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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-2869

Public Notice Date

February 20, 2014

Expiration Date

March 12, 2014

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File Number: 2014-082

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 e-mailed to charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil or mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F ([Charles Frerker](#))
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

1. SCF Lewis and Clark, c/o Mr. Paul Wellhausen, 2801 Rock Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040, (618) 876-1116, has applied to:

a. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Regulatory Branch to install a permanent 12' x 70' vehicle access ramp attached to a 52' x 102' spud barge in the Mississippi River. The project purpose is to create a vehicle access ramp to pick up or deliver parts and supplies to the applicant's towboats that would temporarily moor along the spud barge. The requested structures would also provide a safe crew changing area. Electricity would be run to the spud barge for lighting requirements and other needs. The vehicle access ramp would be secured to the spud barge on the riverward side and to a rock lined bank on the landward side with infrastructure capable of adjusting to changing river heights. The barge would be moored in place by spuds and a cabled winch system on the bow and stern ran to existing deadmen structures in the river bank. The project site is proposed at latitude 38.589733 and longitude -90.195844, in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 10 West, along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 177.15, in St. Clair County, Illinois (See Attached Figures).

b. To the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources shall evaluate the activity for state approval of the proposed work pursuant to an Act in Relation to the Regulation of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams of the State of Illinois (615 ILCS 5). Written comments concerning possible impacts to the waters of Illinois should be addressed to Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with copy provided to the Corps. Inquiries may be directed to the Office of Water Resources at 217/782-3863.

2. Based on our initial processing of the applicants' proposal, the action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment. However, a final determination of the need for an environmental impact statement will not be made until the St. Louis District has completed its full review of this application. The review will include our evaluation of any written responses received as a result of this public notice.

3. This permit will be processed under the provisions of **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.**

4. 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 conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

5. The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirynchus albus*), and the least tern (*Sterna antillarum*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the installation of the proposed structures within a busy fleeting and adjacent barge fabrication plant setting is 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.


6. Interested parties, particularly navigation interests, Federal and state agencies for the protection of environmental and cultural resources, and the officials of any state, town, or local associations whose interest may be affected by this work, are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before **March 12, 2014**. The decision whether to authorize the activity will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain 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. Project authorization will be granted only if it is found not contrary to the public interest.

7. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny authorization for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

8. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 1222 Spruce Street, Attn: OD-F (Frerker), St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833, or by electronic mail to charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil, on or before **March 12, 2014**.

9. 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.

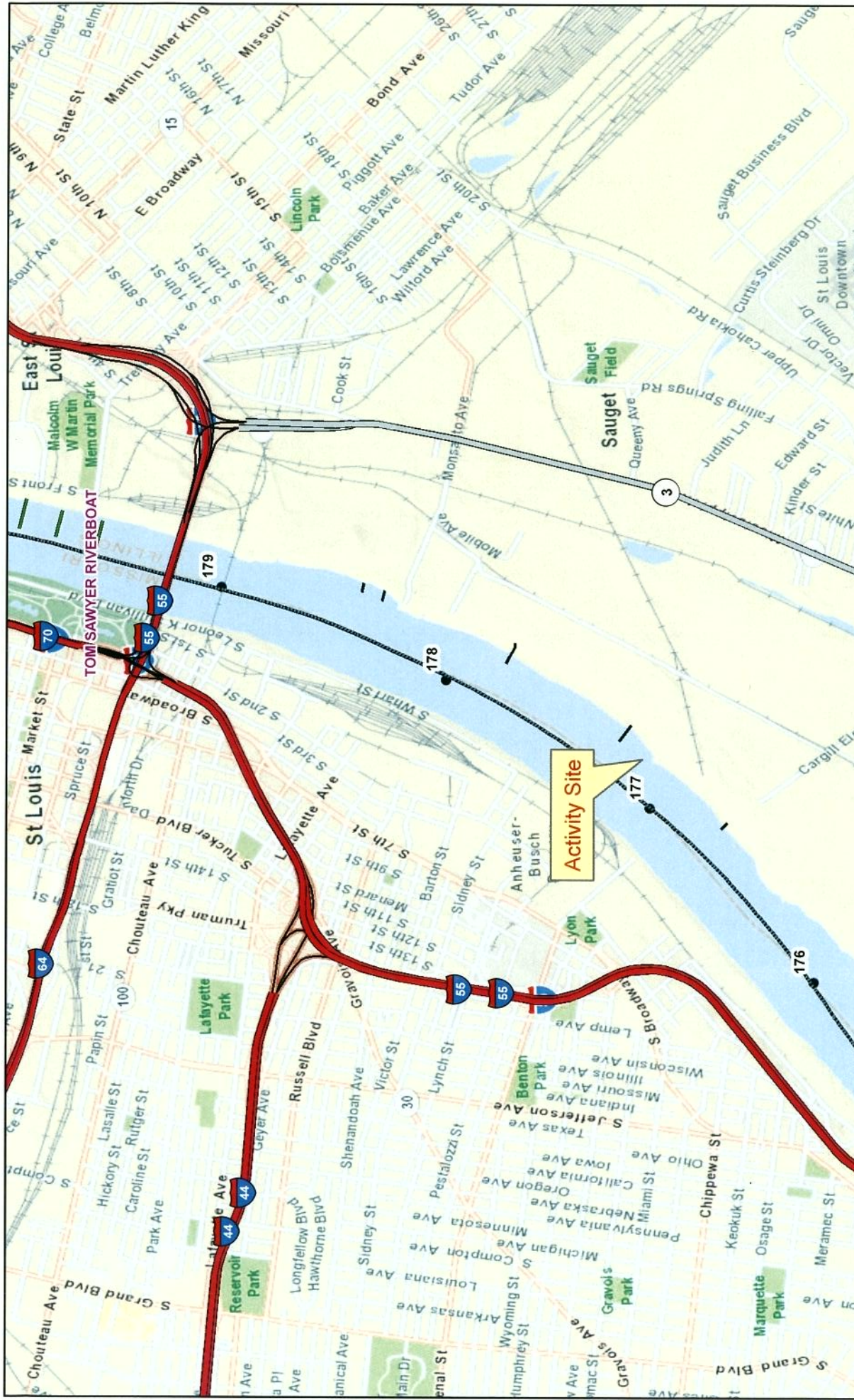


 Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually posted for 21 days.



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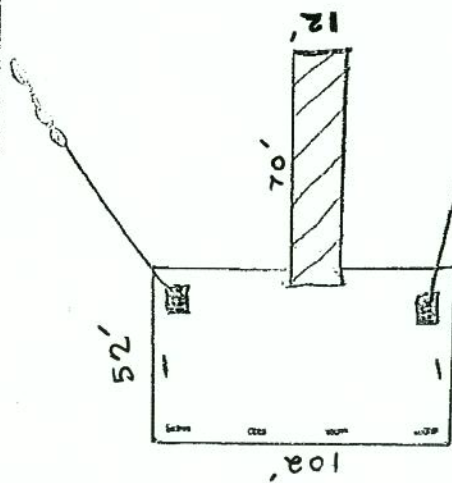
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Crew change barge & ramp
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Existing Deadman Structures



Dock Barge 102' x 52' x 13'

Ramp 70' x 12'

mooring- Winch on Bow & stern with 1" conc cable

Ran to existing Deadman attached to 2" Anchor chain