



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Memphis District

# Public Notice

**FILE NUMBER: MVM-2019-270**

**NOTICE DATE:**  
**November 26, 2019**

**EXPIRATION DATE:**  
Attn: Postmaster,  
Please Post Until **December 26, 2019**

## 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 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. 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:**

Mr. Randy Richardson  
Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission  
1115 Riverside Boulevard  
Memphis, Tennessee 38106  
(901) 948-4422

**AGENT:**

Mr. Andrew Rike  
Harbor, Inc.  
5800 Evergreen Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205  
(501) 663-8800

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this project is to provide a new dock along the banks of McKellar Lake for loading and unloading shipped materials. This public notice includes revisions to the plans shown on the original notice for this project, issued on October 4, 2019.

**LOCATION:** The project site is located on the northeastern portion of President's Island on the western bank of McKellar Lake at approximate Latitude 35.102205°N and Longitude -90.086944°W in Shelby County, Tennessee, as shown on the Southwest Memphis 7.5 minute USGS Quadrangle Map (Attachment 1).

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to install a floating dock that will move away from, and towards, the center of the lake as lake levels rise, and fall, respectively (Attachment 2). The proposed dock will be anchored in place by way of a bollard, constructed of concrete, steel pipes, and steel plates (Attachment 3 & 3.1) above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of 210 feet above sea level. The dock will be large enough to support tractor-trailer transportation and will allow for circulation of the traffic during which the tractor-trailers will either be loaded with, or will offload, shipping containers for the transportation of commercial freight.

Construction of the proposed dock will require the placement of approximately 13,730 cubic yards of rock below the OHWM of McKellar Lake. The rock will be placed in rows under the dock structure and will provide an area for the dock to rest upon during low water levels within McKellar Lake (Attachment 4).

The Corps of Engineers is also reviewing the project under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to ensure that the activity would not be injurious to the public interest and would not impair the usefulness of the Memphis Harbor/McKellar Lake project, part of the Mississippi River and Tributaries system, a federally authorized civil works project the applicant is proposing to alter.

**AVOIDANCE/MINIMIZATION:** According to the applicant, no vegetation or trees will be cleared for the bollard installation. The dock will be moored close to the river bank to minimize impact 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:** This notice is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). A review of the USFWS, Environmental Conservation Online System species by county report indicates that three (3) endangered species and one (1) threatened species may occur in the project area. These include the interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Any comments the USFWS, or other interested parties, may have regarding these or other endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work. Our preliminary determination is that there would be no endangered species or critical habitat affected by this proposal.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, the Memphis District is soliciting comments from federal, state, and local agencies, federally-recognized Indian Tribes, the public, and other interested parties in order to identify and evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action on historic properties.

**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 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 U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Memphis District. Comments may be sent via mail or email to the following:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Memphis District  
ATTN: Charles Keating  
167 North Main Street, Room B-202  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103-1894  
E-mail: [charles.d.keating@usace.army.mil](mailto:charles.d.keating@usace.army.mil)  
phone: (901) 544-0733  
fax: (901) 544-0211

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 should be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

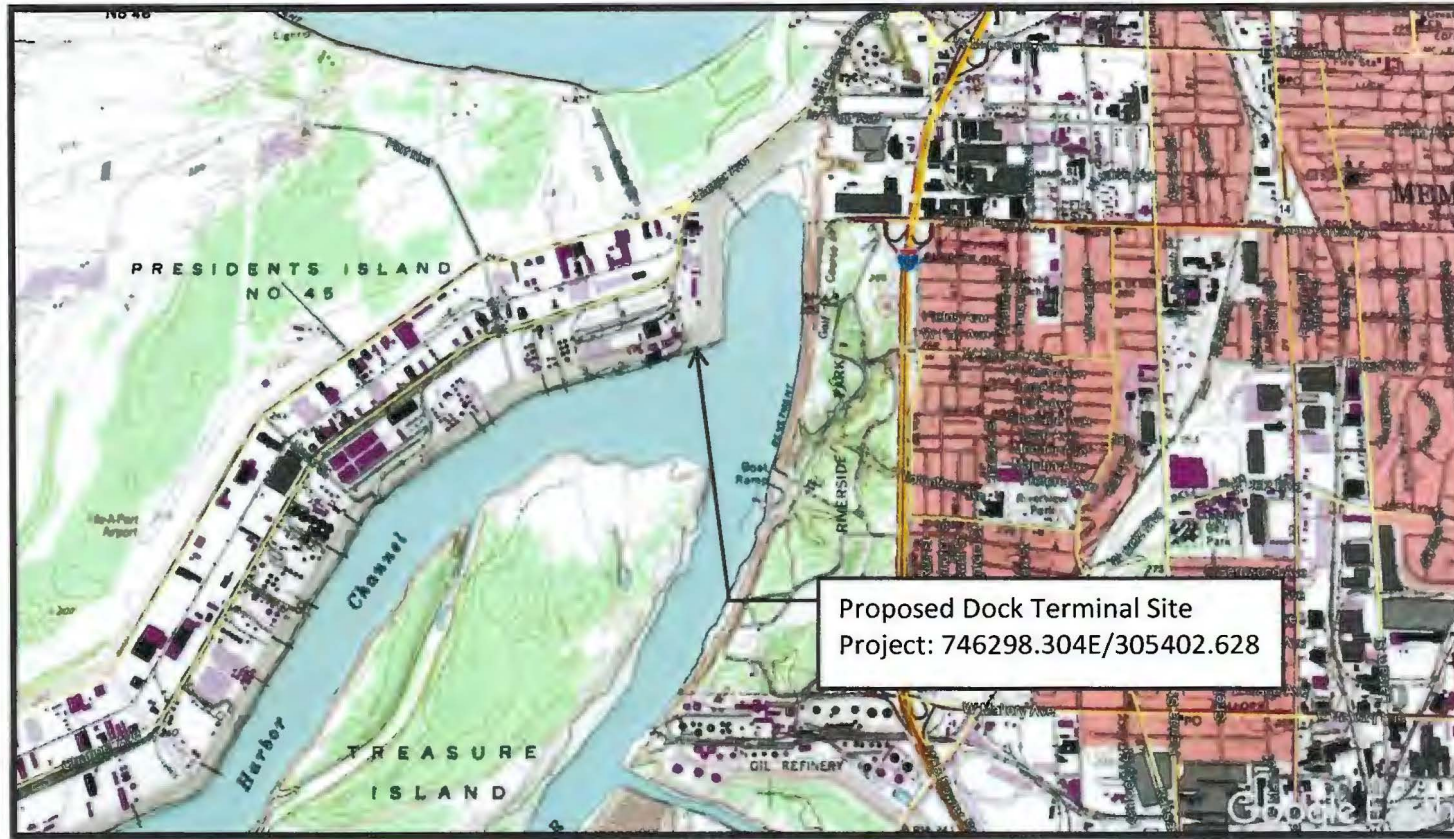
For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link:

