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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-2901 through P-2904

Public Notice Date

October 6, 2014

Expiration Date

October 27, 2014

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that proposed plans have been received for Department of the Army Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act authorization to install four barge fleets and associated mooring in navigable waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attachments.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice Numbers 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 ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (<u>Charles Frerker</u>) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

<u>APPLICANT:</u> Buzzi Unicem USA, Inc., Mr. Mark Hollandsworth, 1000 River Cement Road, Festus, Missouri 63028 (636) 931-2561.

LOCATION: The proposed barge fleeting areas would be situated in the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 144.1 in Jefferson County, Missouri, and river miles 145.3, 146.6, and 147.0 in Monroe County, Illinois.

Plant prompts the need for an increase in barge fleeting capacity, in close proximity to the applicant's river terminal. The width of the navigation channel is somewhat narrower within portions of the project reach. As such, the applicant designed multiple smaller fleeting areas to avoid potential impacts to navigation. A total of four fleeting areas are currently proposed. For identification and comment tracking purposes, each fleet is assigned an individual permit "P" number.

P-2901: This 18 barge fleet, arranged in a 6-wide by 3-long configuration, including a fleet barge, would measure 210-feet-wide by 600-feet-long. 17 hopper barges would be secured on the channel side and below the fleet barge by using properly sized anchors, anchor chain, connector links and swivels. This fleet would be located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 144.1, near Festus, in Jefferson County, Missouri.

P-2902: This 36 barge fleet, arranged in a 6-wide by 6-long configuration, including a fleet barge, would measure 210-feet-wide by 1,200-feet-long. 35 hopper barges would be secured on the channel side and below the fleet barge by using properly sized anchors, anchor chain, connector links and swivels. This fleet would be located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 145.3, near Valmeyer, in Monroe County, Illinois.

P-2903: This 24 barge fleet, arranged in a 6-wide by 4-long configuration, including a fleet barge, would measure 210-feet-wide by 800-feet-long. 23 hopper barges would be secured on the channel side and below the fleet barge by using properly sized anchors, anchor chain, connector links and swivels. This fleet would be located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 146.6, near Valmeyer, in Monroe County, Illinois.

P-2904: This 36 barge fleet, arranged in a 6-wide by 6-long configuration, including a fleet barge, would measure 210-feet-wide by 1,200-feet-long. 35 hopper barges would be secured on the channel side and below the fleet barge by using properly sized anchors, anchor chain, connector links and swivels. This fleet would be located near the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 147.0, near Valmeyer, in Monroe County, Illinois.

The specific location and GPS coordinates of the riverward corners for each proposed fleet is shown on the attachments.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Contact Mr. Mark Hollandsworth (<u>mark.hollandsworth@buzziunicemusa.com</u>) with Buzzi Unicem USA Inc. at 636-931-2561 or Mr. Charles Frerker (<u>charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil</u>) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch, at (314) 331-8583 for additional information.

AUTHORITY: This proposal will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act.

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 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 (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) and proposed as endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed fleeting activity and locations is not likely to adversely affect species designated as endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to supplement our determination, this public notice solicits comments 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 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.

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.

