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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Derreck Smith
Louis Dreyfus River Elevators,
LLC

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Memphis District
Permit Application No. MVM-2025-259

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Memphis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) **and/or** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

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Louis Dreyfus River Elevators, LLC
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AGENT: Jim LeBlanc
TRC
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WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States and navigable waters of the United States within the Mississippi River. The proposed project is located at approximate Mississippi River Mile 727. The proposed dredging area is located on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at latitude 35.098333°N and longitude -90.183364°W, Crittenden County, Arkansas. The proposed disposal area is located in the Mississippi River at approximate latitude 35.085835 and longitude -90.187142, Crittenden County, Arkansas (See Attachments 1, 2, and 3).

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed project is located at the applicant's existing facility and docks along the bank of the Mississippi River.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to perform routine maintenance dredging to allow for continued operations at the applicant's facility during low-water conditions of the Mississippi River.

Basic: The basic purpose of the project is to conduct periodic maintenance dredging at the barge unloading site to allow adequate depth for barge operations.

Overall: Same as basic purpose described above.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization to conduct maintenance dredging operations at the barge unloading site. The dredging will require approximately 7,407 cubic yards of silt and accumulated sediments to be removed by dredge. The dredge area will be 350 feet in length and 75 feet in width, as shown on Attachment 1. The dredge work will be done mechanically by hydraulic excavator and/or clam shell dredge. Dredge materials will be placed into the Mississippi River (Attachments 1, 2, and 3).

The applicant has requested authorization to conduct maintenance dredging over a 10-year period.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant proposes to only dredge the minimum amount of material required to meet their stated project purpose.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps evaluated the undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) utilizing its existing program-specific regulations and procedures along with 36 CFR Part 800. The Corps' program-specific procedures include 33 CFR 325, Appendix C, and revised interim guidance issued in 2005 and 2007, respectively. The District Engineer consulted district files and records and the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and initially determines that:

- Should historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places) be present within the Corps' permit area, the proposed activity requiring the DA Permit (the undertaking) is a type of activity that has no potential to cause an effect to an historic property.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Office, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the application, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur within the boundary of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project may affect species and critical habitat listed in Table 1. No other ESA-listed species or critical habitat will be affected by the proposed action.

Table 1: ESA-listed species and/or critical habitat potentially present in the action area.

Species Common Name and/or Critical Habitat Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered
Alligator snapping turtle	<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	Proposed Threatened
Monarch Butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Proposed Threatened
Pallid sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	Endangered
Fat pocketbook	<i>Potamilus capax</i>	Endangered
Pondberry	<i>Lindera melissifolia</i>	Endangered
Eastern Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. Jamaicensis</i>	Threatened
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Threatened
Rufa Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Threatened

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402. The Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for ESA consultation for the proposed action. Any required consultation will be completed by Corps of Engineers.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

NAVIGATION: The proposed project is being evaluated by the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District Navigation Operations Project Manager and Chief of River Engineering for any impairment to the federal navigation channel.

SECTION 408: The applicant will not require Section 408 permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

