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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-3092

Public Notice Date

May 29, 2018

Expiration Date

June 21, 2018

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Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit request has been received to periodically remove accumulated sediment from Buzzi Unicem USA's (Buzzi Unicem) existing barge loading terminal in the Mississippi River, as described below and shown on the attached.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice numbers shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date to become part of the record and be considered in the decisions. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

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APPLICANT: Buzzi Unicem, c/o: Mr. Willie Heberlie, P.O. Box 1003, Festus, Missouri 63028 (636-931-2500).

LOCATION: The project area is located adjacent to Buzzi Unicem's existing barge loading terminal along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 145.8, near Festus, Jefferson County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests authorization to periodically use a suction dredge or track hoe mounted on a work barge to remove accumulated river deposits from areas adjacent and riverward of their existing barge loading terminal. High water events carry increased quantities of suspended river sediment. When high flows encounter structures such as river cells, conveyor supports or slack water area, flow velocity decreases and heavier sediment drops out of suspension to form elevated accumulations on the riverbed. It is not possible to predict the specific quantity or location where river transferred sediments will accumulate. Humps of randomly deposited river sediment hinder safe navigation access and daily operations at barge loading facilities. The applicant would only perform periodic suction dredging or excavation on an as needed basis, due to the high cost associated with mobilizing and demobilizing dredging/excavation equipment and transporting the removed material. The applicant proposes to place the removed river deposits in an adjacent upland quarried area. An approximate 775-foot-long by 250-foot-wide area adjacent and riverward of the applicant's river terminal is the footprint of the proposed sediment removal area. The applicant would survey the river bottom depth in the project area to identify and target required sediment removal areas that are typically most problematic during low river stage. Sediment removal depths would not exceed below the base elevation of the depositional features.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Mr. Willie Heberlie at 636-931-2532, or Charles Frerker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Project Manager, at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil or 314-331-8583.

AUTHORITY: The proposal will be processed under the provision of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

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: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the periodic removal of excessive river deposits from a highly active barge loading terminal which has been operational year-round for decades is not likely to adversely 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. However, in order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District has done a preliminary evaluation of the site. The project area is a submerged riverine area that is highly disturbed by the past construction and installation of river terminal features. The river sediment to be periodically removed would be recent depositional material that did not originate at the site. The proposed disposal area is a highly disturbed site where top soil and layers of underlying stone were removed for the applicant's associated quarry operation. Based on the highly disturbed site conditions and avoidance of excavating below introduced river sediments, leads to our conclusion that cultural resource reconnaissance surveys may not be required. However, if substantial information from the response to public notice indicates that further investigation is necessary; or at the request of the State Historic Preservation Office or tribal representatives; the USACE will reconsider its decision.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to authorize the activity 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 which 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.

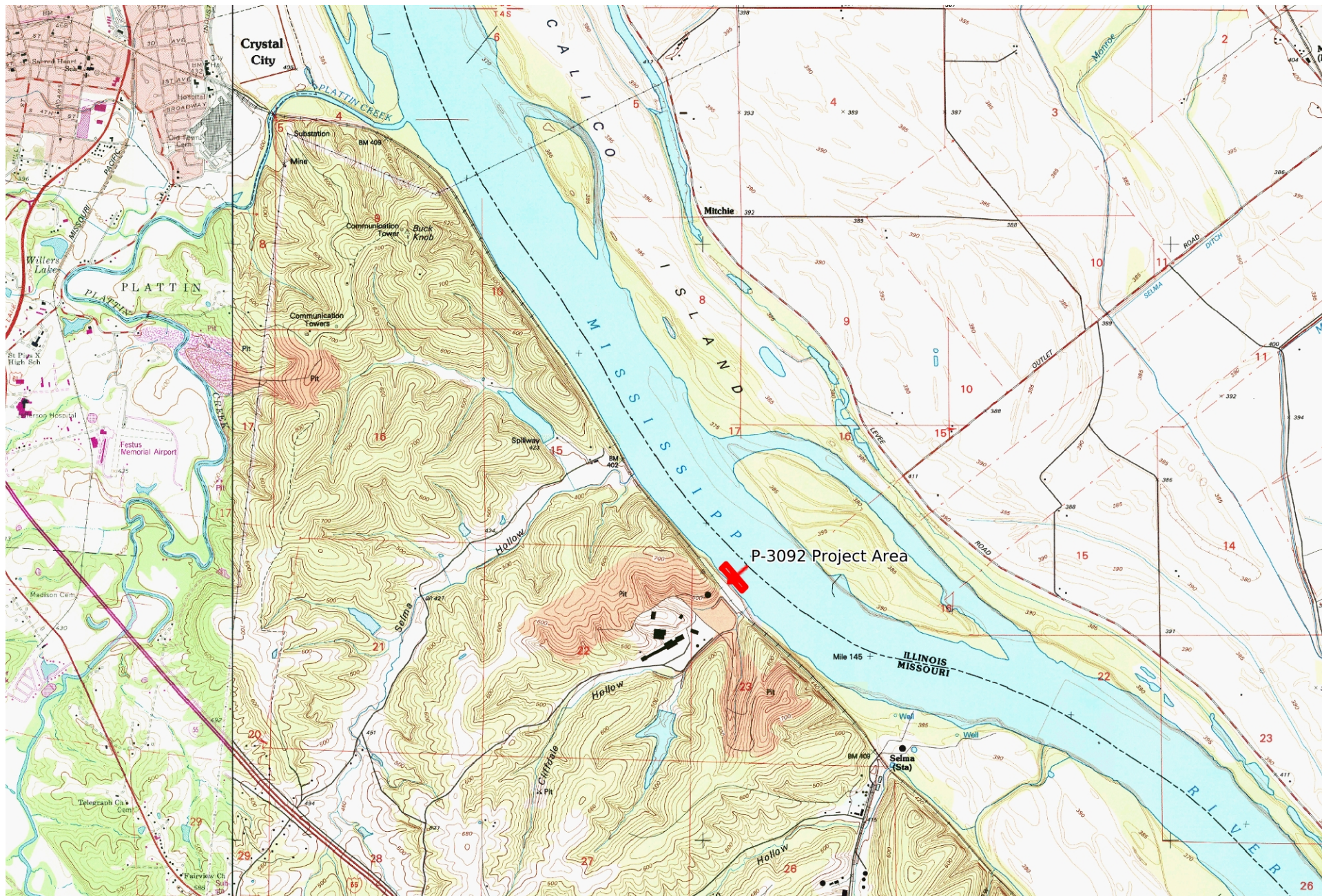
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

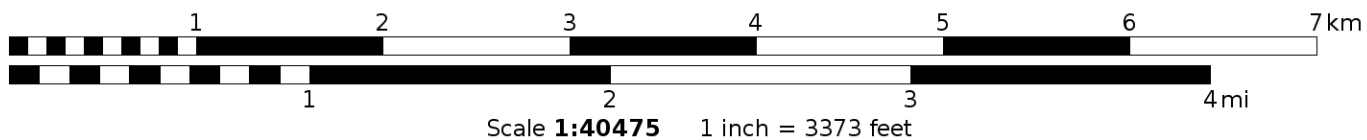
DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachment

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