



# Public Notice

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Reply To:  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F  
1222 Spruce Street

Public Notice No.

**P-3116**

Public Notice Date

**December 6, 2018**

Expiration Date

**December 26, 2018**

**Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:**

File Number: 2018-669

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: Charles Frerker

**APPLICANT:** Riverstone Group, Inc., c/o: Mr. Mr. John Brimeyer, 1701 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265 (309-757-8250)

**LOCATION:** The proposed project is located adjacent to the Central Stone Company's existing Florence Quarry barge loading terminal. The site is situated along the right descending bank of the Illinois River, at approximate river mile 57.3, near Pittsfield in Pike County, Illinois.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant requests re-authorization of a permit to conduct periodic excavation of accumulated river deposits from an approximate 80-foot-wide by 400-foot-long area directly adjacent to the Florence Quarry's river terminal. Excavation would be conducted on an as-needed basis during low river events or when heavy accumulations of river deposits create barge access problems. The applicant does not anticipate excavating more than 2,500 cubic yards of material per required maintenance excavation cycle, which typically occurs every two to four years. Excavated material would be loaded on trucks and transported to an upland disposal area within the facility's quarry. The activity was previously approved in 2011 under Department of the Army permit P-2734.

**LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS:** See attached.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8583. Inquiries and public notice comments may also be sent by e-mail to [charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil](mailto:charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil).

**AUTHORITY:** The permit will be evaluated under Section 10 of the River 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 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.

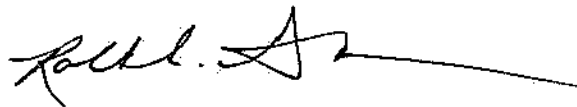
**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the previously authorized activities would occur in a highly disturbed river terminal location and are not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The St. Louis District has done a preliminary evaluation based on previous coordination and prior issuance of a Department of the Army permit in the same project footprint. Based on this evaluation and the fact that the project involves the same type of excavation that has previously occurred in the highly disturbed riverine setting of the applicant's barge loading terminal area, additional reconnaissance surveys are not required. However, if substantial information from the response to this public notice indicates that further investigation is necessary, the USACE will reconsider its decision.

**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.

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.

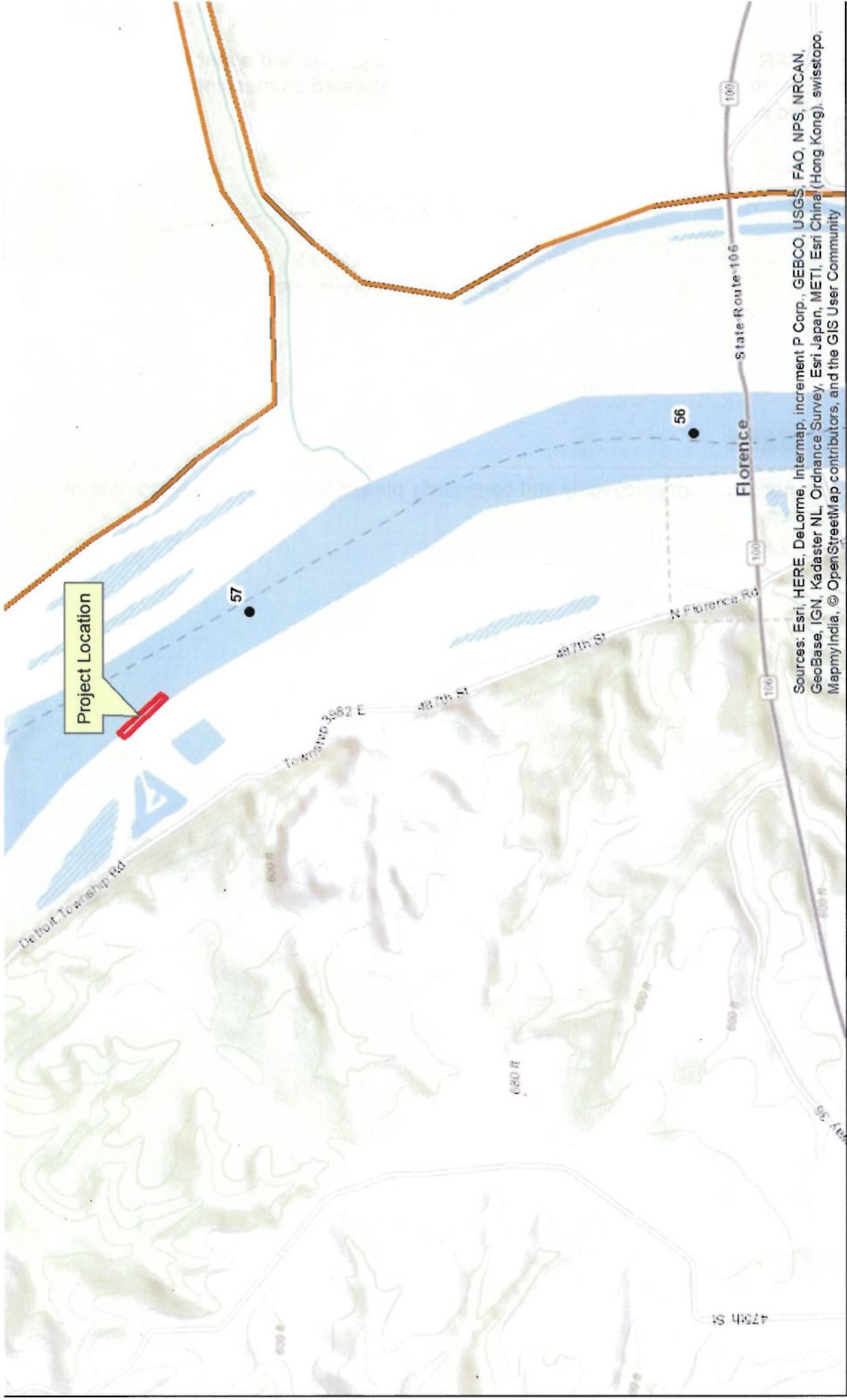
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ROBERT S. GRAMKE  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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.



Project Location

Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



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