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U.S.C. Chapter 33, Section 408 Permission Evaluation

TITLE: Section 408 Permission Evaluation for Consolidated Grain and Barge Company, Coahoma County, Mississippi.

INTRODUCTION: The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent alterations of any U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federally authorized civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and codified in 33 USC 408. Consolidated Grain and Barge Company has requested to replace an existing tripod dolphin on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River at River Mile 653, Coahoma County, Mississippi (Figure1). The proposed dolphins would be installed as close as possible to the original location and old piles would be backfilled with sand. Pre- and post-construction hydrographic surveys would be performed to inspect the before and after condition of revetment at the base of the piles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Section 408 authorizes USACE to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of the project if USACE determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, the federally authorized civil works project proposed for alteration, provides for channel improvement to increase the flood carrying capacity and reduce flood heights, to stabilize alignment and prevent bank caving that would destroy the main line levees, and to provide an aligned navigation channel. The proposed request involves potential penetration of the articulated concrete revetment mattress (federal project) and placement of rip-rap to armor the location where the concrete mattress has been penetrated.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. The scope of analysis for the NEPA and environmental compliance evaluations for the Section 408 review should be limited to the area of alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration. Environmental compliance with appropriate federal and state regulations, including state water quality certification, are encompassed in the permit request currently being processed by USACE, Memphis District (MVM), Regulatory Division (MVM 2020-339). The proposed project meets Section 10 and 404 criteria set forth in Nationwide Permit 3, Maintenance. Additionally, as the proposed Section 408 alteration is within the USACE project footprint, no known historic properties would be effected. The decision on this Section 408 request is being analyzed in accordance with NEPA and is limited to the Section 408 boundaries described herein.

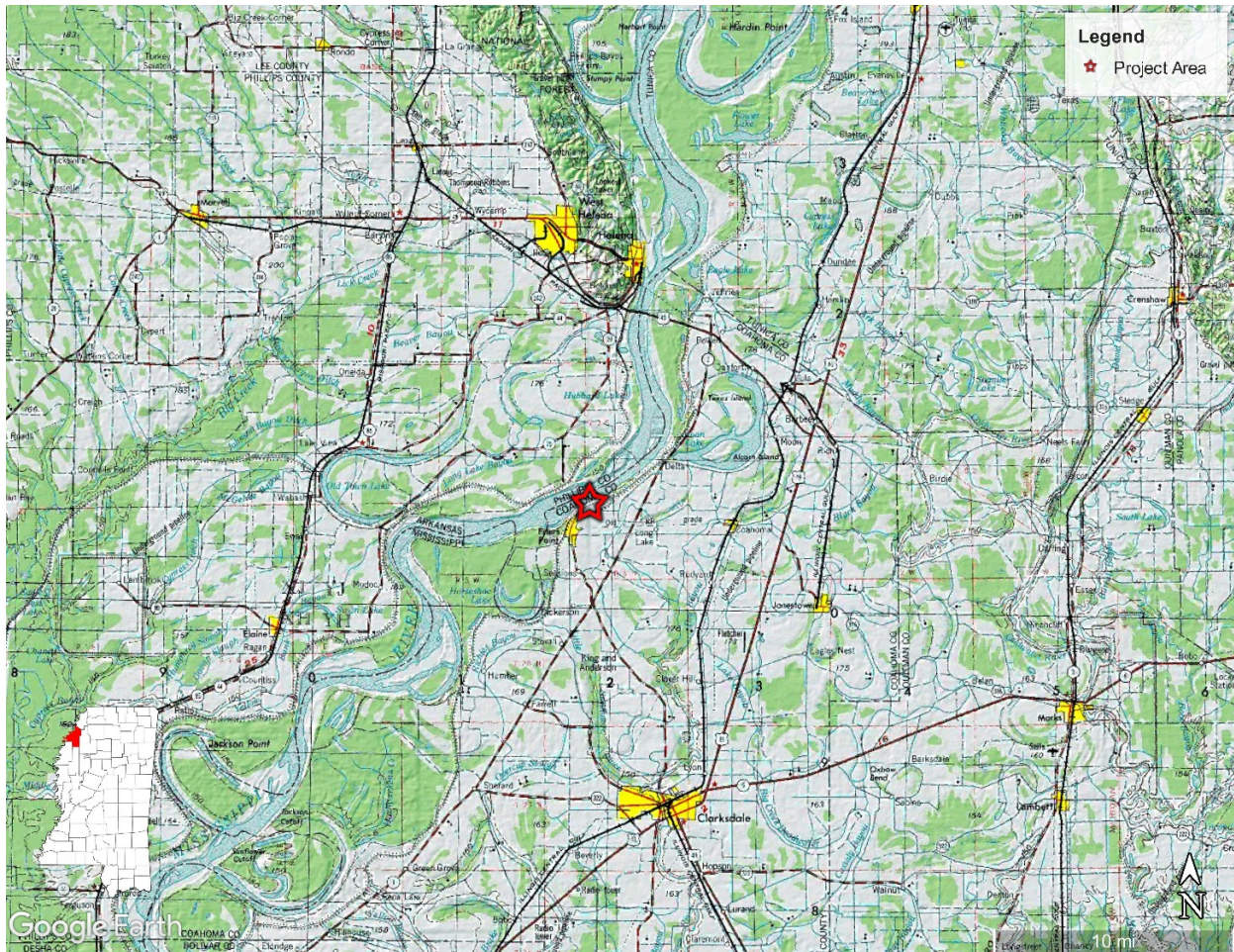


Figure 1. Location of proposed Consolidated Grain and Barge Company dolphin replacement, Coahoma County, Arkansas.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties. Comments received within 15 days of this publication will be used in the evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed action on important resources. All comments will be considered in preparing environmental documentation pursuant to NEPA. USACE has jurisdiction under 33 USC 408, only over the specific activities that have the potential to alter existing USACE projects. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration to the federally authorized civil works project described herein. **Comments may be submitted to joshua.m.koontz@usace.army.mil and should be received by January 19, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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