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Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.
P-2383

Public Notice Date
August 11, 2003

Expiration Date
August 25, 2003

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: 200305240
Mississippi River, Mile 179.5

Interested parties are hereby notified that proposed plans have been received for a Department of the Army permit to establish a single 12 barge fleet in 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 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-CO-F (Craig J. Litteken)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: St. Louis Marine Terminal LLC, Mr. Leonard Van Berkel, Post Office Box 31819, St. Louis, Missouri 63131.

LOCATION: The activity site is situated approximately 3,000 feet below the Eads Bridge in St. Clair County, Illinois, along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 179.5. (See Attached Map)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to initiate fleeting within an approximate 700-foot area along the Mississippi River. The fleet would be situated outside the limits of the navigation channel in a configuration not to exceed three (3) barges long by four (4) barges wide (including one captive barge used to facilitate tying off the fleet). The activity site historically has been utilized to support barge handling and staging to service the adjacent and nearby loading facilities. Existing deadmen and mooring structures would be utilized and if needed, repaired to operational standards. Appropriate sized chain and cables would also be installed to the mooring structures to ensure safe operation. The fleeted barges would contain goods such as corn, soybeans, wheat, coal, etc. No hazardous materials would be fleeted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Craig Litteken, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8579 or at electronic mail address: Craig.J.Litteken@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).

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 activity is not likely to affect the listed species. In order to further 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.

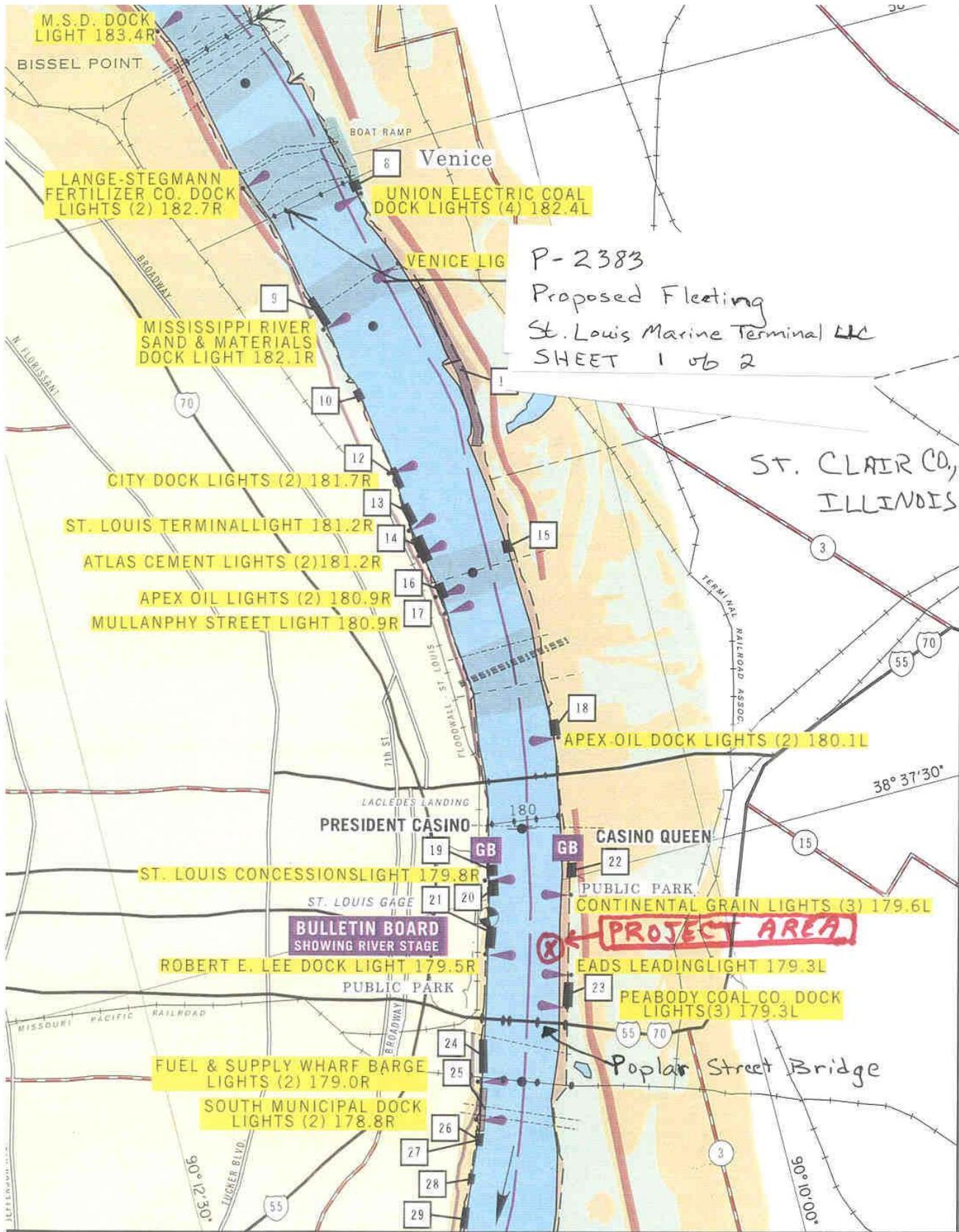
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

