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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-2405
Public Notice Date
February 19, 2004

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Expiration Date
March 10, 2004

File Number: 199906463

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

APPLICANT: APAC-Brickeys Stone, 13588 Brickeys Road, Bloomsdale, Missouri 63627
Attention: Ron Netemeyer (573) 483-3475.

LOCATION: The activity site can be accessed by traveling south on I-55 to Exit 162. Turn left and proceed east on Missouri Highway OO. Go straight at the stop sign approximately 4.0 miles. The proposed barge fleet expansion area would be located upstream of the current loading facility, along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate mile 136.2, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. (See Attached Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: APAC-Brickeys Stone seeks authorization to expand their existing barge fleet facility by widening an existing 4x4 fleet into a 5x4 fleet at approximate river mile 136.2 and adding a new 5x4 fleet at approximate river mile 136.1. Both fleets would be situated upstream of Brickeys existing conveyor system. The landward most portions of the fleets would be situated approximately 30 feet from the bankline. Two other existing fleets, a 5x5 and a 5x6 fleet would continue to operate in their current locations downstream of the existing conveyor system. The existing barge fleet configuration, previously authorized by P-2226, permitted up to 60 barges at any one time. The current proposal requests authorization to fleet up to 95 barges at any one time. Brickeys Stone loads stone onto barges from their quarry at this location. The project purpose is due to increasing demand for stone.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, River Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address:
charles.frerker@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**), Least tern (**Sterna antillarum**), 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 adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, 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 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.

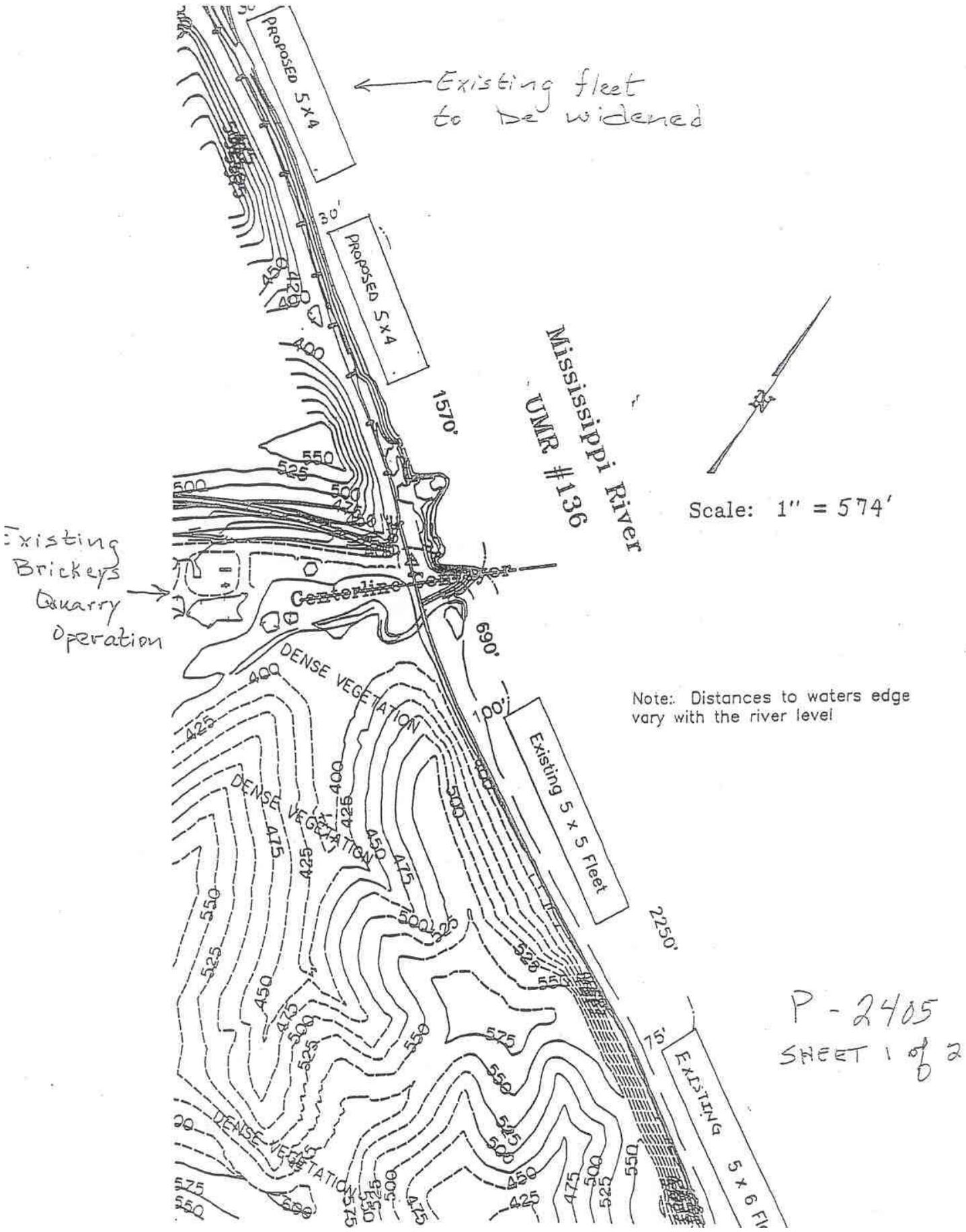
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

