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# Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.

**P-2637**

Public Notice Date

**August 07, 2007**

Expiration Date

**August 28, 2007**

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File Number: MVS-1993-960

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:** Casino Queen Hotel and Casino, 200 South Front Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois, 62201

**LOCATION:** The project is on the St. Louis waterfront on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 179.9. Specifically, the project is located at latitude 38:37:36.1091 and longitude -90:10:36.1856, in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project is a proposed modification to the existing permit authorizing the mooring of a gaming vessel. The original permit authorized the placement of fill material into navigable waters in conjunction with the construction of a mooring facility. The permit, and subsequent modifications to the permit, included, but is not limited to authorized mooring barges, service and pedestrian ramps, protection cells, mooring pilings, concrete stairways and a service road. The applicant proposes to terminate the river side activities of its gaming operations. The motor vessel (M/V) Casino Queen is proposed to be removed from service in the summer of 2007. While the final disposition of the M/V is unknown, the vessel, certain supporting structures and equipment are expected to be removed from the site.

Conditions of the original permit require the applicant to obtain a permit modification prior to site remediation. The applicant proposes to remove the mooring barges, pedestrian and service ramps, and the fencing and gate structure at the downstream end of the site. The intent of the applicant is to leave in place the protection cells, mooring pilings, concrete stairway and apron, and the service road. (See attached drawings) The applicant will also coordinate with the Metro East Sanitary Sewer District regarding the permanent securing of a nearby closure structure. Once the site is vacated the property will revert to the landowner.

**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).

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:** 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 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

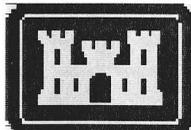
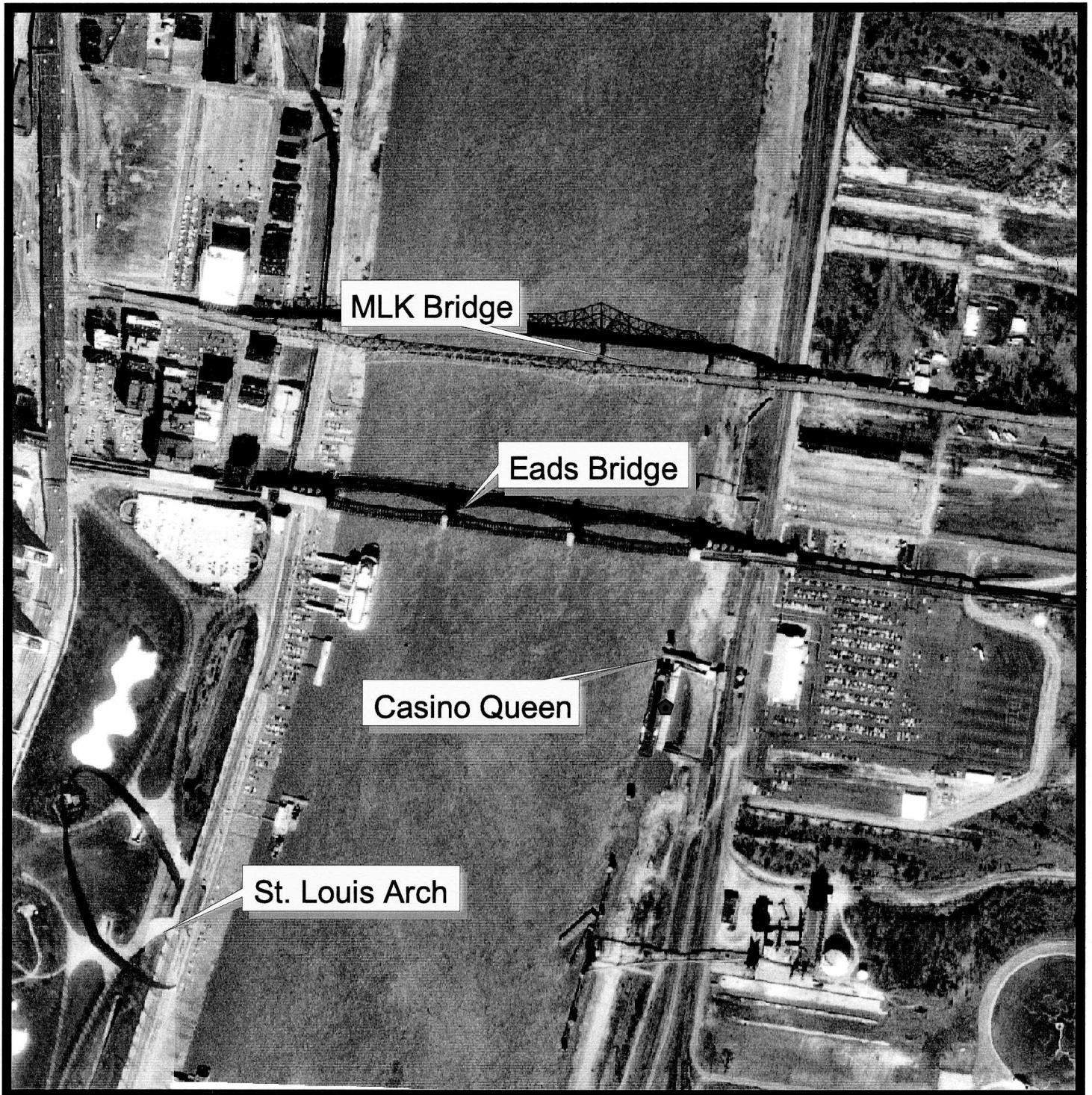
Attachments:

