



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Memphis District

Public Notice

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NOTICE DATE:
April 26, 2023

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EXPIRATION DATE:
May 25, 2023

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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 and Harbors Act of 1899. The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent alterations of any U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and codified in 33 USC 408.

APPLICANT:

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AGENT:

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PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed project is to make changes to an existing barge fleeting facility (authorized in MVM-2021-087) to accommodate the increased amount of materials being loaded and unloaded at the facility.

LOCATION: The project site is located on the west (right descending) bank of the Mississippi River centered at River Mile 782.0 at approximate Latitude 35.6507°N and Longitude -89.9112°W in Mississippi County, Arkansas, on the Osceola 7.5-minute quadrangle map (Attachment 1).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes the following changes/additions to the existing barge fleeting facility (Attachment 2):

- Fleet 1: Existing fleet, installation of additional 21 barges, total maximum of 49 barges, 245' wide by 1,365' long
- Dock 1: Existing dock, installation of upstream and downstream stringer barges, total installation including existing dock and proposed stringers to be 55' wide by 515' long
- Dock 2: Existing dock, installation of upstream stringer barge, total installation including existing dock and proposed stringer to be 55' wide by 370' long
- Dock 3: Relocated barge cleaning dock with additional stringer deck barge, installation of 3 new deadmen 50' wide by 450' long
- Ramp: Proposed access point to allow for a barge to moor at the south side of the point and to load or unload heavy equipment, installation of 1 new deadman
- Dock 4: Proposed dock primarily to be used for product loadout, installation of 2 new deadmen, 55' wide by 250' long
- Dock 5: Proposed dock primarily to be used for raw material unloading, installation of 1 new deadman, 50' wide by 515' long

- Fleet 2: Existing fleet, installation of additional 6 barges and 1 new deadman, total maximum of 36 barges, 210' wide by 1,170' long
- Fleet 3: Existing fleet, installation of additional 6 barges and 3 new deadmen, total maximum of 30 barges, 210' wide by 975' long

AVOIDANCE/MINIMIZATION: According to the applicant, minimal vegetation and trees will be cleared for the fleeting area installation. The barges will be moored close to the riverbank minimizing the impact, if any, to river navigation. Best management practices will be implemented to minimize the potential for adverse water quality and natural resources impacts.

MITIGATION: No mitigation has been proposed for this project.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Our determination is that the proposal will have no effect on the Eastern Black Rail, Red Knot, and Piping Plover. This notice is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Any comments USFWS may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, the Memphis District will identify and evaluate potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties through consultation with federal, state, and local agencies, federally-recognized Indian Tribes, the public, and other interested parties.

FLOODPLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any floodplain 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 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 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 of Engineers project. We are not a proponent nor are we an opponent of the project. We are merely the permitting authority of Section 404 and Section 10 permits required by our office.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District. Comments may be sent via mail or email to the following:

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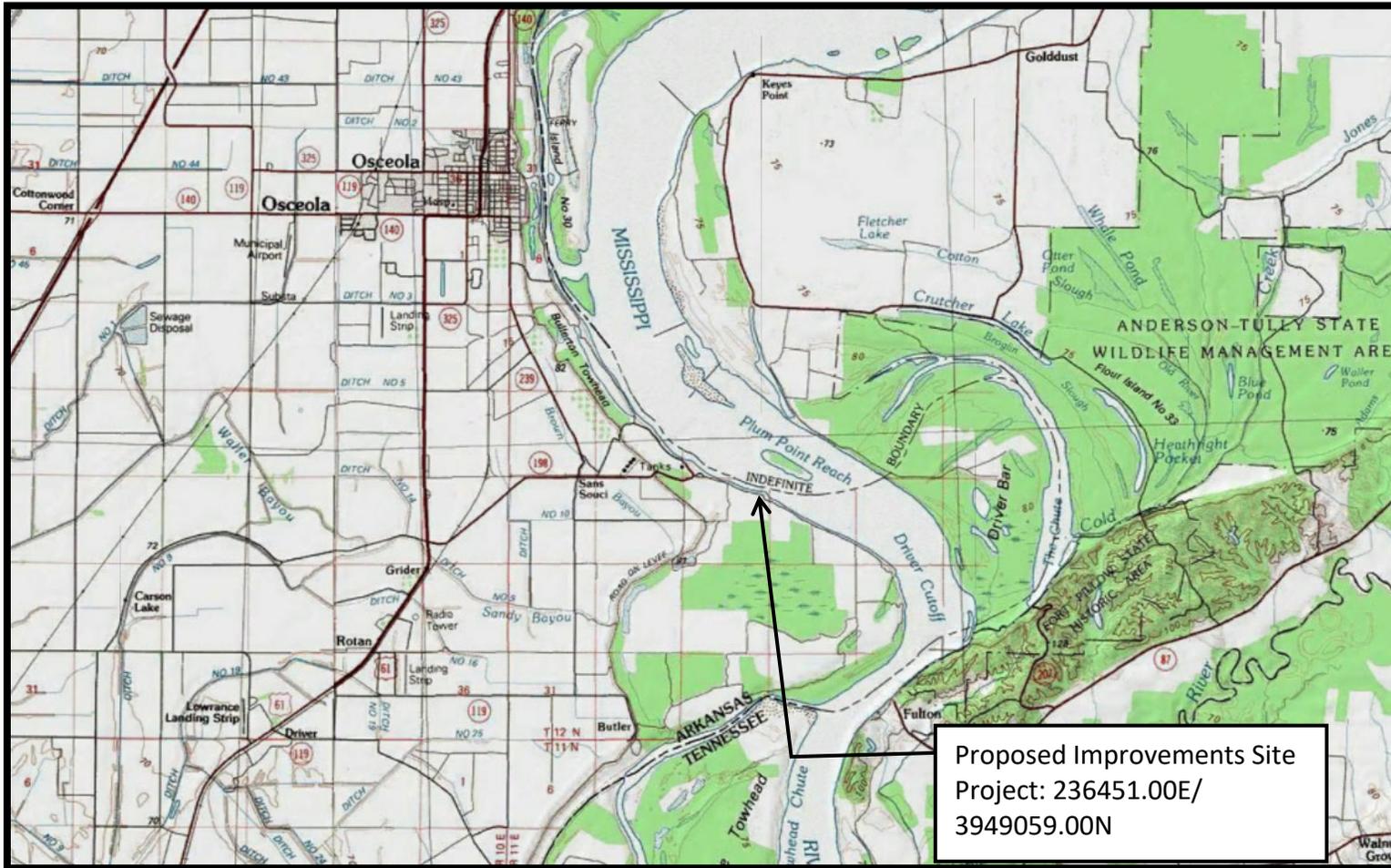
The Corps of Engineers may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Comments must be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link: <http://permits.ops.usace.army.mil/orm-public>. 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 Division office for examination.

Gregg W. Williams
Chief
Regulatory Division

Attachments

Figure 1 – Topographic Map



Scale: As Shown
Source: Earth Point Topo Map

