



Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

**Public Notice No.
P-2473
Public Notice Date
May 02, 2005**

**Expiration Date
May 16, 2005**

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: 199284758

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

APPLICANT: New Bourbon Regional Port Authority, P.O. Box 366, Perryville, Missouri, 63775, (573) 547-8357. (ATTN: Mr. Ron Inman)

LOCATION: The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River mile 120.5, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Kaskaskia USGS quadrangle map, US Survey 67, Township 38 North, Range 09 East.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks reauthorization to construct a slackwater harbor and public transfer facility. The project was initially authorized in April of 1995, and the scope of the project remains the same as when originally authorized. The original permit authorized the construction of an administration building, public truck scale, warehouse, and outside storage facilities.

Phase One of the project involves removal of the eastern 300 feet of the existing rock dike which spans the harbor, driving sheet pile, constructing a retaining wall on the east side of the harbor, building a floating dock, relocating a small drainage area, and constructing the wetland mitigation for the entire project. The mitigation required for the project included the expansion of the blue hole, and creation of 10.2 acres of emergent wetlands. Phase Two of the project involves driving sheet pile and placing a floating dock on the south side of the harbor, constructing a truck scale, and fabricating miscellaneous outbuildings. Phase Three of the project involves driving sheet pile and placing a floating dock on the west side of the harbor, adding additional truck access and facilities, and removing the remaining approximate 130 feet of rock dike to allow full harbor access. It is estimated that 53,000 cubic yards of rock, sand, and soil will be excavated from the blue hole, and 145,000 cubic yards of back fill will be required for the harbor and attendant facilities.

The project has had several instances where funding to be used for completion of the project was withheld due to budget constraints. The activities that were conducted since authorization include: In 1997, the wetland expansion site was graded and planted with 9,200 emergent wetland plants and 2,400 trees. The expanded wetland was required as mitigation for the loss of wetland in the pool for the development of the harbor. Annual monitoring reports have been provided to the Army Corps of Engineers regularly since that time. Following a monitoring report which indicated that most emergent plants in the wetland did not survive, the site was replanted using plants and larger caliper trees. In 2000 the Port Authority took title of the remaining land surrounding the harbor, bringing the size of the port site to 72.17 acres. Also in 2000, a dredge spoil area containment levee was constructed creating the first of several planned dredge containment areas. Other than these activities, and a separate 2004 Department of the Army Nationwide permit the port received to construct an outbound conveyer system in an effort to generate funds for future use, no other work has been done at the port.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 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*.

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: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a 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 Environmental Protection Agency 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 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.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: 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.