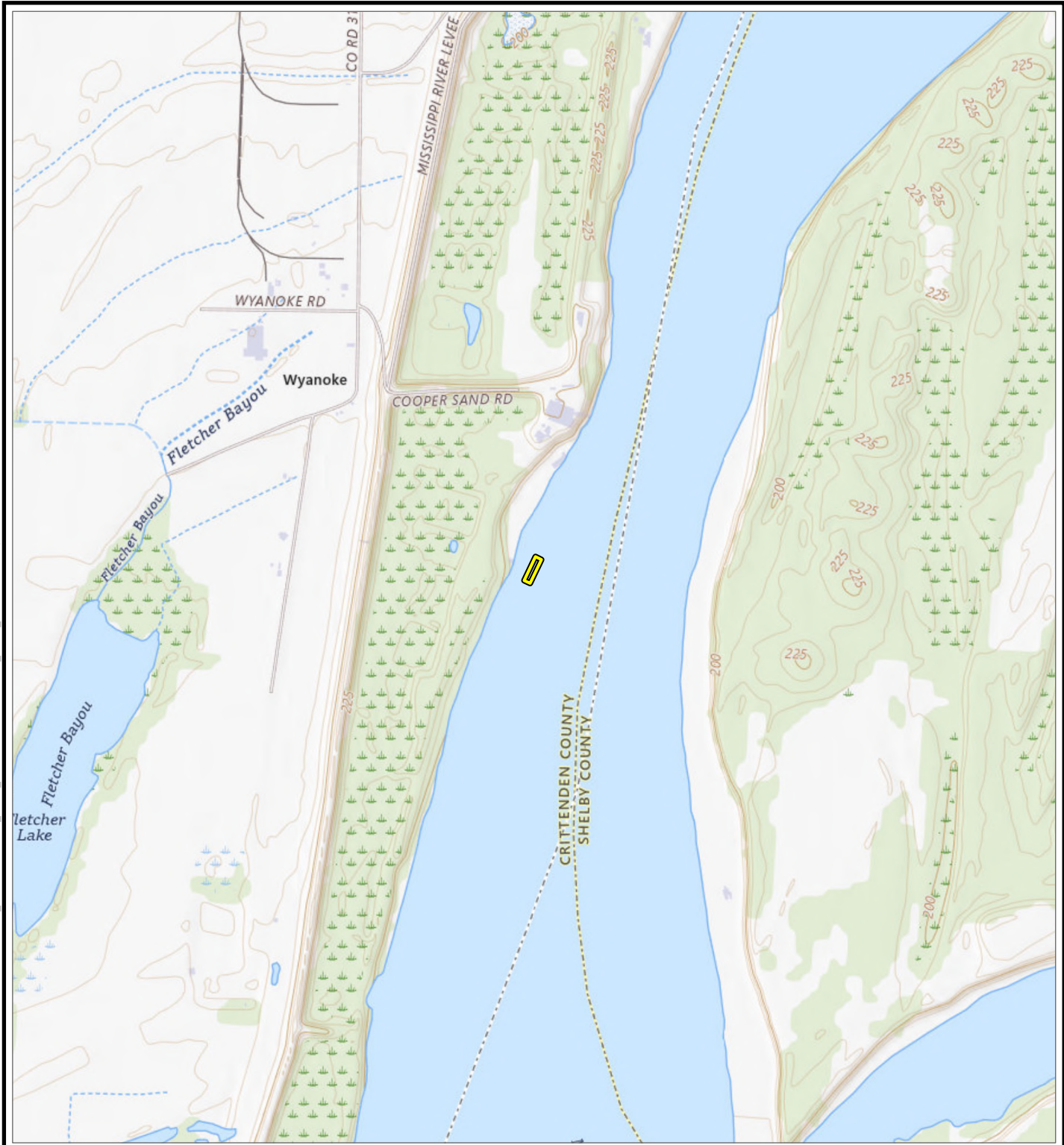
NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has been verified by Corps personnel.


EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed 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 proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical 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. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.


COMMENTS: The Corps 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 this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to 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 (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.


The Memphis District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until January 8, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Brandi Harms at brandi.l.harms@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, Attention: Brandi Harms, 167 North Main Street, Room B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.



 **PROPOSED DREDGING AREA**



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PROJECT: LOUIS DREYFUS ELEVATORS LLC
WEST MEMPHIS BARGE LOADING FACILITY
MISSISSIPPI RIVER DREDGING

TITLE: SITE LOCATION MAP

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CHECKED BY: A. CLINE	FIGURE 1
APPROVED BY: J. LEBLANC	
DATE: OCTOBER 2025	




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FILE: 701634 WEST MEMPHIS


BASE MAP: ESRI "USGS TOPO" ONLINE SERVICE LAYER
USGS 7.5' QUADRANGLE: FLETCHER LAKE, TN (2019)
DATA SOURCES: TRC, ESRI, USGS


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 RIVER FLOW SOUTH


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★ INSTREAM DISPOSAL LOCATION

PROJECT: **LOUIS DREYFUS ELEVATORS LLC
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TITLE: **DREDGE MATERIAL DISPOSAL LOCATION MAP**

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FIGURE 3

BASE MAP: GOOGLE EARTH
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