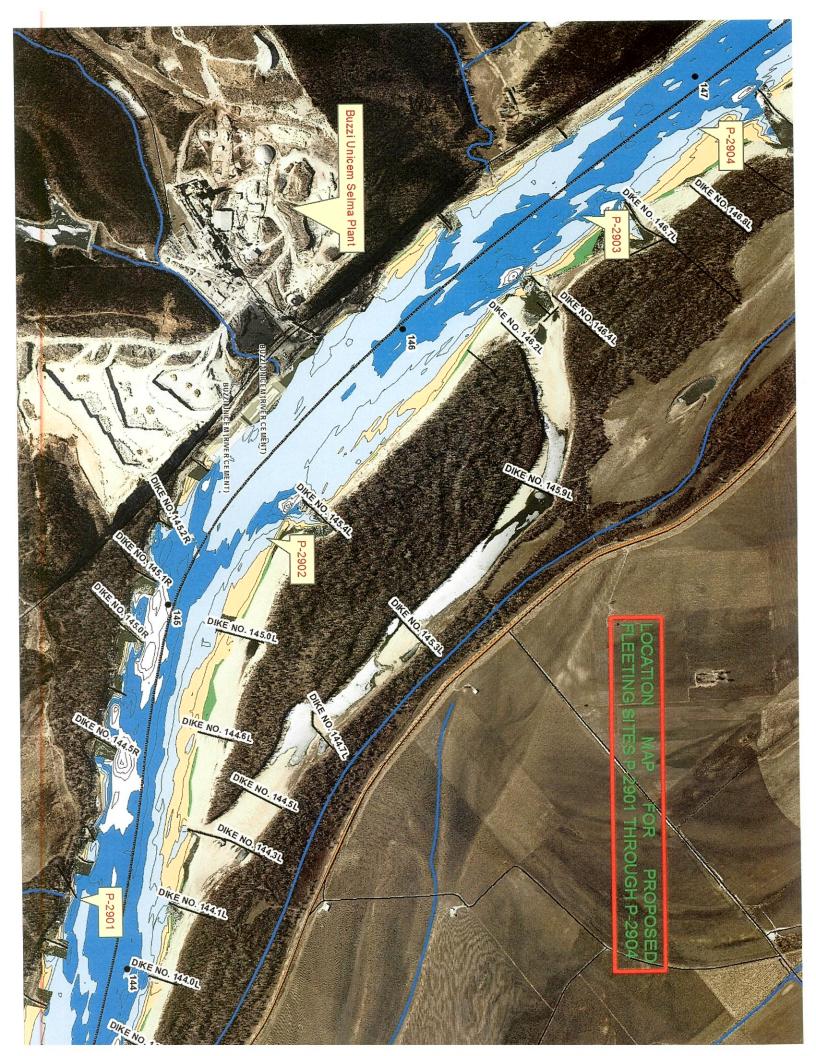
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army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

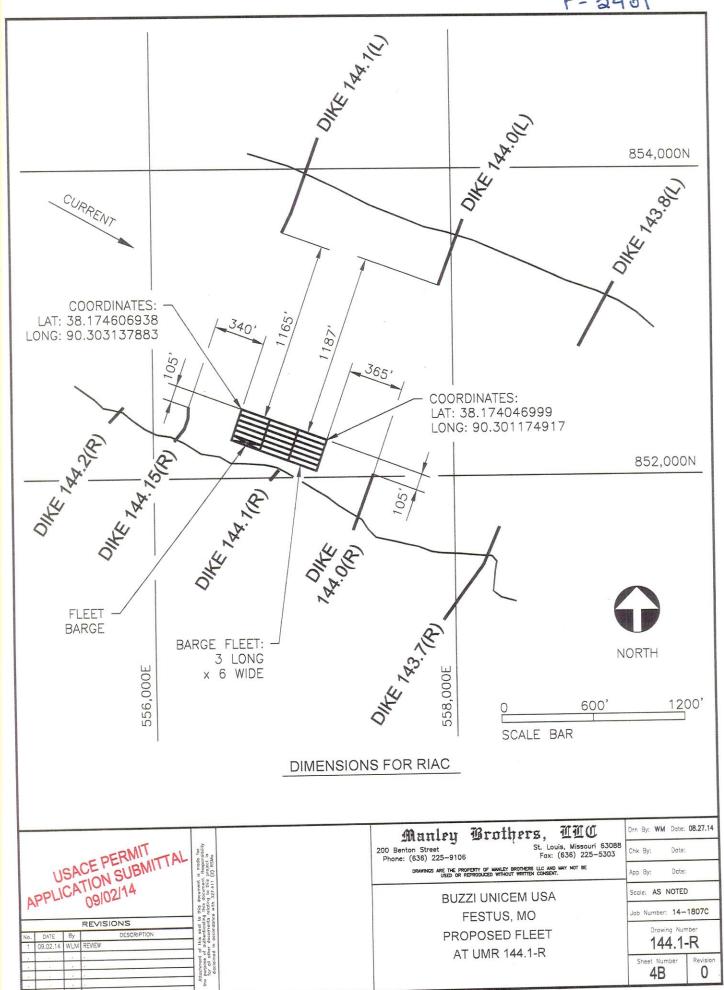
In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon Chief, Regulatory Branch

