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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street

Public Notice No.
P-3056 to P-3059
Public Notice Date
June 23, 2017

Expiration Date
July 13, 2017

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to renew continual commercial sand dredging from waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attachments.

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
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Limited Leasing Company, c/o: Mr. Brian Viehmann, 1777 Highway 79 South, Old Monroe, Missouri 63369, (636) 665-5180 and Jotori Dredging, Inc., c/o: Mr. Konn Wilson, 2320 Creve Coeur Road, Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043, (314) 344-0070.

LOCATION: Renewal of on-going commercial sand dredging activities are proposed in the State of Missouri to continue to occur at specific locations between Mississippi River Mile 201.2 to 218.3 (See Attachments).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The permit applicants request permit renewal to continue dredging up to 750,000 tons of sand on a yearly basis in the State of Missouri, between approximate Mississippi River miles 201.5 to 202.7, 202.7 to 208.5, 208.5 to 212.1 and 215.1 to 217.0. The ongoing operation is performed by suction dredging and will remain the same. Dredged material will be loaded into barges, with excess water discharged back into the river at the dredging location. Filled hopper barges will be transported to the existing Bluff City Minerals Company offloading facility, located along the left descending bank, at approximate Mississippi River mile 203.9, where a hydraulic excavator will unload the material into a conveyor system for upland stockpiling. The applicant has been authorized to conduct commercial dredging in this reach of the river since the 1990's. Standard dredging conditions created by coordinated efforts with other Federal and state resource agencies shall be applied to the potentially re-authorized action to further minimize impacts to aquatic life, navigation and natural/manmade river features. All dredging will be completed in the Alton Pool, above the Mel Price Lock and Dam.

The attached maps identifies the permit applicants planned dredging locations. A pending permit "P" number has been assigned to each dredging area, which is broken out by state boundary areas and river mile reaches for commenting and reauthorization consideration.

Table 1: Mississippi River Dredging Locations – MISSOURI	
Identification on Maps	Approx. River Mile Range
P-3056 (2017-432)	201.5 to 202.7
P-3057 (2017-433)	202.7 to 208.5
P-3058 (2017-434)	208.5 to 212.1
P-3059 (2017-435)	215.1 to 217.0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the permit applicants or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@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) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program for state certification of the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program guidelines and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water 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: The proposed project is within range of the federally endangered pallid sturgeon, Indiana bat, gray bat, higgins eye pearly mussel and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat and decurrent false aster. As previously mentioned, standard dredging conditions created by coordinated efforts with other Federal and state resource agencies would be applied to avoid and minimize potential impacts to the listed species. Dredging has occurred in the same area on an uninterrupted basis since the 1990's. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested parties to ascertain any potential impacts upon this listed species, any others species or their critical habitats.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: 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 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 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.


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 issuance.