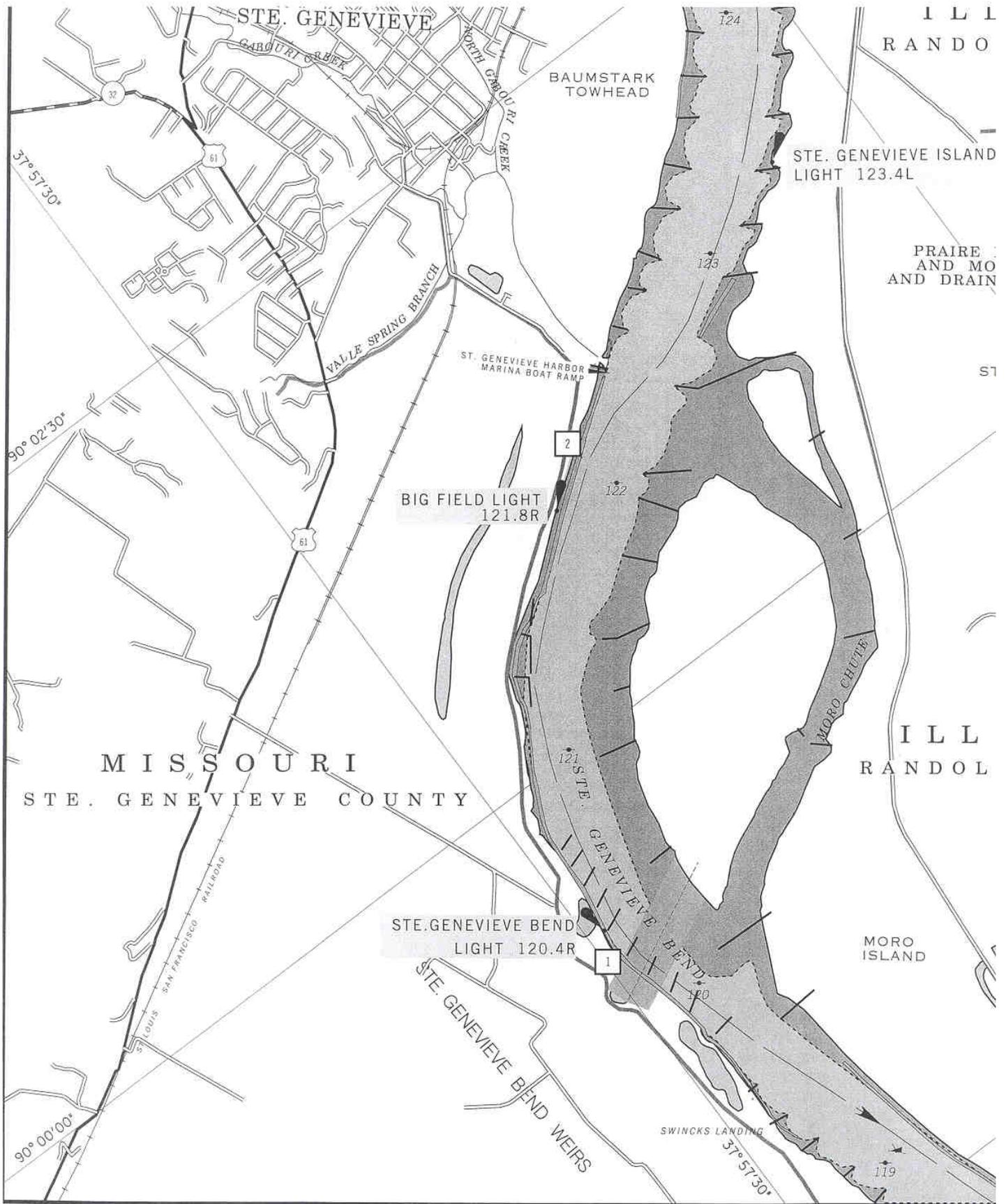
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered 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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Chief, Regulatory Branch

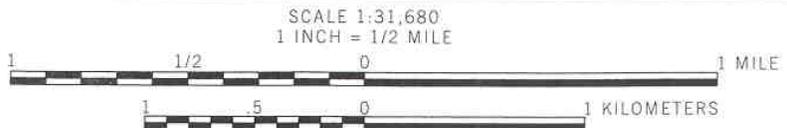
Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 15 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



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New Bourbon Regional Port Authority
Slackwater Harbor
Mile 120.5 U.M.R.

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RIVER
MILE 120.5

EXISTING SHORELINE
EXISTING OFF-LOADING FACILITIES

ADDITIONAL RIP-RAP PHASE 1A

REMOVE RIP-RAP PHASE 1A

RELOCATED DITCH

REINFORCED EARTH OR GEOGRID WALLS PHASE 3

CLOSURE STRUCTURE (TYPICAL) PHASE 3

EX. WATER SURFACE AREA 6.8± AC.

