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Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:
June 23, 2014

EXPIRATION DATE:
July 10, 2014

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AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 10 of the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT:

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The proposed project will consist of mooring of a vessel to operate as a catcher and processor plant of fish (Asian Carp). The vessel is approximately 341 feet in length and will be anchored in the slack water harbor of Hickman, Kentucky, using a 3-point mooring system which includes two (2) anchors on a 20 degree spread between them, going forward with four (4) shots of chain (90 feet each shot) with 10,000 lbs anchors. The purpose of these anchors is to hold the ship from moving aft and the bow from swinging from side to side. In the event the current becomes aggressive, Riverine Enterprise may put two (2) more shots of chains on both sides of the vessel. The third anchor will be off the vessel's stern with a large winch and a 7,500 lb anchor, one (1) shot of chain, and 600-foot of two (2") wire cables. This anchor would be placed as far back behind the vessel as possible, without interfering with the USCG mooring and not in the navigation channel (see attached drawing).

The vessel will be as close to the bank as possible. Gangways will be placed to the side of the vessel to reach the riverside road. These gangways will be of variable lengths and removable. All utility connections will come from the shore and go over the floodwall, in a manner not to touch or influence the wall. All utilities will be on quick disconnects. The vessel will be manned 24/7/365 basis and at no time less than three (3) persons on board.

In addition, all discharges of processing water and sewage from the vessel will be connected to the waste water utility of the local community. There will be no discharge of fish products or fish waste into the surrounding waters.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the project, according to the applicant, is to serve as a catcher and processing plant of fish (Asian Carp).

LOCATION: The project is located in Hickman Harbor, at approximate latitude 36.5727° and longitude - 89.02002° on the Hickman SW 7.5 minute quadrangle in Fulton County, Kentucky (see attached map).

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: This notice is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS). The Memphis District is aware that the interior least tern, *Sterna antillarum* and the pallid sturgeon, *Scaphirhynchus albus*, are known to utilize the Mississippi River. No dredging is to occur with this project; therefore no impacts are expected to affect these species. Any comments USFWS may have regarding this species or other endangered/threatened wildlife/plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis 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 survey of the project area.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That 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 project, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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, 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, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Federally recognized Tribes; 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 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 the 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.

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. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision. If a public hearing is held, it will be for the purpose of obtaining additional information that we could not otherwise obtain through a public notice process; not to inform the public about the specific details of the project in greater detail than what is found in this notice. This is not a Corps project. We are not a proponent or are we an opponent of the project. We are merely the permitting authority of Section 10 permits required by our office.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you wish to obtain additional information or to submit comments on this project, please contact Randy Clark at the U.S. Corps of Engineers, 167 North Main Street, Room B-B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103-1894, telephone (901) 544-0735. Copies of all comments, including the names and address of commenters, may be provided to the bank sponsor for consideration and response prior to a decision by the Corps.

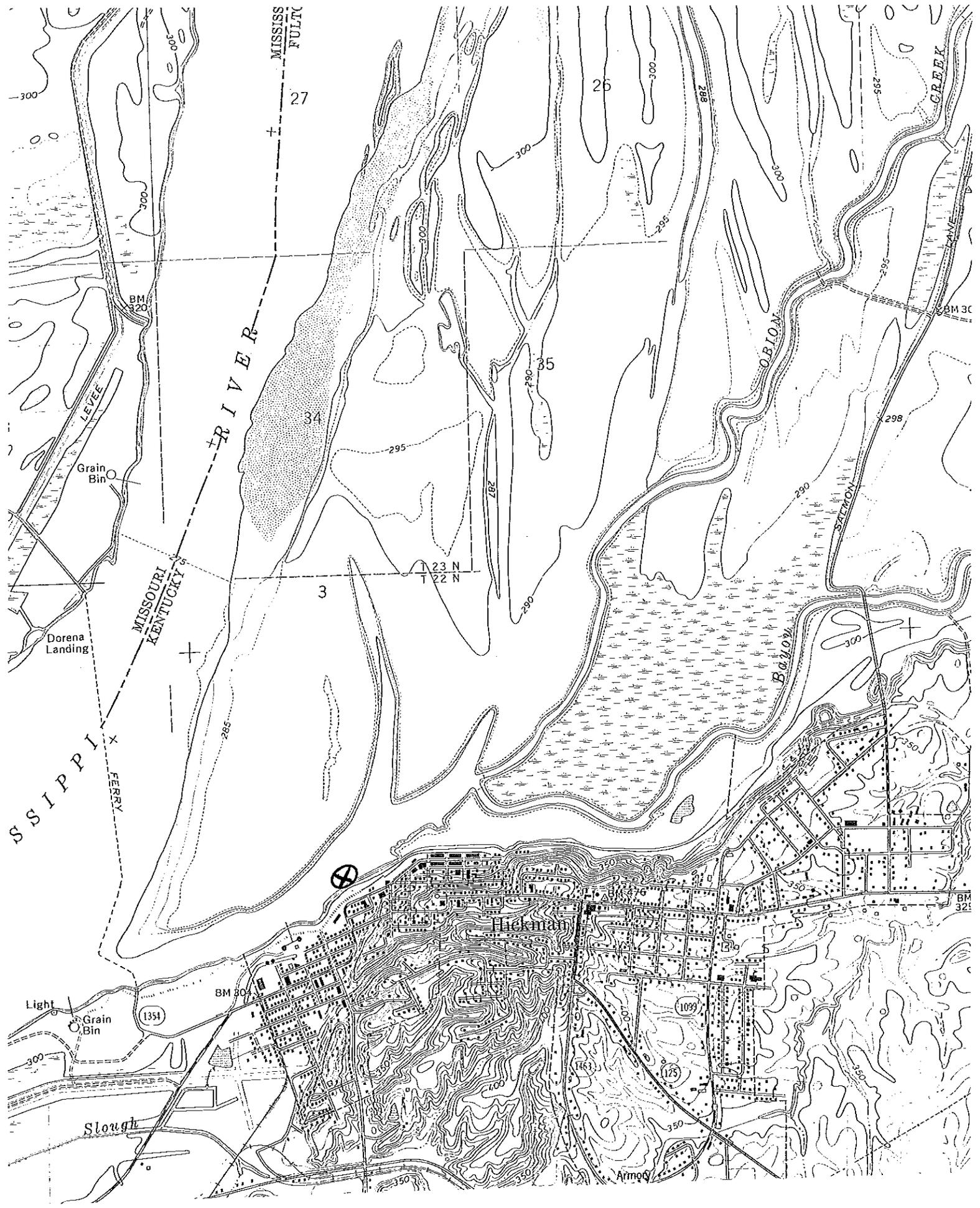
For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link:

