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# Public Notice

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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-2580**

Public Notice Date

**October 24, 2006**

Expiration Date

**November 08, 2006**

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File Number: MVS-2006-963

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-OD-F (Alan Edmondson)  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**APPLICANTS:** Mr. Tom Atkins, Meredosia Terminal, Inc., P.O. Box 1060, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

**LOCATION:** The project is proposed to occur on the right descending bank of the Illinois River at approximate river mile 71.7, Specifically, the project occurs in the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 01, Township 03 South, and Range 02 West, near the City of Meredosia, Pike County, Illinois.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to construct a barge loading facility for the purpose of handling dried distilled grain solubles, (DDGS), as produced by regional ethanol production facilities. Construction activities will include a new conveyor which will be used to offload materials from the river, and the placement of a 21 foot concrete cell at a location previously held by a piling which was damaged/removed due to ice flows in 1984. This cell will be located beneath the ordinary high water mark and filled with concrete. Two additional piles will be driven just down stream of the new conveyor. The new structures will not protrude any further into the river than existing structures at the site.

**DRAWINGS:** See Attached

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mr. Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8811 or at electronic mail address: Alan.R.Edmondson@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:** This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C.

The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at [www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/](http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/). In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
Watershed Management Section  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

The applicant has also applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) permit pursuant to the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (Illinois Compiled Statutes). Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural

Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271. Mr. Wes Rust, IDNR/OWR (217/782-3863), may be contacted for additional information.

**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:** 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:** Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer has begun. Additional information received in response to this public notice and we may 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.

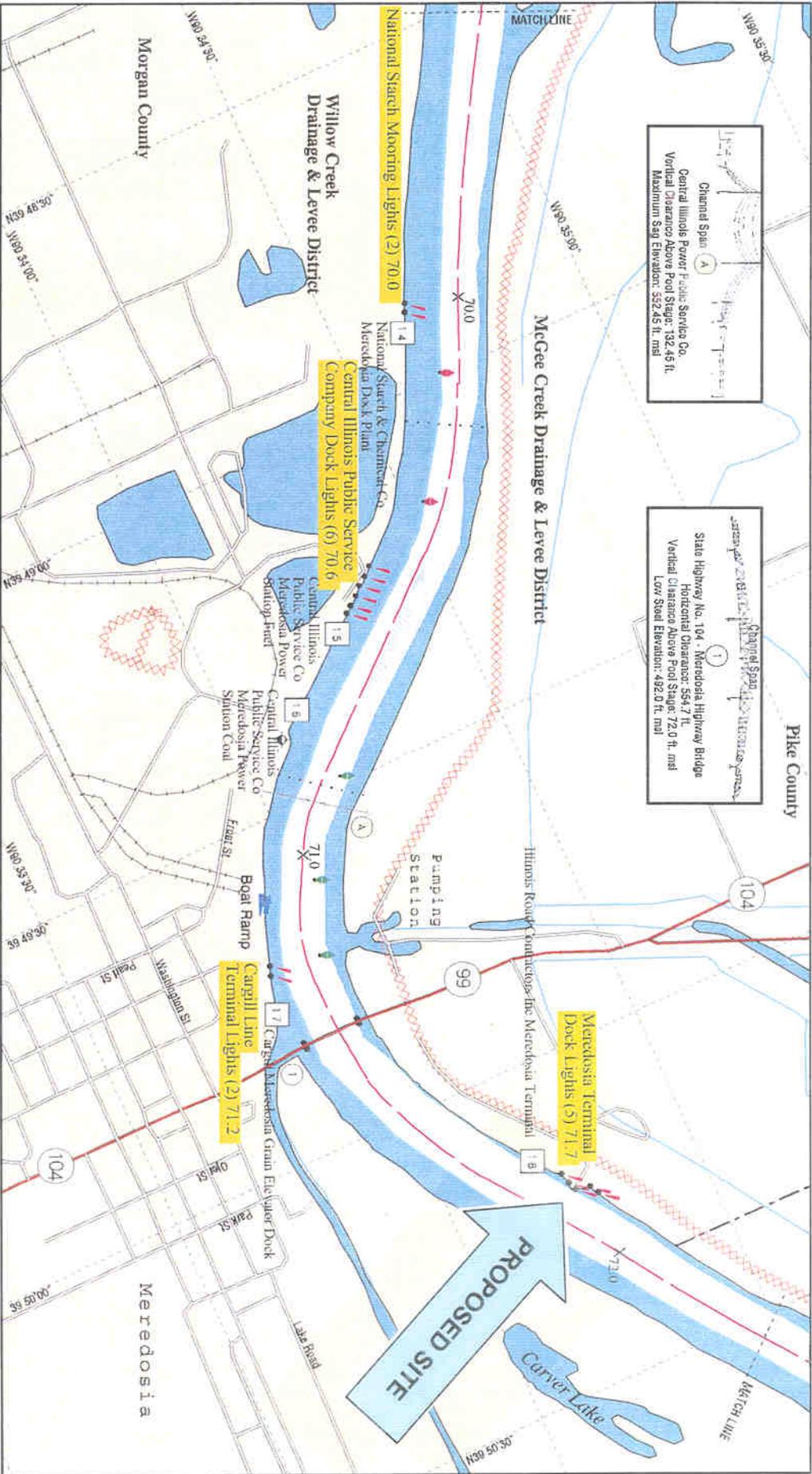
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