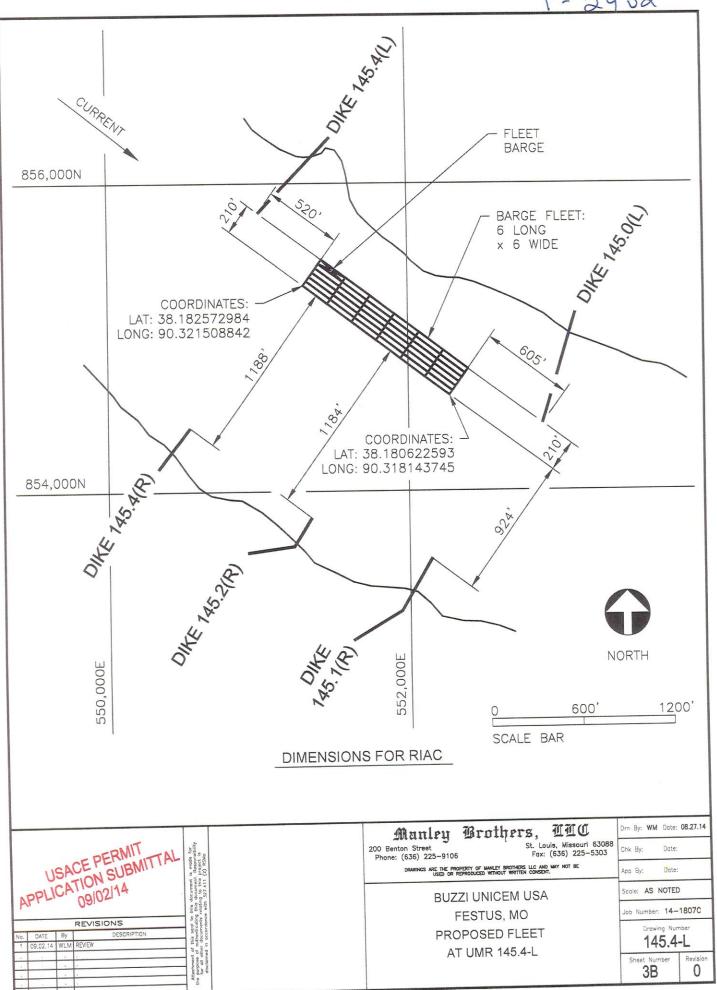
Attachments

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.

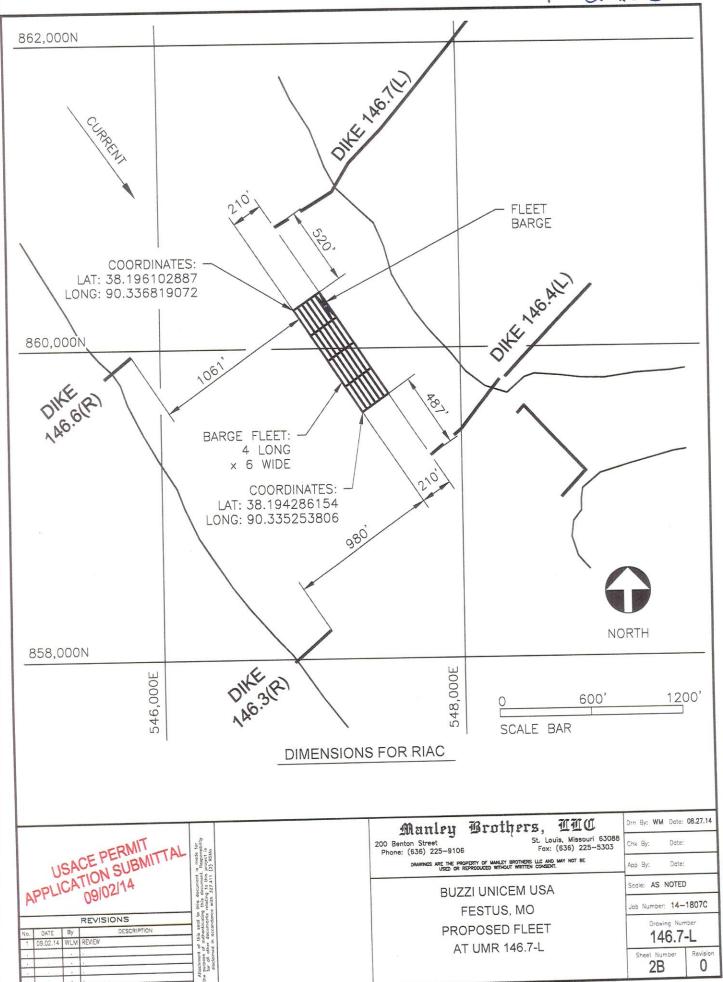




P-2902 FLEET BARGE BARGE FLEET: 6 LONG x 6 WIDE NORTH 1200' 600' SCALE BAR Drn By: WM Date: 08.27.14 St. Louis, Missouri 63088 Fax: (636) 225-5303 Chk By: Date: Арр Ву: Scale: AS NOTED Job Number: 14-1807C



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