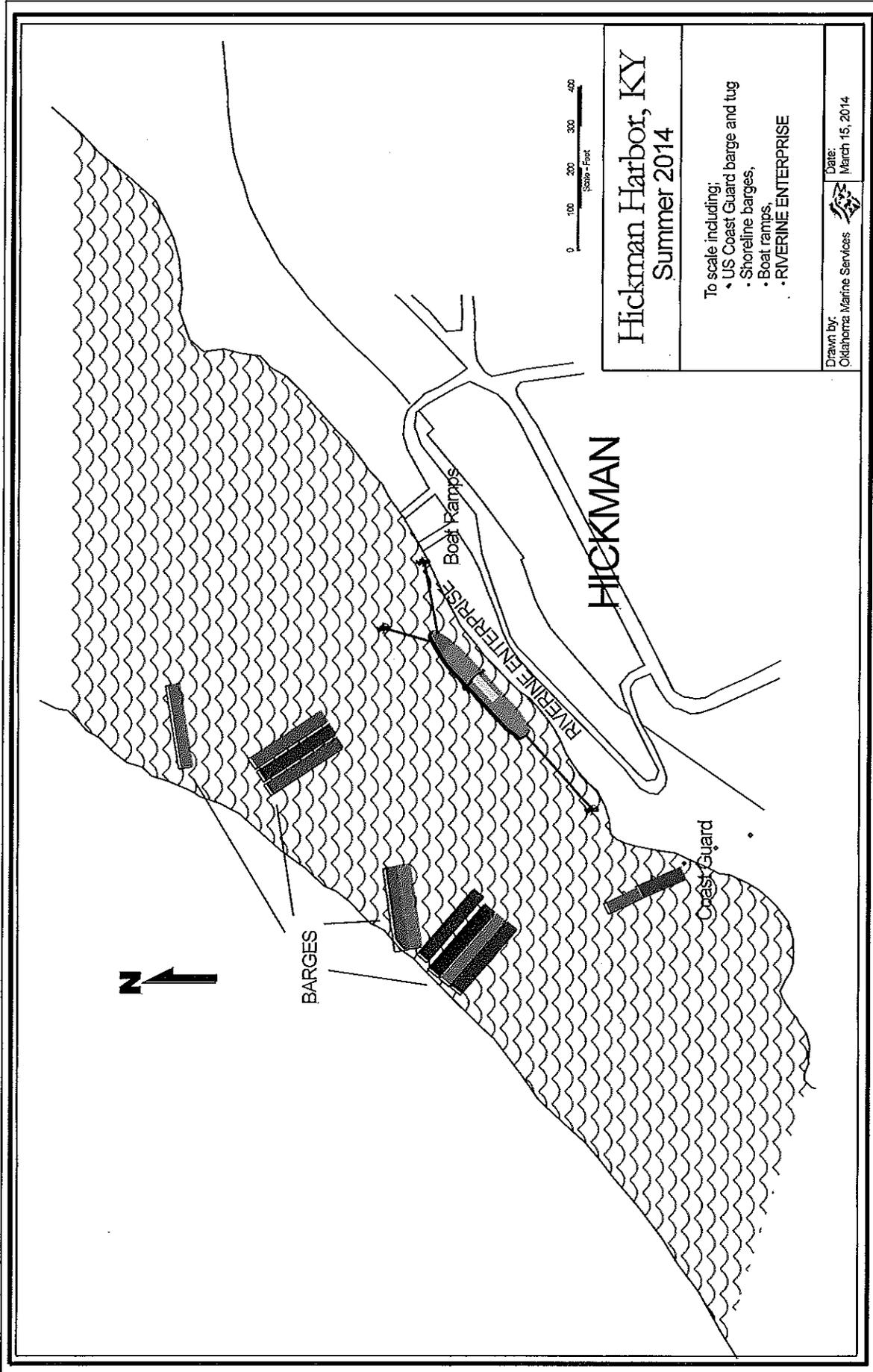
<http://geo.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=340:2:0::NO:RP>. Using the Filter by District drop down box, select MVM-Memphis District, then select the year and month (information will populate in the table below). All pending individual permits can be located by selecting the **"Pending IP"** tab above. All of the environmental documents and statements of findings supporting issuance or denial of the permit decisions are available upon written request and where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. They are also available at the Memphis District, Regulatory Branch office for examination



Tim H. Flinn, P. E.
Acting Chief
Regulatory Branch

Attachments





Hickman Harbor, KY Summer 2014

- To scale including:
- US Coast Guard barge and tug
 - Shoreline barges,
 - Boat ramps,
 - RIVERINE ENTERPRISE

Drawn by: Oklahoma Marine Services
Date: March 15, 2014

