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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-2889

Public Notice Date

September 05, 2014

Expiration Date

September 26, 2014

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File Number: MVS-2014-607

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: Alan Edmondson

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Capital Sand Company, Inc., P.O. Box 104990, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65110, (573-634-3020). (ATTN: Mr. Jason Branstetter)

<u>LOCATION</u>: The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River at approximate mile 47.1, Scott County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Thebes USGS quadrangle map, Latitude 37.249 and Longitude -89.478, Township 30 North, Range 14 East.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant, Capital Sand Company, Inc., has applied to develop, construct, and operate a barge and rail car loading facility. The purpose of the project is to construct a barge loading and unloading facility which would handle sandstone.

This facility has two main areas, landward and riverward of the high bank. The work landward of the high bank will include the construction of two storage buildings, conveyors, rail car loading spouts and railroad spur. The railroad spur will connect to the pre-existing SEMO Port railroad spur. It will include a main spur at 3,120' long and three side spurs: #1 spur: 3,110 feet, #2 spur: 2,950 feet, #3 spur: 2,950 feet, respectively. The work landward of the high bank occurs above the ordinary high water mark of the Mississippi River in a previously impacted industrial area (quarry). No jurisdictional wetlands would be impacted with this project. The work that is proposed riverward of the high bank includes the installation of a 35' x 195' dock barge with spuds (mounted on the dock barge is a 14' x 14' surge bin that will feed to a 50' conveyor to load barges) and the installation of a line conveyor that will carry product from the on bank conveyor system to the surge bin located on the dock barge. The line conveyor will have three support legs and it will extend +/- 180 feet riverward of the high bank. The line conveyor legs will be constructed with concrete piers at the base and will continue up with steel.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: (See attached.)

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@usace.army.mil*.

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

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: 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 work that is proposed would not 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.

<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 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.

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.







