



Public Notice

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

**Public Notice No.
P-3074
Public Notice Date
January 10, 2018
Expiration Date
January 31, 2018**

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File Number: MVS-2017-806

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 maps.

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
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Keith McMullen

APPLICANT: Watco Companies, LLC, Attention: Mr. Michael W. Beatty, # 2 Monsanto Avenue, Sauget, Illinois 62201, (618) 274-2405 x598.

LOCATION: The proposed Watco Companies, Cahokia Marine terminal liquids dock development is located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, river mile 178.2 in Sauget, St. Clair County, Illinois. More specifically, the proposed project is located at Latitude 38.602522, Longitude - 90.186633.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to relocate a barge, upgrade an access walkway and liquids lines leading to their existing dock. The walkway will be oriented to land on the shoreline directly east of the new barge location. A new foundation will be constructed on the river shore and an additional pedestrian bridge section will cover the gap between grade at the existing fence line and the new foundation. The barge will be placed approximately 52' further away from the bank and shifted 32' downstream, still within property limits of Watco's Cahokia Marine Terminal. Placing the barge in this location will have its face 17' outside the wall of the old power house structure. By moving the barge away from the shore, safe draft will be maintained throughout low and high water levels of the river. The only operational traffic in this area is their own terminals coal loading operations, which will not be hindered. Shifting it downstream will allow a balanced landing for the 120-foot engineered walkway without hindering river traffic as well.

The walkway truss will have hard piping installed for the liquids handling operations which will eliminate the exposure of hoses/lines/couplings close to or over the water.

The proposed work includes an area of trees that will need to be removed. The applicant has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine necessary steps to protect local wildlife utilizing the area. A bat habitat survey was performed by SCI Engineering, Incorporated, and submitted to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who concurred that no suitable habitat exists on the project site for either of the endangered and threatened bat species known to occur in St. Clair County, Illinois.

MITIGATION: There is no expected degradation of the Mississippi River or terrestrial habitats, 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.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachments 1-4.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Keith McMullen, Supervisory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8582. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Keith.A.McMullen@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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/. 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) 782-0610.

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 the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

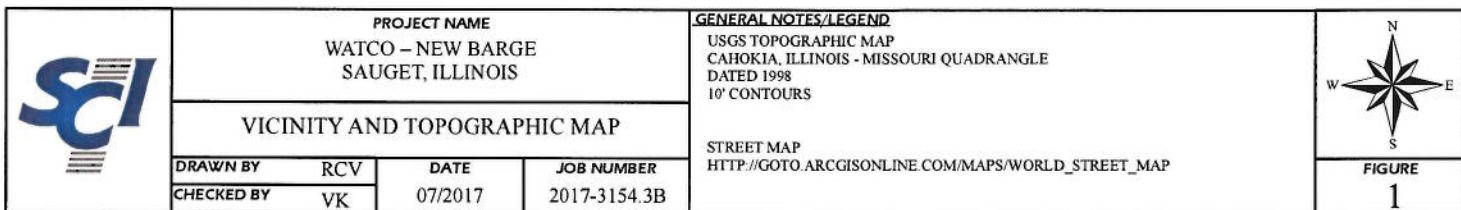
ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*) and the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*) and Eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*). In order to further complete our evaluation, written 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 and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public, in response to this public notice.

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 activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered 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.

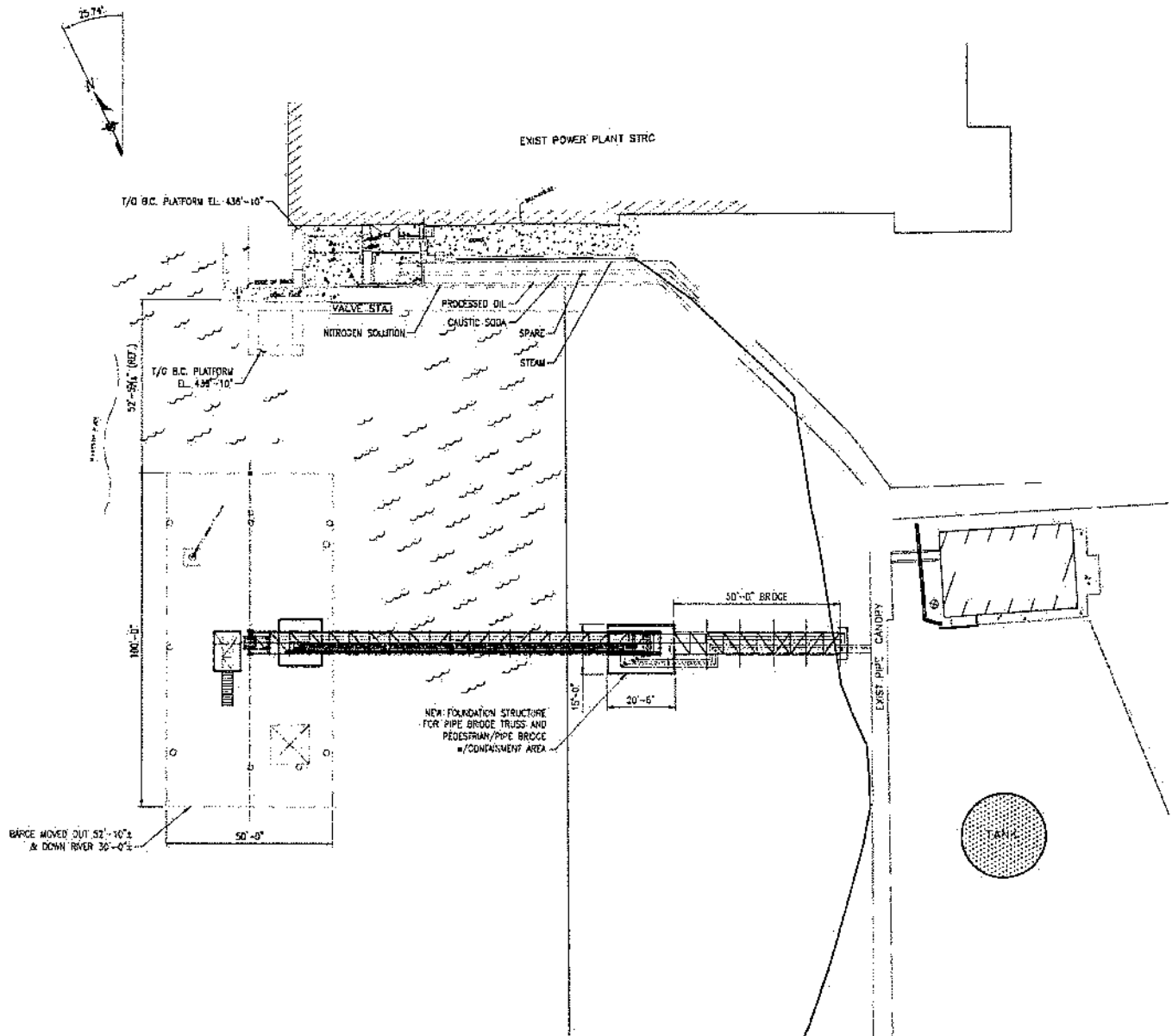
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered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



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