Danny D. McClendon  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

**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.

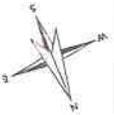


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 Central Illinois River Pools Service Co.  
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 Maximum Sag Elevation: 522.45 ft. msl

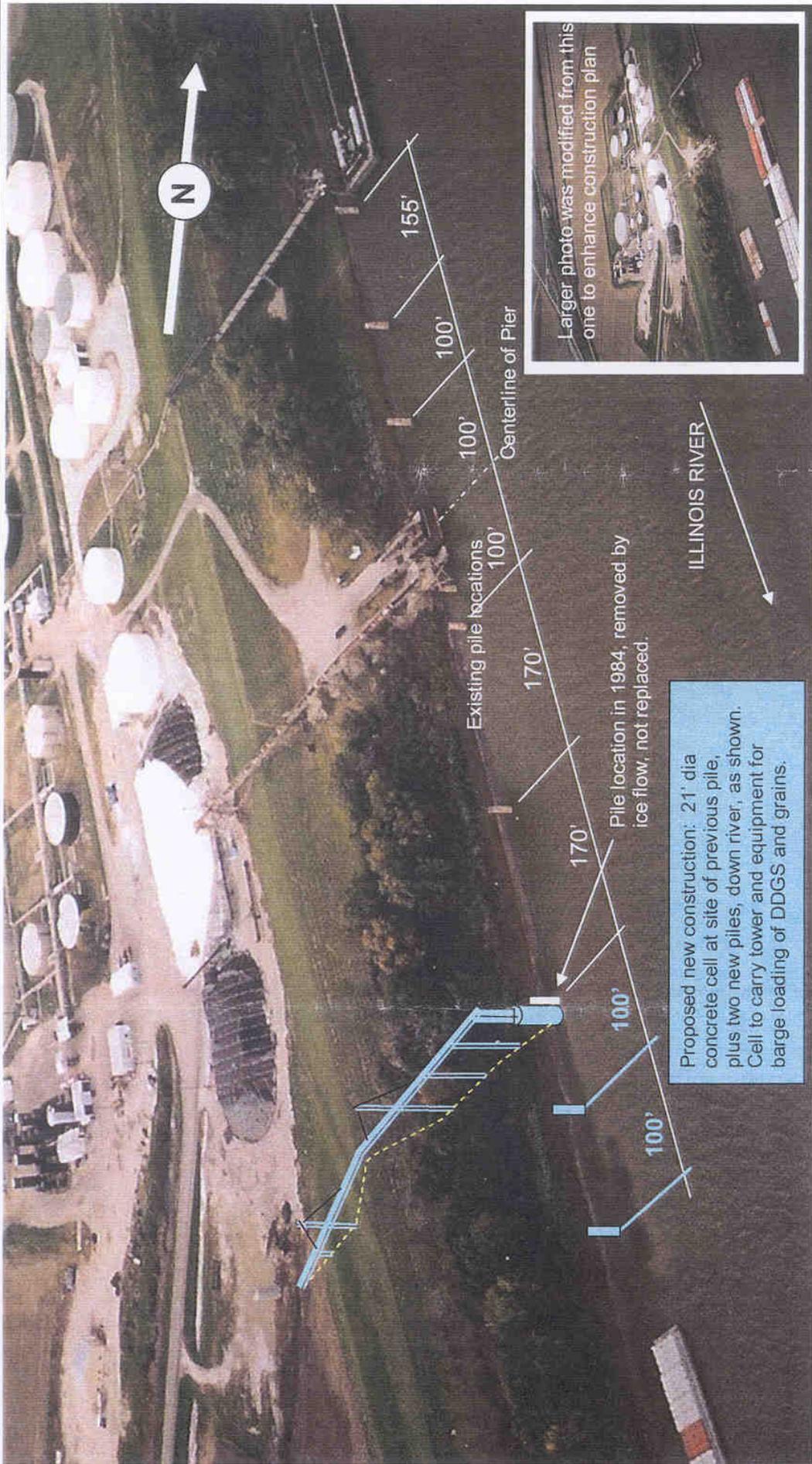
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 State Highway No. 104 - Mendota Highway Bridge  
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 Vertical Clearance Above Pool Stage: 72.0 ft. msl  
 Low Soil Elevation: 492.0 ft. msl

