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

Public Notice No.
P-2410
Public Notice Date
April 27, 2004

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May 17, 2004

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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 (Linda Campbell)
1222 Spruce Street
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APPLICANT: Consolidated Grain and Barge, Inc., 2133 E. Highway AB, Scott City, Missouri 63780 (573) 264-2411, and Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, 10 Bill Bess Drive, Scott City, Missouri 63780 (573) 264-4045.

LOCATION: A proposal to perform maintenance dredging activities would take place adjacent to the Consolidated Grain and Barge, Inc. facility, located along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River mile 47.9. A proposed in-river dredge disposal site is located along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, just downstream of the dredged area, at approximate River mile 47.8. All portions of the project are located in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. (See Attached Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed dredging areas are located adjacent to the Consolidated Grain and Barge (CGB) facility at approximate River mile 47.9. CGB has encountered low water problems during the past several years. CGB proposes to contract the services of a hydraulic dredge vessel to remove approximately 40,000 cubic yards of accumulated silt, sand, sediment, rock, and/or debris with associated open water disposal. The applicant anticipates subsequent dredging on an average three to five year dredging cycle. The first dredge area is located downstream of Dike 47.9, near Old Dock, on Rushing Road. The area to be dredged is approximately 200 feet by 300 feet. The second dredge area is located just downstream, at the CGB, Inc. elevator. This dredge area is approximately 300 feet both upstream and downstream of the elevator and spans approximately 300 feet in width. The dredged material will be directed into the Mississippi River to its proposed open water disposal site, just downstream of the facility. The disposal site is in the same general

location as the currently authorized Corps channel maintenance disposal site. Sedimentation patterns and available river depths would primarily determine the need for maintenance dredging. Without adequate river depths, the applicant may be unable to continue barge loading/offloading operations at low river stages. (See Attached Drawings)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Linda Campbell, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8632 or at electronic mail address: *Linda.Campbell@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 for state certifications of the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers. The certifications, if issued, will express the Agencies opinion that the proposed activity will not violate each state's applicable water quality standards.

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 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**), Interior least tern (**Sterna anitllarum**), Pallid sturgeon (**Scaphirhynchus albus**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). Standard conditions created by coordinated efforts with other Federal and state resource agencies would be applied to further avoid impacts to these species. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies to ascertain any potential impacts upon a listed species or their critical habitat.

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.