<https://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 Branch office for examination.

Gregg W. Williams  
Chief  
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

Figure 1 – Topographic Map



Scale: As Shown

Source: Earth Point Topo Map

**Attachment 1**

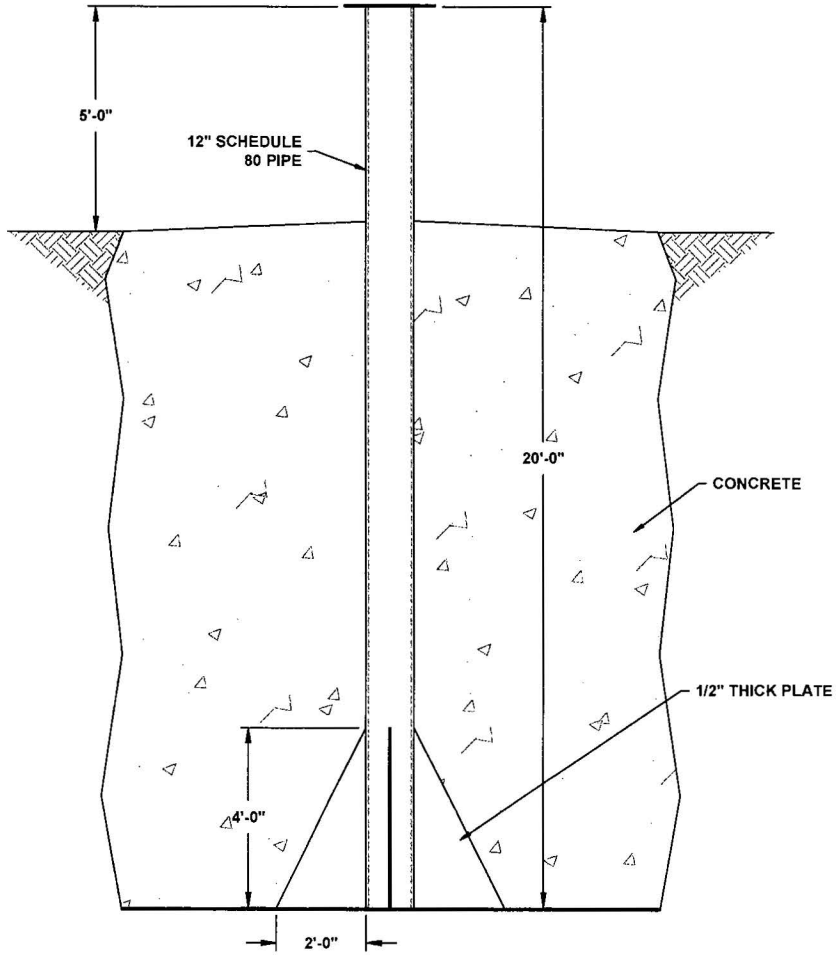
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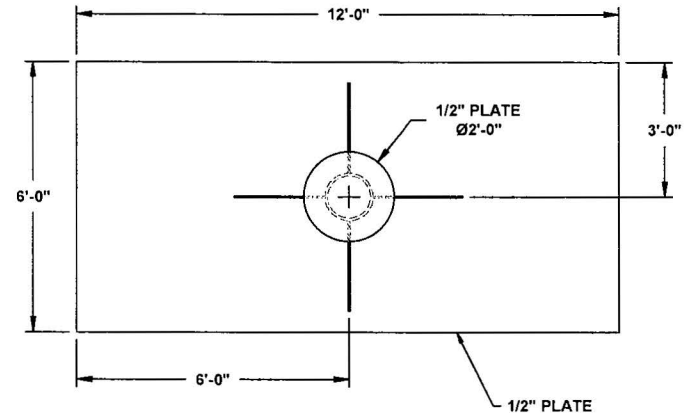
**Attachment 2**

