

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS St. Louis District Gateway to Excellence Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833 Public Notice No. <u>P-2884</u>

Public Notice

Public Notice Date: August 5, 2014

Expiration Date: August 25, 2014

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File Numbers: 2014-413 (P-2884)

Mississippi River Miles 150.1

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.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> 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: Riverview Commerce Park, LLC., Mr. Glenn O'Bryan, 1 School Street, Herculaneum, Missouri 63048

LOCATION: The proposed barge fleeting facility is located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River Mile 150.1 in Monroe County, Illinois. More specifically, the site is located in Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 11 West (See Attached Vicinity Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed barge fleeting facility, known as the *Fred Weber Herculaneum Fleet No.* 1, is proposed at River Mile 150.1, near Valmeyer, Illinois.

The fleet will include 35-hopper barges in a 7-wide by 5-long arrangement. The fleet will have a maximum area of 245feet wide by 1,000 feet long. In addition, one mooring barge will be installed on the bank side of the fleet. The barge will be held into place with properly sized mooring chains, secured to two typical fleet anchors. The purpose of the project is to provide barge fleeting capacity, adjacent to the existing river terminal in Herculaneum, Missouri. It will also improve the barge handling volume for Fred Weber and associated companies. No explosives or hazardous materials are proposed to be stored on the fleeting area.

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*

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 gricescens**), 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.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: 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.



