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## **Public Notice**

Reply To:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street

St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2863

Public Notice Date

February 10, 2014

**Expiration Date** 

March 06, 2014

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File Number: MVS-1998-5420

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

<u>APPLICANTS:</u> President Riverboat Casino - Missouri, Inc., 777 River City Casino Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63125

LOCATION: The project is on the St. Louis waterfront on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 180.25, just upstream of the Dr. Martin Luther King Bridge, St. Louis County, Missouri.

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. Conditions of the original permit require the applicant to obtain a permit modification prior to site remediation. The permit previously authorized the placement of mooring barges, service and pedestrian ramps, protection cells, and a land based Porte Cochere.

The President Riverboat Casino-Missouri, Inc. ceased operation of the President Casino facility motor vessel (M/V) Admiral on June 28, 2010. The applicant removed the Admiral Gaming Vessel, Theater Barge, and spar ramps from the St. Louis Riverfront, as authorized by a General permit in November of 2010.

The intent of the current proposal is to leave in place the Porte Cochere and protection cells #1-#3. (Protection cell #4 has been removed by a previously authorized General Permit - Nationwide Permit #22.) The existing Porte Cochere, including canopies, lighting, concrete pedestrian ramps, and guard railings will remain. Once the site is vacated, the permittee will transfer the permit, including all previously authorized conditions, to the City of St. Louis.

## 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@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).

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.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> 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.

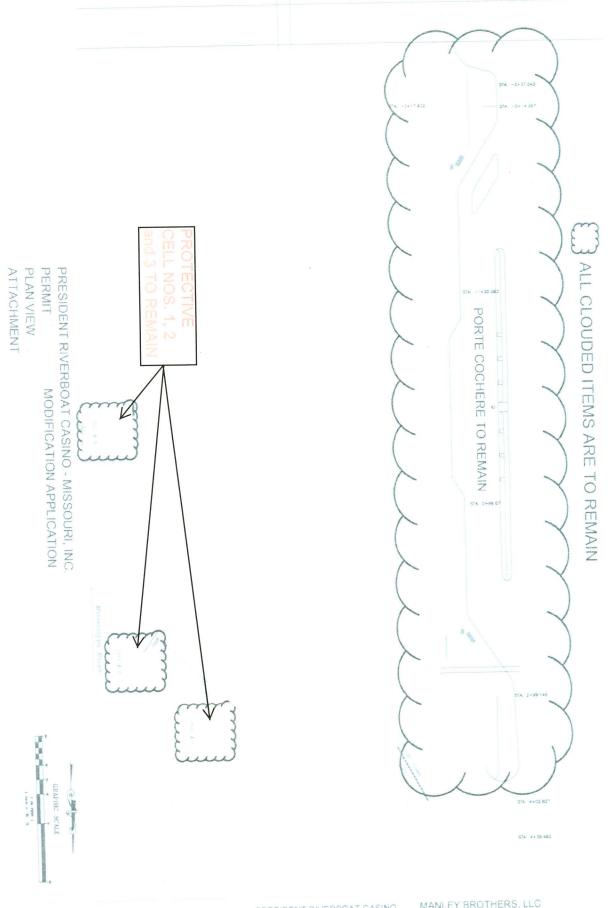
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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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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