LEGEND

- 20' MAJOR CONTOUR
- 5' MINOR CONTOUR



ELEVATION



TOP VIEW

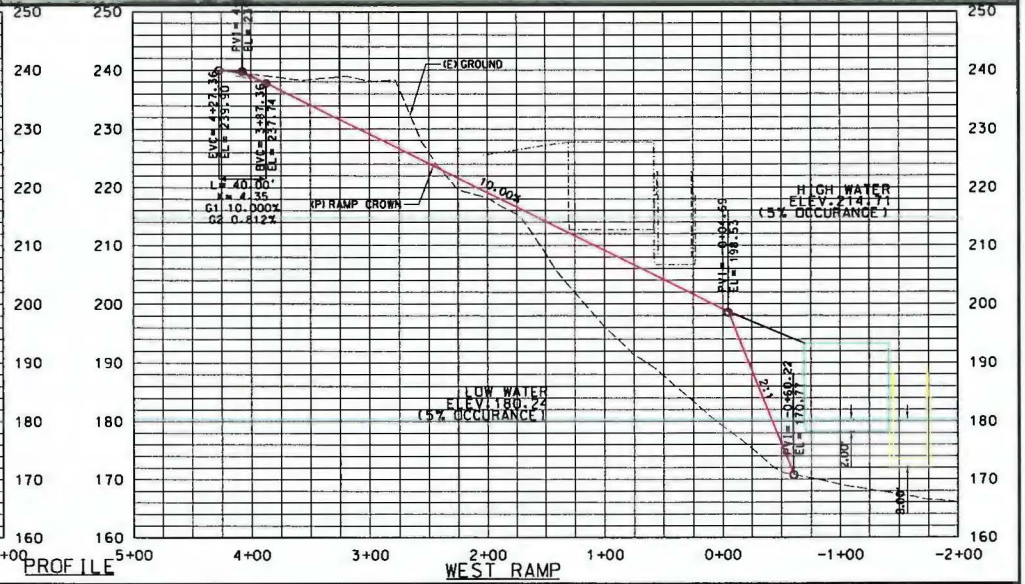
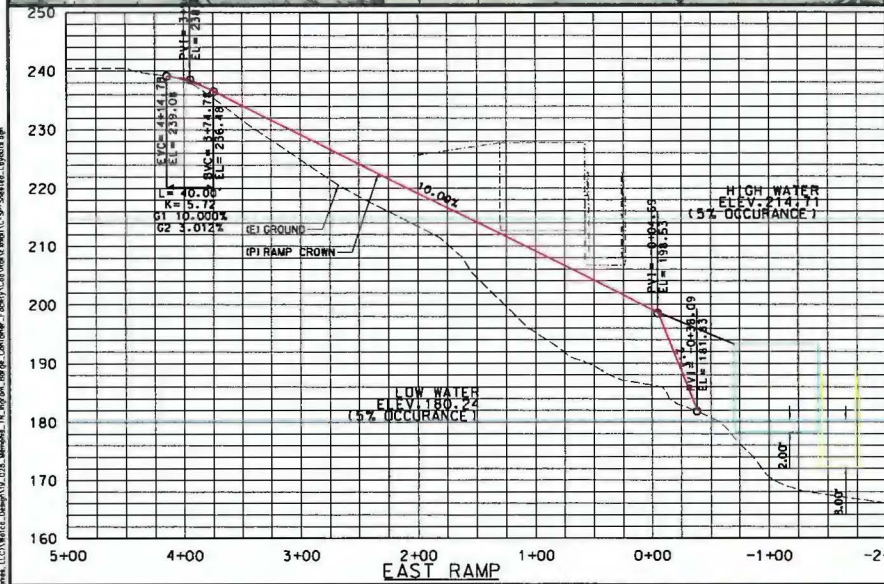
**Attachment 3.0**

**BOLLARD DETAIL**

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 AES  
 Date:  
 8-28-19  
 Scale:  
 3/8"=1'-0"





REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	APP

DESIGNED BY	JRW
DRAWN BY	JRW
CHECKED BY	DRW
APPROVED BY	JRW
DATE	04/26/2018



WATCO COMPANIES, LLC.  
 MEMPHIS, TN  
 BARGE CONTAINER FACILITY  
 10% RAMP GRADES

CONTRACT NO.	19.028
DRAWING NO.	EXH-001
REVISION	REV-10
SHEET NO.	001
SCALE	AS SHOWN