

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-3089

**Public Notice Date** 

June 1, 2018

**Expiration Date** 

June 22, 2018

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: MVS-2018-346

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army Section 10 permit authorization to operate a barge loading facility on the Mississippi River.

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

APPLICANT: Capital Sand, 418 County Road 347, Jackson MO, 63755. Attn: Mr. Scott Jinks

**LOCATION:** The proposed project occurs on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River from approximate river mile 49.9 to 50.3. Specifically, the project is found in Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 14 West, at latitude 38.3655119 and longitude -90.360707 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant, Captial Sand, requests permit authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for construction of infrastructure facilities needed to operate a barge loading facility on the Mississippi River. The purpose and need of the Captital Sand project is to create a safe and easily accessible location for the loading of aggregate. While river based projects have occurred at this location in the past, the previous infrastructure needed for the proposed operation was outdated, and had become unsafe. The new project proposes two dock barges with spuds measuring 40 feet by 140 feet. In addition to the infrastructure being placed in the river, two barge fleets, measuring five barges wide and two rows of barges long, are proposed to occur upstream on the right descending bank of Mississippi River mile 50.2 and 50.3 respectively. Impacts to the Mississippi River include the placement of the spuds for the dock barge. Landward of the bankline, in an area which does not contain jurisdictional wetlands, will be an unloading pit, conveyors, screen and telescoping conveyors with no supports past the top of bank.

**LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS:** (See attached.)

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Inquiries may also be sent by facsimile at (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@usace.army.mil*.

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

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: 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 the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirynchus albus*) and the threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and the small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. However, in order to complete our evaluation, this public notice solicits comments 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 and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public, in response to this public notice. Additional reconnaissance surveys of the project area may be required if warranted.

**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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

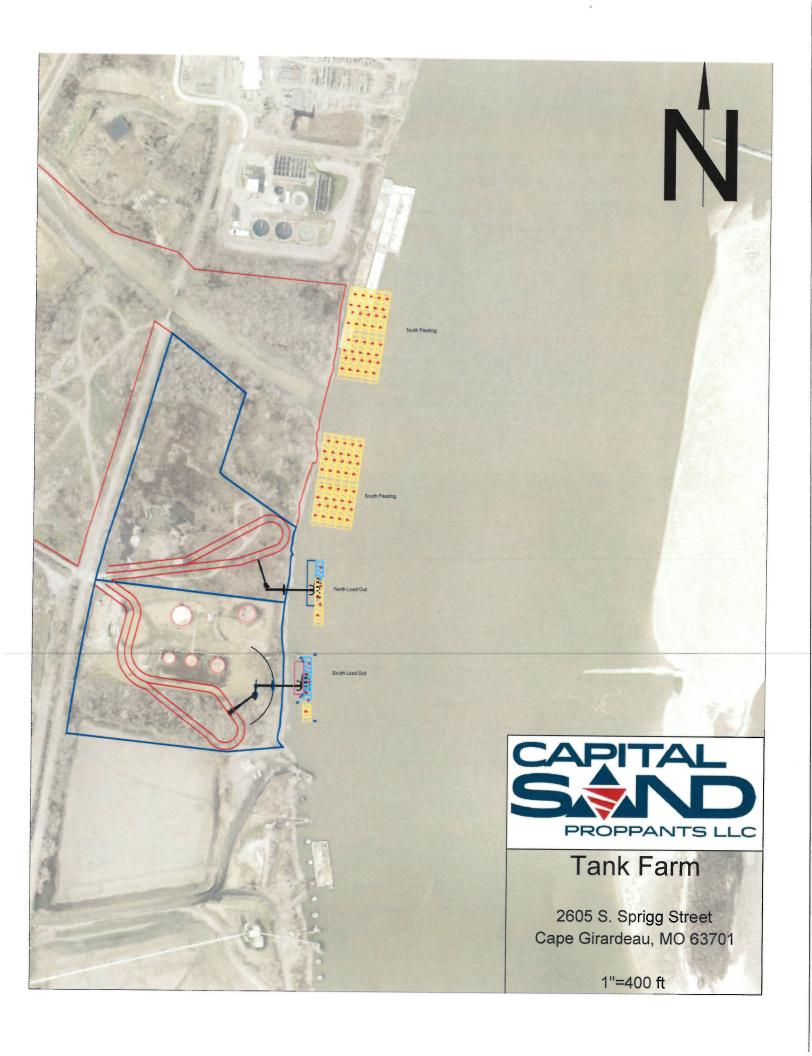
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Chief, Regulatory Branch

## **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.





## P-3089 - Capital Sand Proposed Site - Mississippi River Mile 49.9R

