

## 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-3100

Public Notice Date

July 05, 2018

**Expiration Date** 

July 26, 2018

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File Number: MVS-1995-13330

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: Alan Edmondson

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Southeast Missouri Regional Port, 10 Bill Bess Drive, Scott City, Missouri, 63780, (573) 264-4045. (ATTN: Mr. Cary Harbison)

**LOCATION:** The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River at approximate mile 48, Scott County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Scott City and Cape Girardeau USGS quadrangle maps, Section 21, Township 30 North, Range 14 East.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Southeast Missouri Regional Port was designed and built by the Corps of Engineers for the purpose of loading and unloading barges in a slackwater harbor. The harbor is 1800 feet long and 230 feet wide at the toe. Within the 230 feet, there are three areas: (a) the north side berthing area, 40 feet wide; (b) the 130-foot wide navigation channel; and (c) the south side berthing area, 60 feet wide. Maintenance dredging is conducted annually to ensure continued operation. The applicant has applied to continue maintenance dredging operations in accordance with the Department of the Army permits received for dredging in 1997 and 2001, respectively. The permit authorized the applicant to maintain the harbor at a 9-foot design depth for the entire length of the harbor channel. Public Notice P-3100 requests that maintenance dredging operations continue as needed in the harbor. Dredge material is discharged in the river just outside the mouth of the port. The aforementioned permits restrict the type of material which may be placed back in the river and those which must be returned to disposal basins. These conditions, which were incorporated into the Department of the Army permits after receiving comments from other regulatory agencies, will remain in effect with the re-issuance of this permit.

NOTE: There are no proposed changes to the currently existing permit. (P-2575)

## **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. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@mvs02.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:** 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.

<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 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.

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