

Public Notice

Reply To:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: Charles Frerker (OD-F) 1222 Spruce Street

St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-3024

Public Notice Date

June 16, 2017

Expiration Date

July 5, 2017

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Regulatory File Number: 1960-6003077

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for reauthorization of a Section 10 permit to periodically maintenance dredge in the Illinois River, as described below and shown on the attachment.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (<u>Charles Frerker</u>) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: ADM Grain Division, Ms. Karena Musgrave, 4666 Faries Parkway, Decatur, Illinois 62526, (217) 424-5817.

LOCATION: The project area is located in the Northeast ¼ of Section 12, Township 15 North, Range 14 West, at 1673 Growmark Lane, in Naples, Scott County, Illinois. ADM's river terminal is situated along the left descending bank of the Illinois River at approximate River Mile 66.2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests re-authorization to conduct periodic maintenance excavation under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act at ADM's existing Naples, Illinois river terminal. An approximate 70-feet-wide by 600-feet-long area would be excavated, only on an as needed basis, to maintain adequate depths to allow uninterrupted barge access to the grain loading terminal. An excavator would be utilized to remove accumulated materials when low river conditions or excess river deposits threaten to shut down river terminal operations. The excavation would be conducted to maintain approximately 12 to 15 feet of river depth in the barge loading area. Excavated material would be loaded in hopper barges and delivered to the bank for offloading onto trucks. The material would be transported to an approved, upland landfill. No excavated material would be redeposited into the Illinois River. The previous Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit was issued for the same activity, at the same location, under Department of the Army permit P-2820.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> This permit re-authorization request will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

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 range of the endangered Indiana Bat, the threatened northern long eared bat, decurrent false aster and the Eastern prairie fringe orchid. A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed accumulated sediment removal and disposal activities are not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are hereby solicited 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 and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public, in response to this public notice. 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.

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 D. McClendon

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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.

