Jerry Bishoff of 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 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: The proposed project is within range of the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Eastern Massasauga (*Sistrurus ctenatus*), Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Plantanthaera leucophaea*), Decurrent False Aster (*Boltonia decurrens*) and the Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirynchus albus*). 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.



DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments 1-3

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.



LIST OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

NO.	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	Ingram Barge Co.	1 Davis Street Ferry Rd. East Carondelet, IL 62240
2.	Granite Grain	3 Cargill Elevator Rd. Cahokia, IL 62206
3.	Alton & Southern Railway Company	1000 S. 22nd St. East St. Louis, IL 62207
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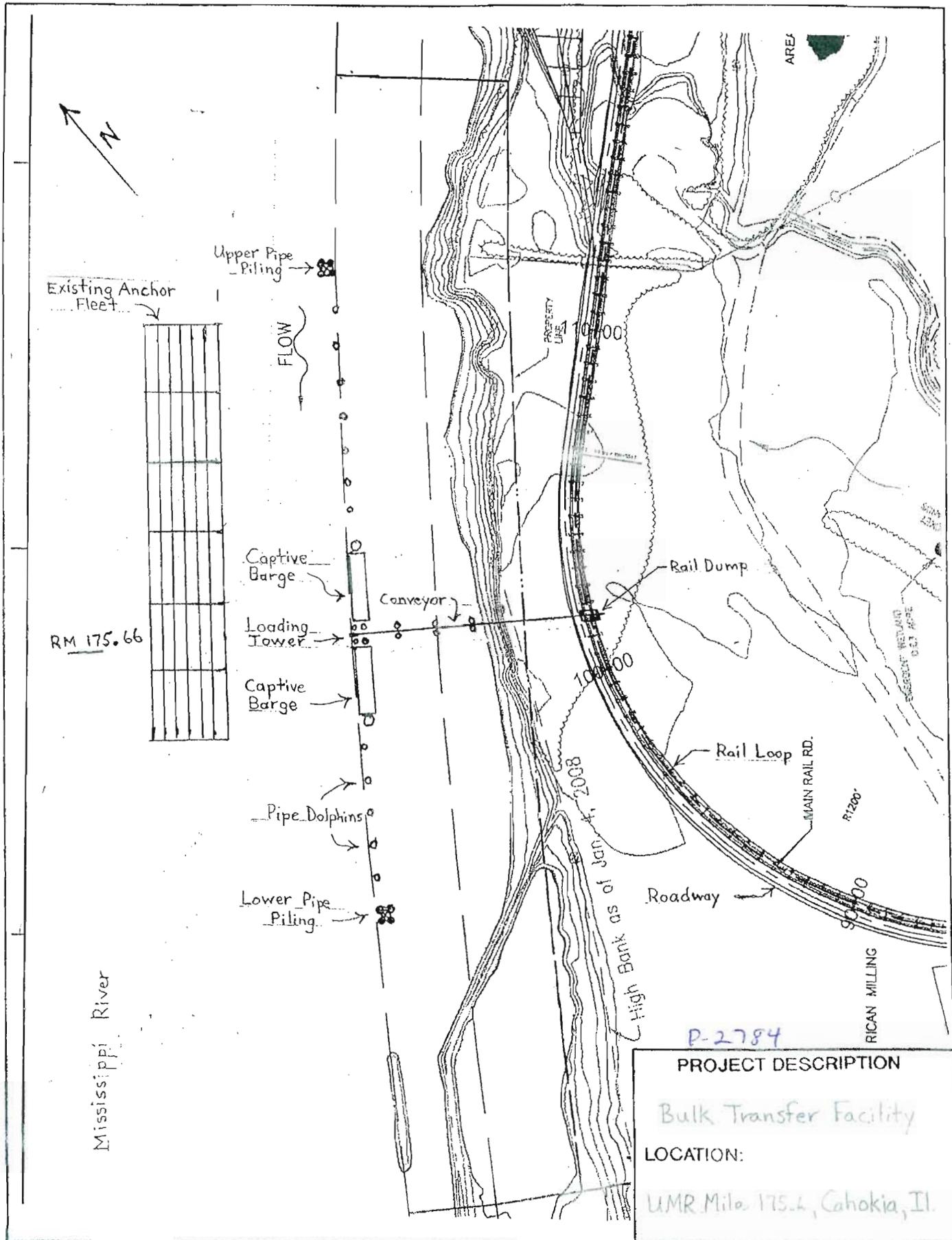
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bulk Transfer Facility

LOCATION:

UMR Mile 175.6
Cahokia, IL



Existing Anchor Fleet

RM 175.66

Mississippi River

Upper Pipe Piling

FLOW

Captive Barge

Loading Tower

Captive Barge

Pipe Dolphins

Lower Pipe Piling

Conveyor

Rail Dump

Rail Loop

MAIN RAIL RD.

Roadway

High Bank as of Jan. 4, 2008

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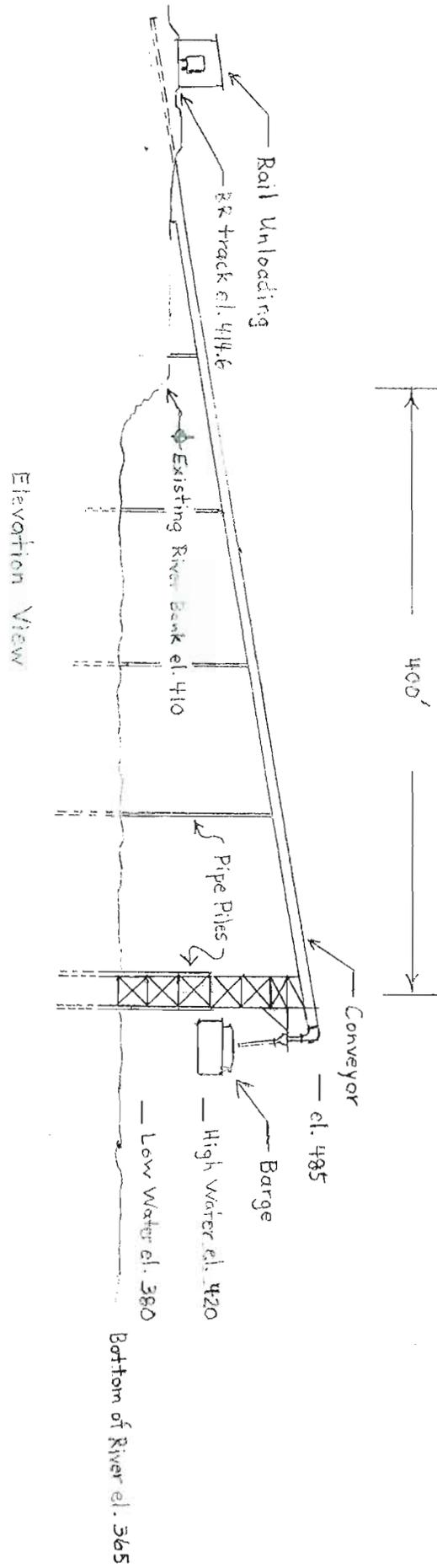
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bulk Transfer Facility

LOCATION:

UMR Mile 175.2, Cahokia, IL



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