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It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed until August 21, 2003.

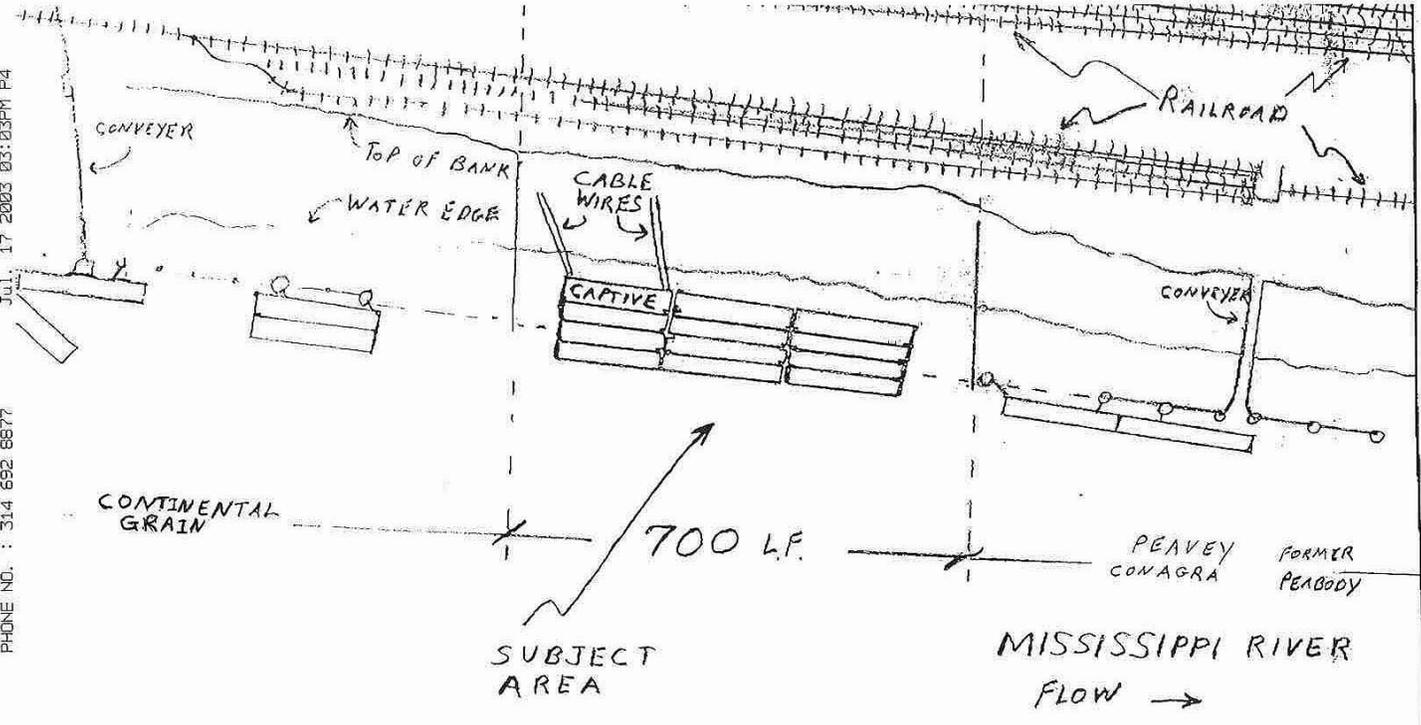


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PHONE NO. : 314 692 8877

FROM : ST. LOUIS, MARINE-LENCO.



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 Proposed Fleeting
 St. Louis Marine Terminal LLC
 SHEET 2 of 2



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PROPOSED FLEET AREA 700 LF.	
MILE 179.5 LDB	SCALE 1"=200'
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL	JULY 21, 2003