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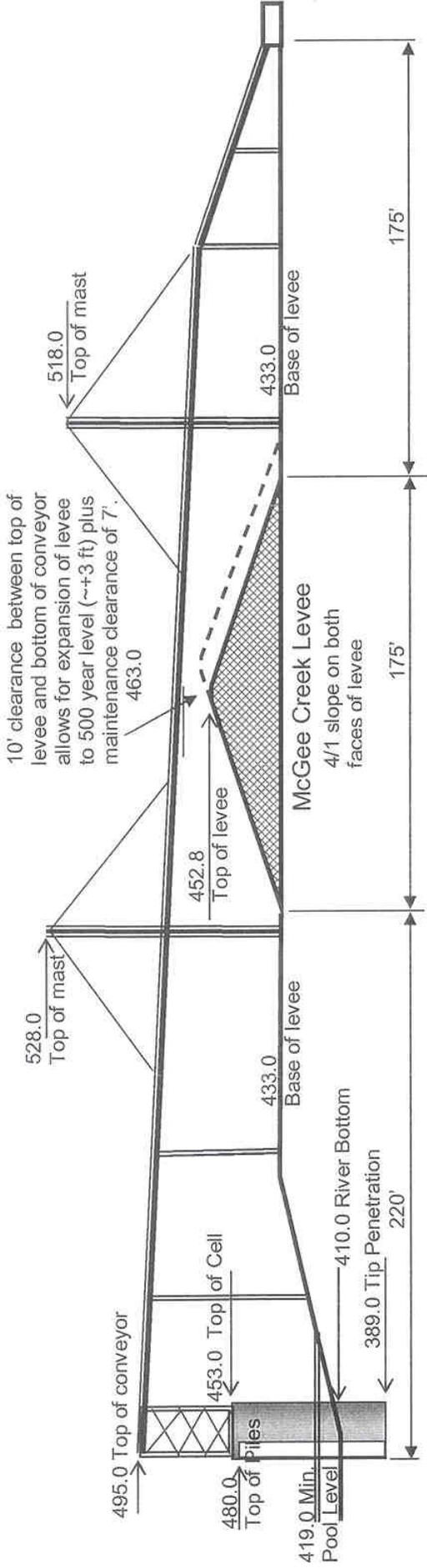
1) The legend is located immediately preceding map No. 1  
 2) Barge Facility information and submerged cable and pipeline clearances are located in appendices A and B respectively.



MAP NO. 28



**PROPOSED BARGE LOADING FACILITY LAYOUT**  
 Meredosia Terminal, Inc.  
 Mile 71.7 Illinois River (West Side)



Scale 1" = 60'

Note:  
 Feb/14/1984 River Stage @ 427.10  
 175' from waters edge to toe of levee.

Minimum Pool level cited based on:

- Mile 80.3 LaGrange Tail Water 419.1
- Mile 71.7 Meredosia Terminal
- Mile 70.8 419.0
- Mile 61.3 Valley City 418.9

### Proposed Conveyor for Barge Loading

Meredosia Terminal, Inc.  
 Mile 71.7 Illinois River West Side