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

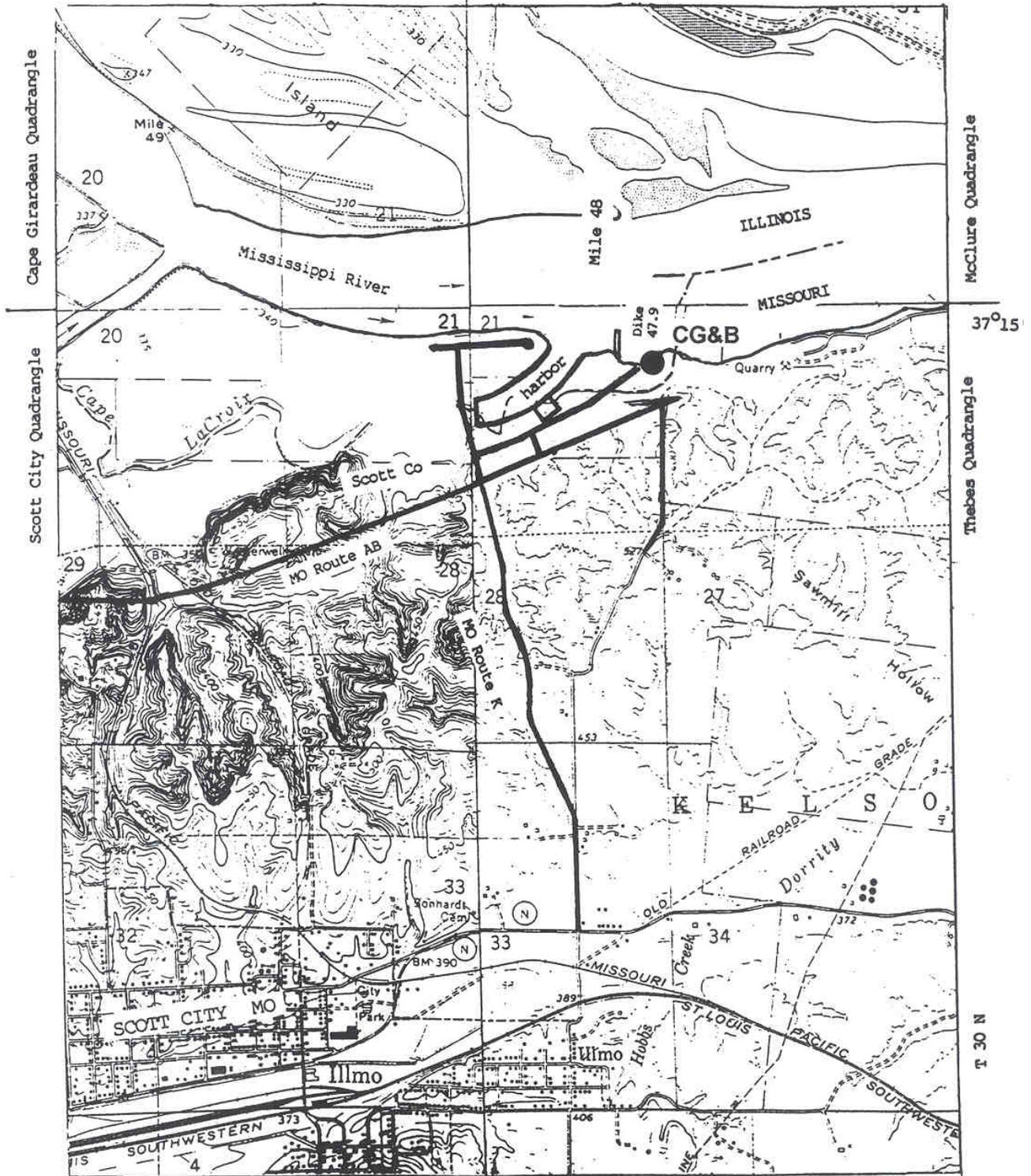
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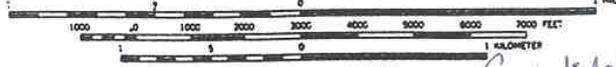
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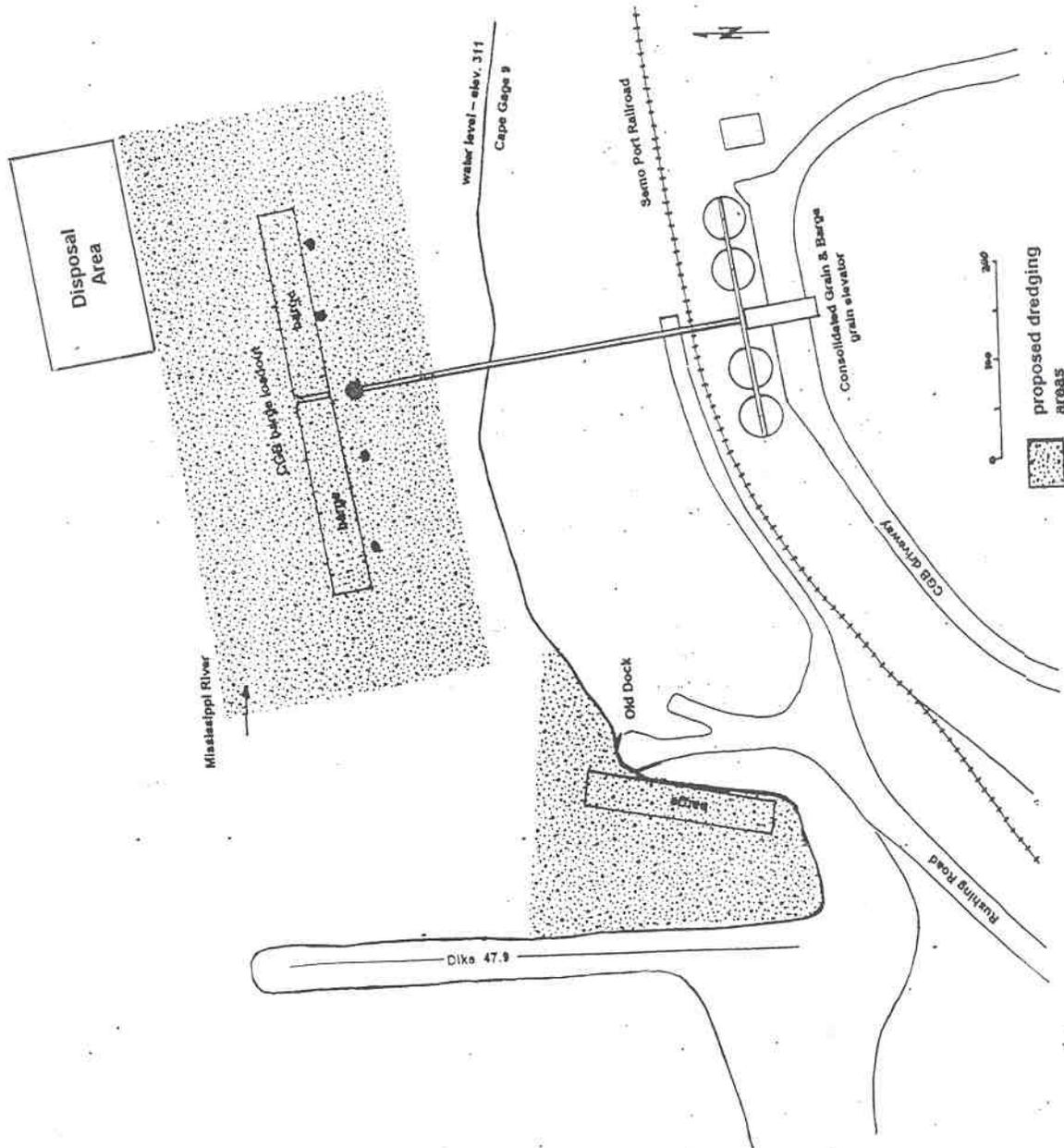
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