



Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.
P-2588 - P-2590
Public Notice Date
January 9, 2007

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Expiration Date
January 29, 2007

File Number: 2006-1101

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army permits to continue fleeting at three locations within navigable waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

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

APPLICANT: Mr. Leonard Van Berkel, LENCO Holdings LLC, Post Office Box 31819, St. Louis, Missouri, 63131 (314-692-8804).

LOCATION: The three existing fleeting sites are located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river miles 173.4 (P-2588), 173.5 (P-2589) and 173.6 (P-2590), near East Carondelet, Illinois 62240 (See Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to continue fleeting operations on a parcel of land purchased approximately one year ago. No history of Department of the Army permits was found for three separate fleeting areas that have been continuously utilized for the past several decades. For liability purposes, the applicant requested authorization under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to continue the operation and presence of the three separate fleeting areas. Each fleet is configured in a 5-wide by 5-long arrangement for a maximum presence of 25 barges. The first existing 25 barge fleet, labeled P-2588, is located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 173.4. The second existing 25 barge fleet, labeled P-2589, is located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 173.5. The third existing 25-barge fleet, labeled as P-2590, is located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 173.6. Each fleet is well out of the navigation channel and has no known record of being a problem. Barges will be staged in place as business volume dictates, at times there would be far less than the 25 barge capacity required. No explosives or hazardous materials would be stored within the fleets. In addition, no load transfers, barge cleaning, fueling or storage of fuels would occur at the three fleeting sites. A spud barge with anchors would be located in the upper right configuration of each fleet for securing the remaining barges. The attached drawings show the proposed fleets in greater detail.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: The permits will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

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 the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Pallid Sturgeon (**Scaphirhynchus albus**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

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 conduct, or 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 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.

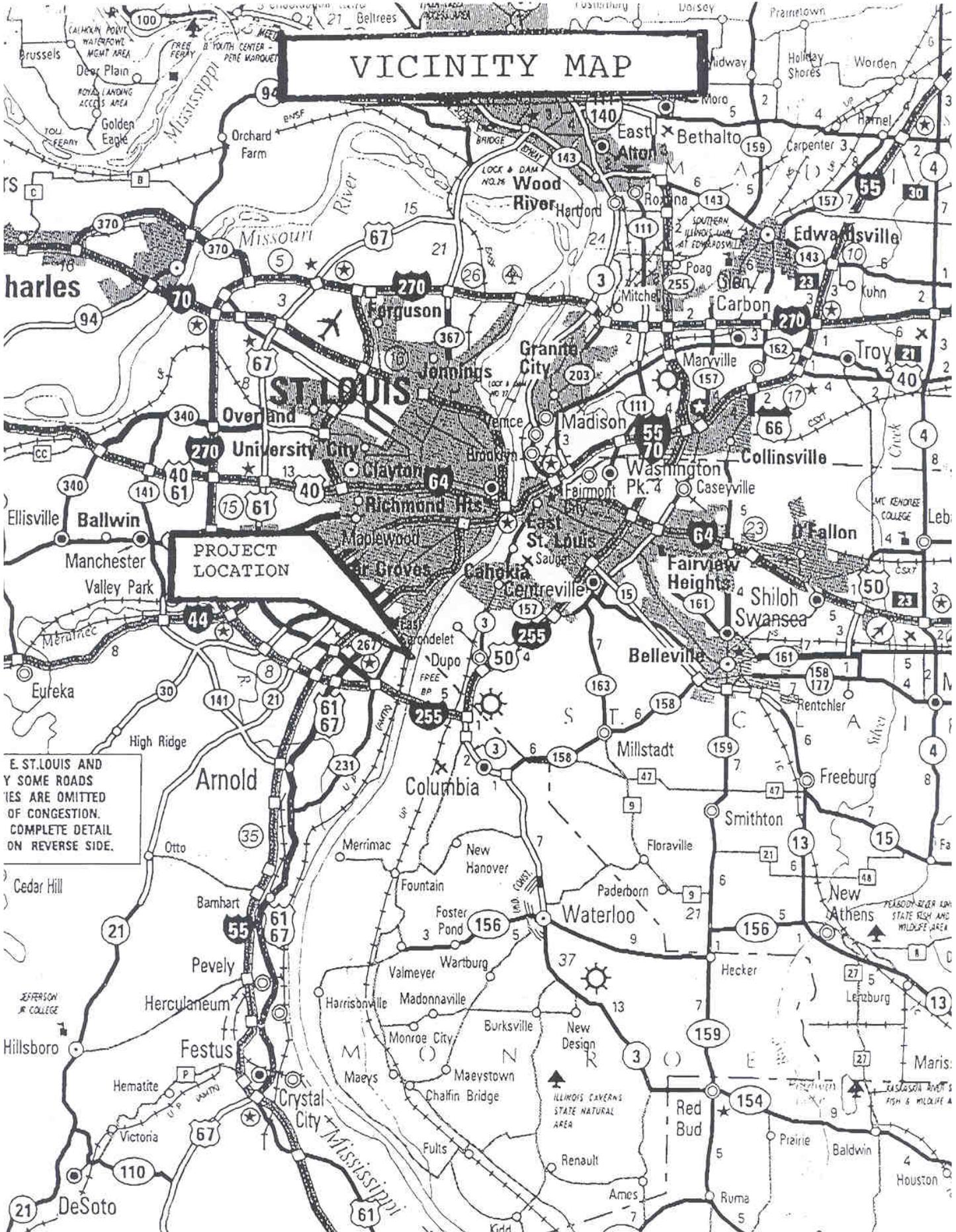
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

