



Public Notice

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

Public Notice No
P-3060
Public Notice Date
June 28, 2017
Expiration Date
July 18, 2017

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File Number: MVS-2017-333

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for a new commercial grain loading facility and associated infrastructure, as described below, and shown on the attached figures.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice Numbers shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

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Matthew.p.collins@usace.army.mil

APPLICANT: Dave Jump, Cahokia Acres, L.L.C., 189 American Grain Street, Cahokia, Illinois 62206 at dave@americanmillinglp.com or 618-337-8877

LOCATION: The project is located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at UMR Mile 175.3 at the following coordinates:

Project Feature	Latitude	Longitude
Upper Tripod	38.57283	-90.22261
Lower Tripod	38.57102	-90.22449
Loading Tower	38.57193	-90.22353

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cahokia Acres, L.L.C. proposes to build a truck to barge transfer facility to transfer grain and similar products. A truck dump pit would be constructed near the existing Cahokia Acres facilities. Products would be transported from six dump pits onto two conveyor belts to be transferred into barges. The barges would be placed on either side of a loading dock in the river. Cahokia Acres would also construct a barge loading dock consisting of four captive barges, held in place by a center loading tower, and upper and lower pipe tripods. The four captive barges, each measuring 35 feet wide by 195 feet long, would form an approximate 800 feet long by 35 feet wide captive dock. Figures 2 and 3 below show the project concept and configuration.

Project impacts include the placement of 20, 42" diameter steel pipe conveyor support structures into the Mississippi River. The applicant does not expect to place fill material into jurisdictional Waters of the U.S. Additionally, an approximately 1/3 acre of predominantly mature willow tree clearing in non-jurisdictional uplands is involved with this project. The barge loading structures and operations would occur landward of existing anchor fleets and is not expected to result in navigational safety or impedance.

MITIGATION: There is no expected degradation of the Mississippi River; therefore, the applicant proposes that no mitigation is required as a part of this permit. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from interested agencies and individuals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Matthew Collins, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8626 or matthew.p.collins@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: The Corps will process the permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors 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 Corps received an official species list on June 23, 2017 from the Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) database, with the consultation code: 03E18100-2017-SLI-0503 and event code: 03E18100-2017-E-00969. The proposed project is within range of the federally listed Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), pallid sturgeon (*scaphirhynchus albus*), and Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, will be made upon completion of the survey. 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 any information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, tribal interests, and the public in response to this public notice. In addition, issuance of this proposed action would prompt renewal of previously established requirements to avoid and protect a known cultural resource site in vicinity of the project area. Additional reconnaissance surveys of the project area may be required if warranted.

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.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments:

Aerial Photo
Project Plans

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.



Figure 1: Aerial photo (Google Earth Imagery Date 4/2/2016 – Accessed 6/23/2017) of the Cahokia Acres, L.L.C. project limits.

