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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-2446
Public Notice Date
December 17, 2004

Expiration Date
January 3, 2005

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Section 10 and Section 404 Department of the Army permit to conduct maintenance dredging with associated open discharge of dredged materials into the Mississippi River, at approximate mile 182.7, as described below and shown on the attached figure.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number **P-2446** 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:

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ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F ([Charles Frerker](#))
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APPLICANT: Mr. Rich Coffman, Lange-Stegmann Company, #1 Angelica Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63147 (314-236-4060).

LOCATION: The project area is located at the applicant's existing barge unloading facility, along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, approximately 182.7 miles above the mouth of the Ohio River, in St. Louis County, Missouri. (See Attached Map and Drawing).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Lange-Stegmann has requested that their Department of the Army permit to maintenance dredge at their barge loading facility be renewed. Maintenance dredging has been previously authorized at this location under Department of the Army Permit Number P-1651, P-1951 and P-2180. Maintenance dredging is required to maintain operational levels during low water periods. Dredged material, as allowed in the other permits, is to be discharged back into the Mississippi River immediately downstream of the barge unloading facility. Sediment sampling has historically been conducted during previous permit renewal procedures and most recently in 1995, with returns of sediment larger than fine grain sand. The material to be dredged and open water disposed is recent river deposits and would carry the same sediment materials that the river carries on a daily basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Mr. Rich Coffman at 314-236-4060, or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory 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 Harbor Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered 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, 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, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with 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 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, 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

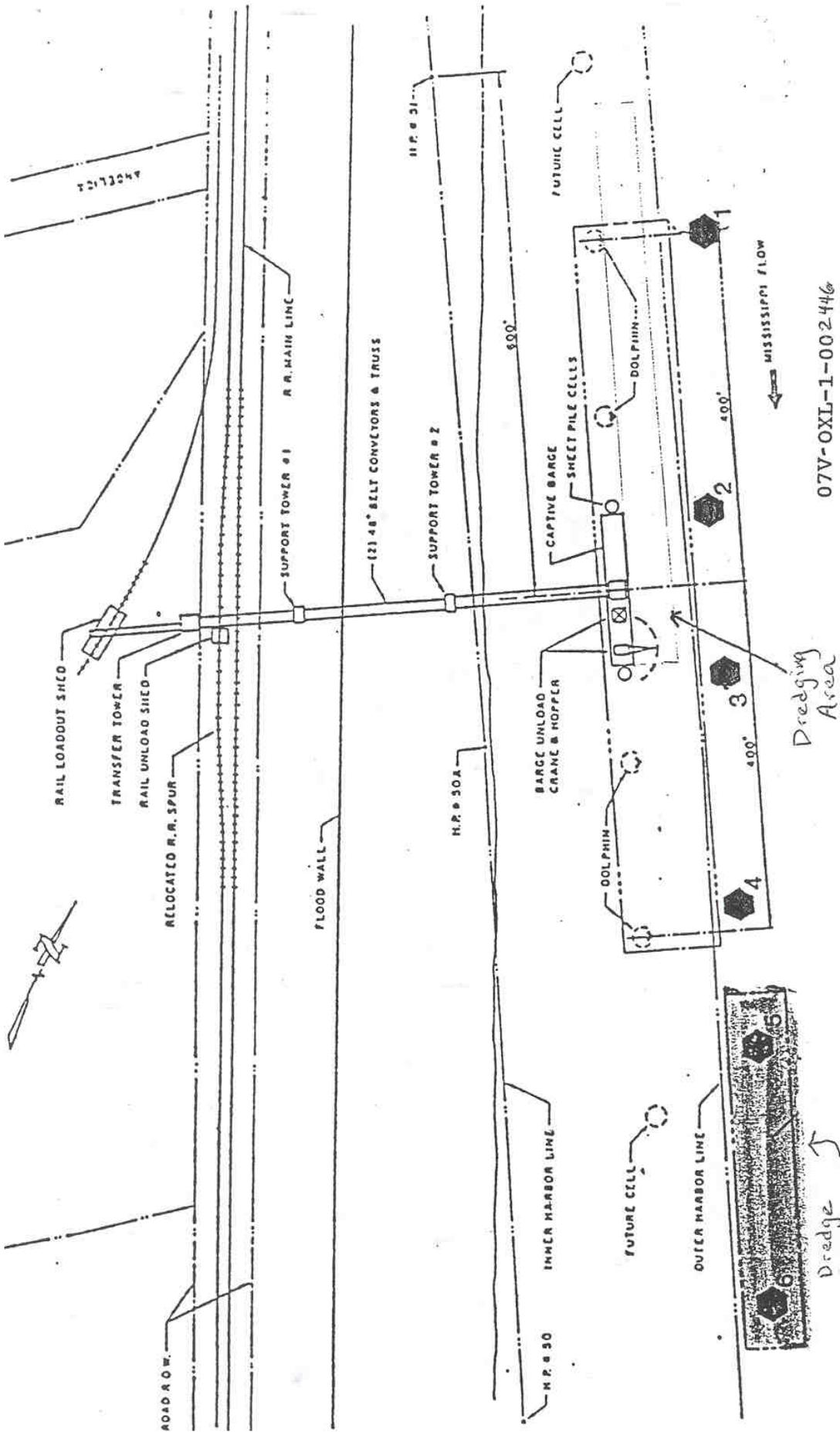
agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. 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.