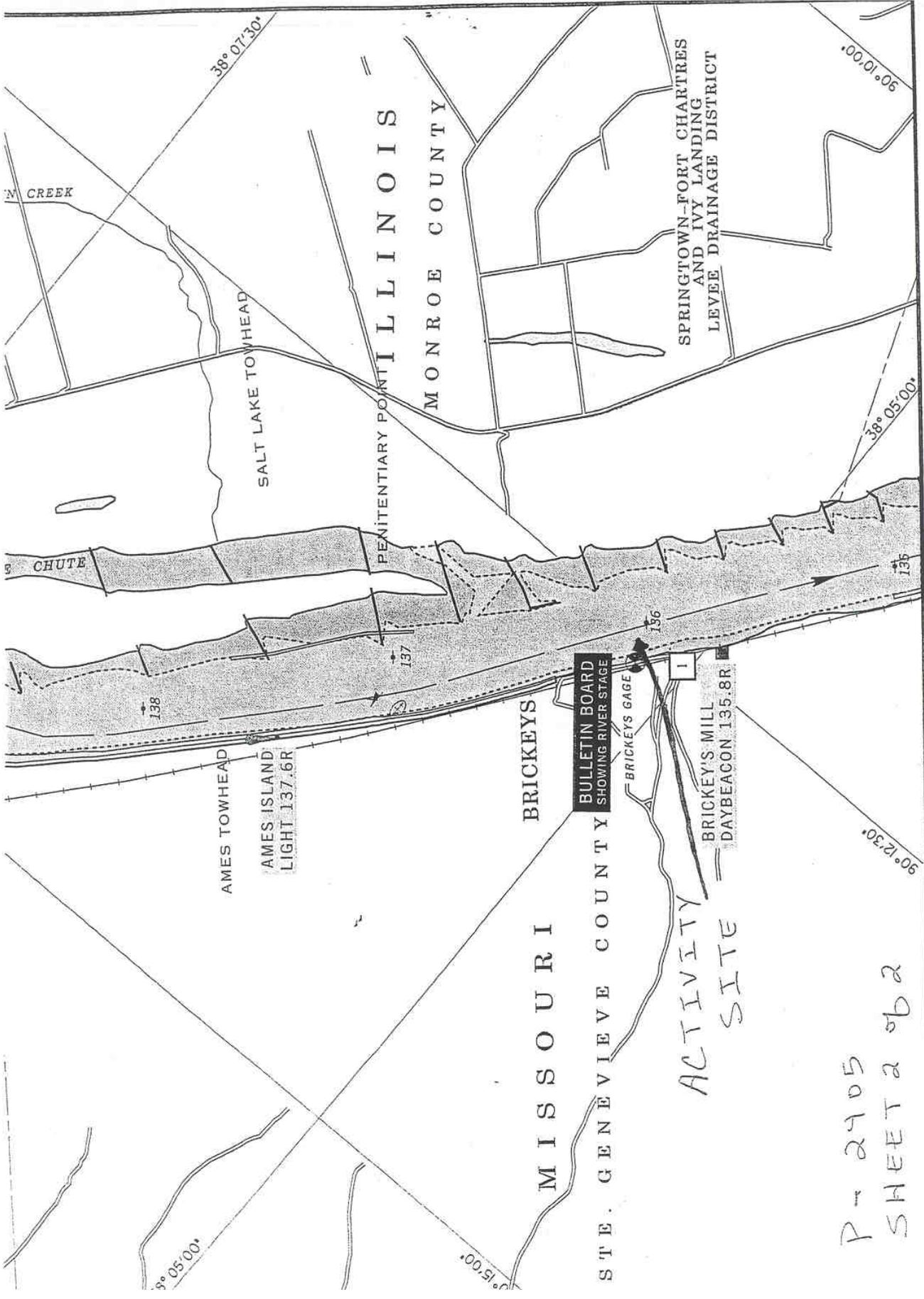
Attachments

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.



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