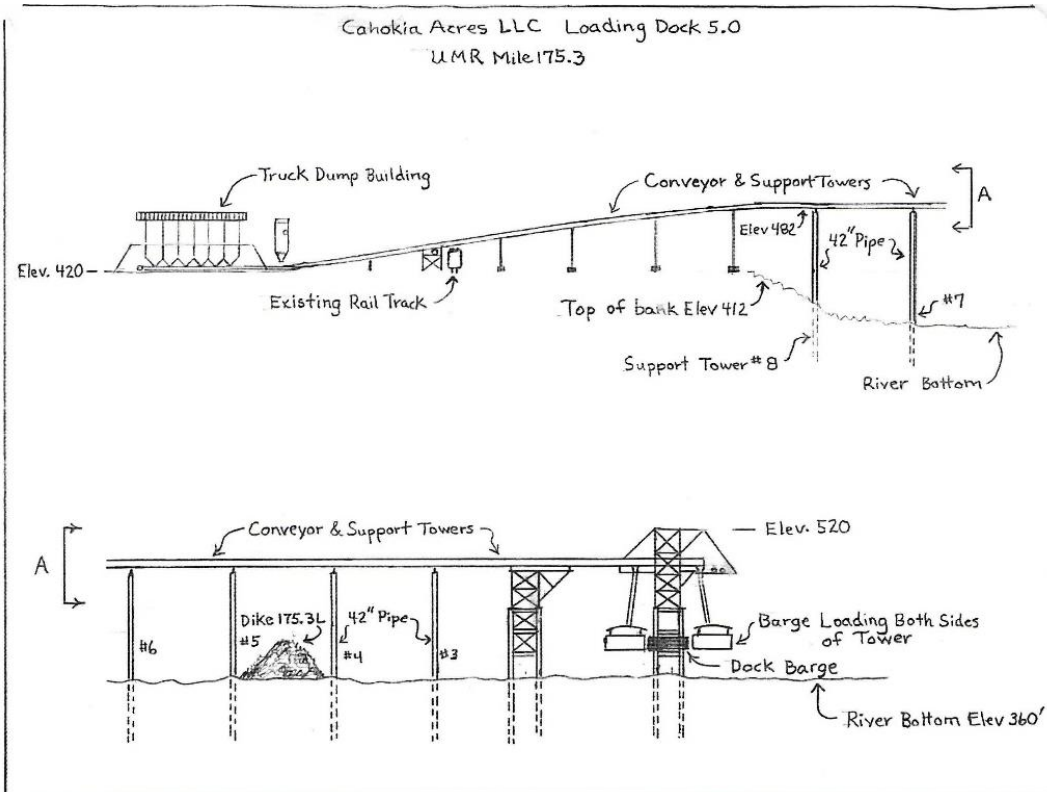


Figure 2: Project plans profile view.

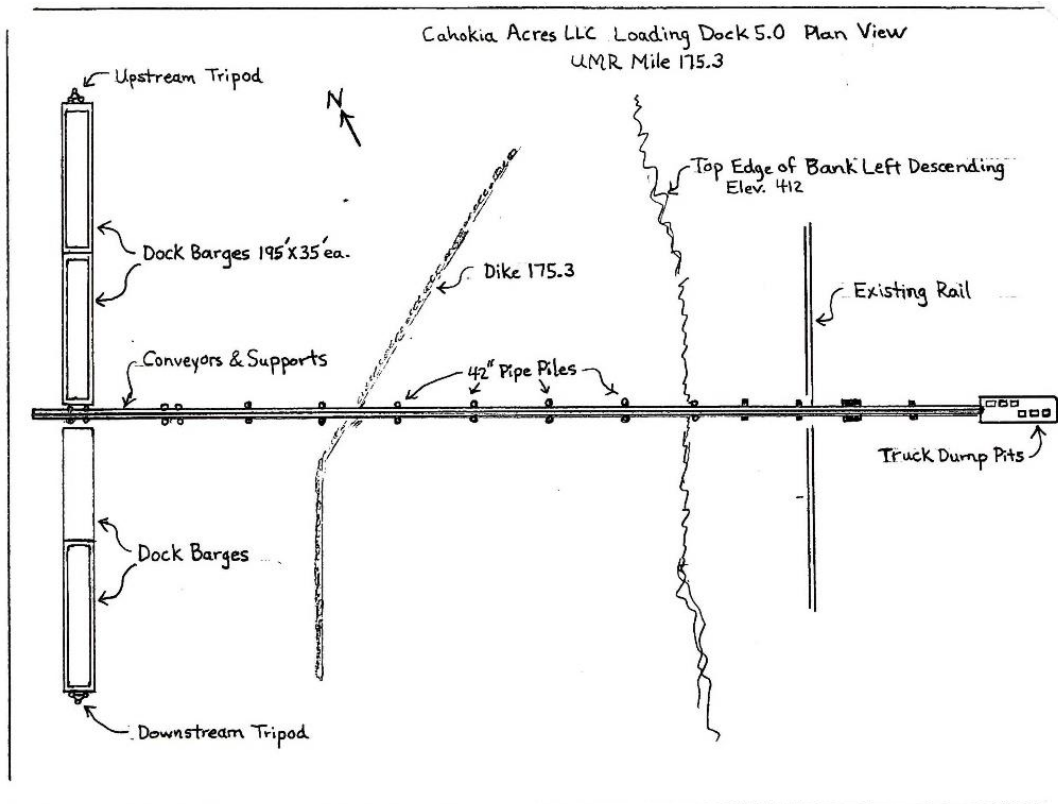


Figure 3: Project plans plan view.