**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.

# Casino Queen Mooring Location

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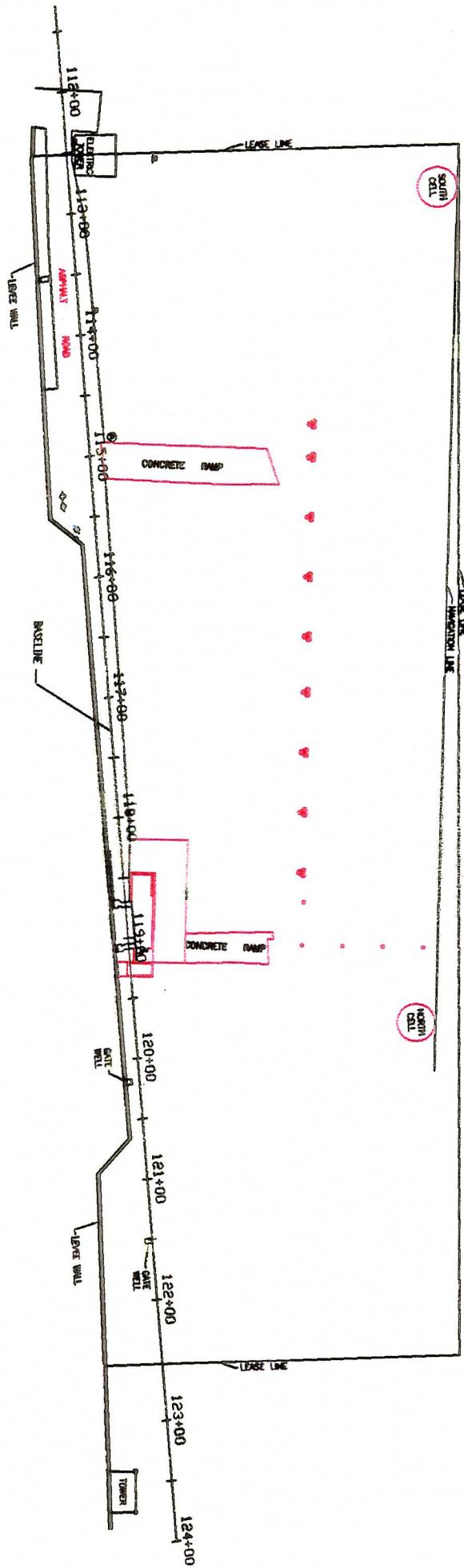
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Casino Queen  
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East St. Louis II

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