CLOSURE STRUCTURE PHASE 1B

PHASE 1A

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PROPOSED FLOATING DOCKS

CLOSURE STRUCTURE PHASE 1A

EX. LEVEE

TRUCK SCALE PHASE 2

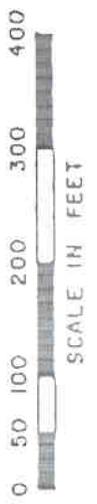
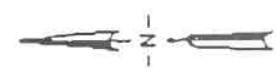
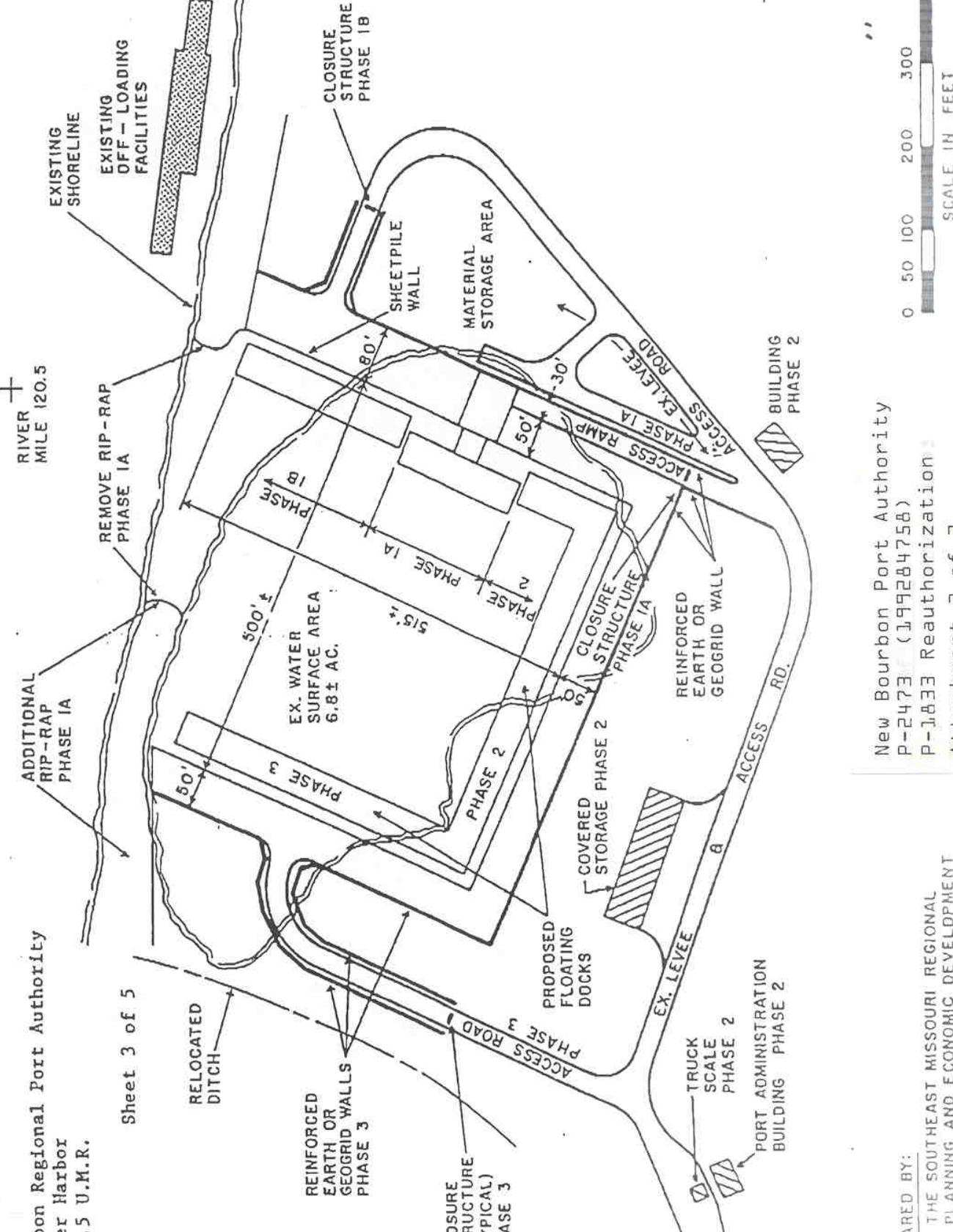
PORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PHASE 2

PHASE 1B

PHASE 2

PHASE 1A

PHASE 2



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 THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL
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PORT OF NEW BOURBON

NEW BOURBON REGIONAL
PORT AUTHORITY

