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Editor's Note: This release discusses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District's approval of a permit for the Holcim (US), Inc., Lee Island project in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo.

Corps of Engineers Approves Permit Application for Holcim Lee Island Project in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, has approved a Section 404 and Section 10 permit for the Holcim (US), Inc. Lee Island project in Ste. Genevieve County, MO.

The permit is to regulate impacts to the waters of the United States, including wetlands (Section 404 of the Clean Water Act) and activities in, or affecting, the navigable waters of the United States (Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899). It is one of several permits from Federal and state agencies that Holcim must obtain before the firm can begin work on the site adjacent to the Mississippi River in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo.

The permit specifically applies to waters of the United States over which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdictional authority, including 14 acres of wetlands and 3.2 miles of intermittent streams that will be impacted, and 61 acres of wetlands and 3.2 miles of intermittent streams that Holcim is required to provide as mitigation for these impacts. The overall Holcim project comprises some 3,916 acres, of which approximately 2,200 acres will be maintained as a buffer area.

As stipulated in the Corps permit, Holcim must still obtain various other state and federal permits for the project before they may begin development in the areas over which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers exercises jurisdictional authority.

During the permit process, the Corps considered the views of other Federal, state and local agencies, interest groups, and the general public. The results of this careful public interest review are fair and equitable decisions that allow reasonable use of private property, infrastructure development, and growth of the economy, while offsetting the authorized impacts to the waters of the US.

The decision process and issues considered are described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Assessment documents, which will be available for public viewing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District, Public Web Site:

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/permits/pn/HolcimDocs.htm>

The documents are not available in a printed version.