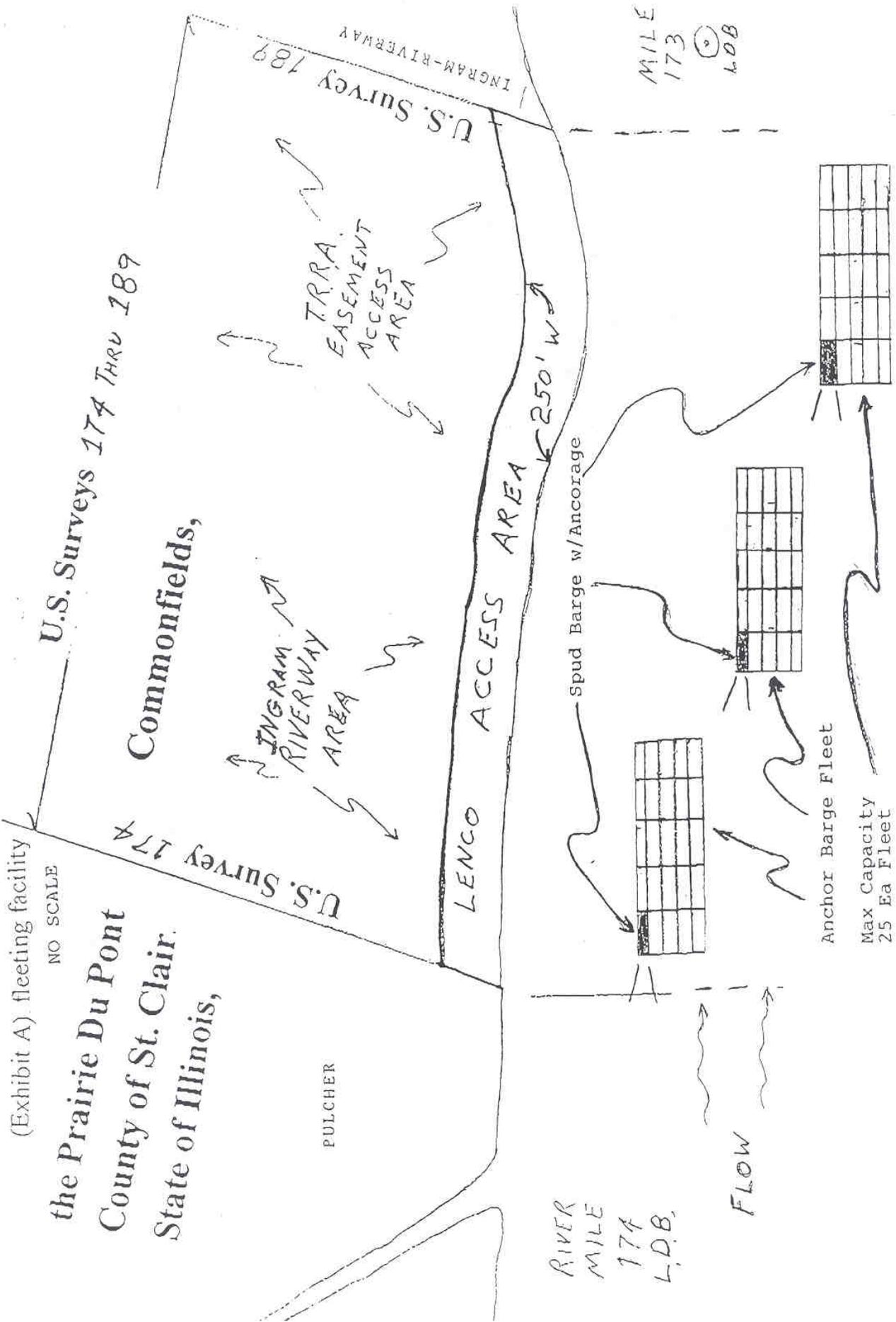
Danny D. McClendon, Chief
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





(Exhibit A) fleeting facility
NO SCALE

the Prairie Du Pont
County of St. Clair,
State of Illinois,

Mississippi River
FLEET AREA 3625 lf.