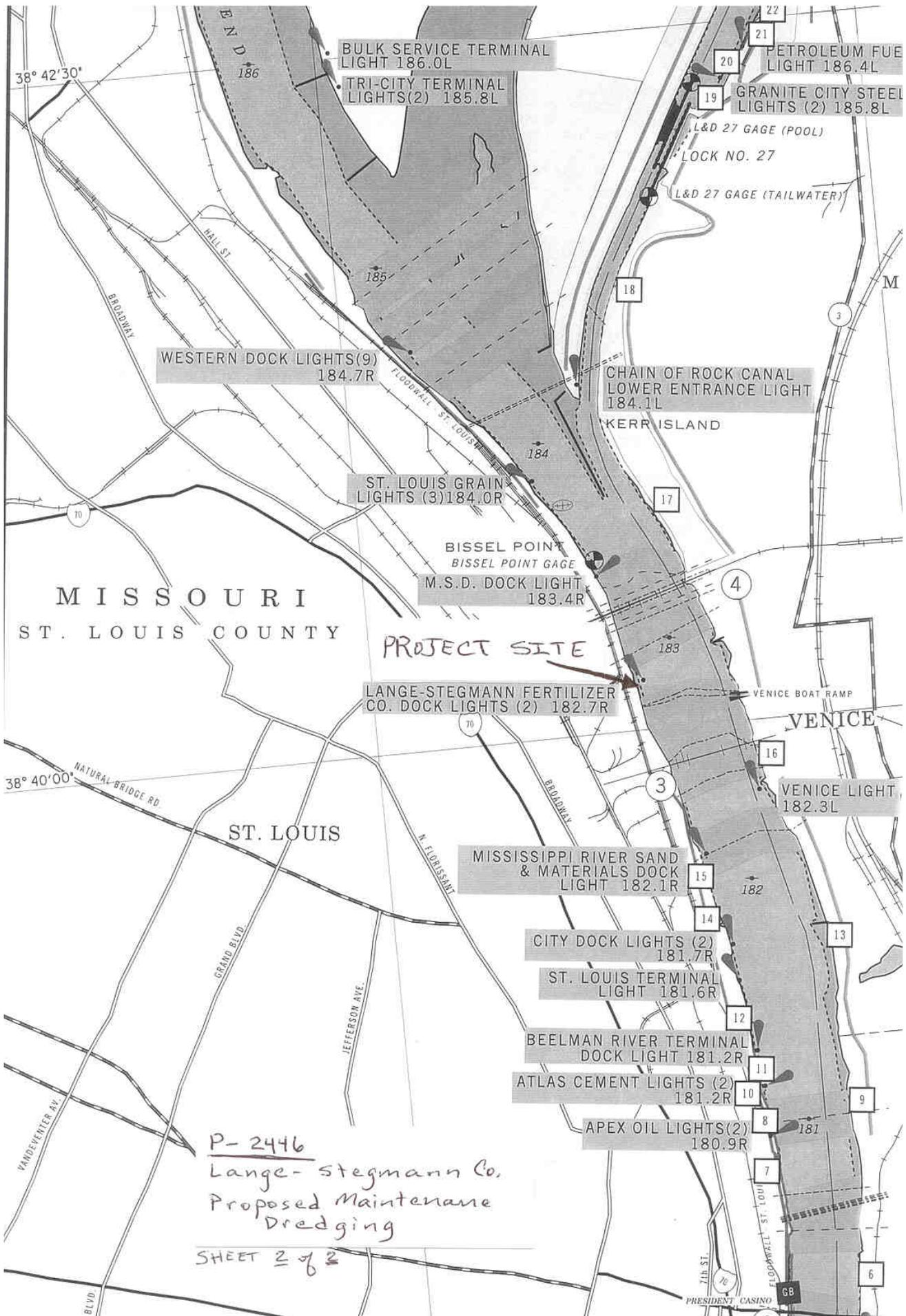
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Proposed
 Maintenance Dredging
 Appl: Lange-Stegmann Fertilizer Co.
 Right Bank, Mississippi River
 Mile 182.7 UMR
 St. Louis, Missouri

PLAN

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▲ Sediment sampling locations



PROJECT SITE

LANGE-STEGMANN FERTILIZER CO. DOCK LIGHTS (2) 182.7R

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