



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St Paul District

Public Notice

DATE: August 11, 2011

SECTION 10 of the Rivers and Harbors
Act of 1899

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE BARGE FLEETING PERMIT REVIEW

1. **BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District has issued numerous permits over the past 40+ years for the fleeting of barges along the Mississippi River and Minnesota River in the St. Paul – Minneapolis metropolitan area.

While researching past records regarding the barge fleeting permits, it was determined there were inconsistencies in how the fleeting activities were described. At some locations the permits describe the size of the fleeting area by river miles; in other locations the fleet was described by the number of barges that could be fleeted (ie 7 barges long by 3 barges wide); in other situations the permit identified the number of structures that were installed in order to anchor the barges (ie pilings, dolphins or deadmen anchored into the river bank). We also noticed that at some sites the Corps permit was issued to a barge towing company, while at many other locations the permit was granted to an entity, such as the St. Paul Port Authority.

In addition, some permits included expiration dates, which referred to the time allowed to construct or install the mooring structures. However, in other situations the permit stated that fleeting was only authorized for a specific time frame.

In order to provide more consistency within the permitting of barge fleeting, the St. Paul District intends to reissue or issue Section 10 permits for the fleeting areas listed below. This current review involved the areas used for the fleeting of larger number of barges. It did NOT include the many river terminals at which few barges might be temporarily anchored during the loading or unloading process.

NO additional fleeting space would be authorized as part of this review. **NO** changes would be made to the current length or width (typically 2 or 3 barges wide) of the fleet areas. **NO** additional mooring structures would be installed as part of this review (although maintenance and replacement of structures would continue as it has in the past years). New Corps permit numbers would be assigned to allow for easier tracking within updated computer data and electronic storage systems. Intending to lengthen or increase the fleeting area or install additional mooring structures would require new Corps permits or permit modifications.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

PROJECT LOCATION: The fleet locations under review at this time are basically from Mississippi River mile 832 at the downstream end and upstream into the Minneapolis area at river mile 857. It also includes fleeting sites along the Minnesota River upstream to approximately river mile 15.

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FILL MATERIAL: There would be NO placement of fill material associated with this review.

FLEET LOCATIONS: The information on the attached list is generally based on the existing Corps file material. As explained above, it is the Corps intent to update and provide consistency in the language of each of the Corps permits. Again, **NO** additional fleeting areas or increases in fleet sizes are proposed.

See the attached pages for the list of fleeting areas under consideration.

3. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CORPS INTENDED ACTION, call Tim Fell at the St. Paul office of the Corps, telephone number (651) 290-5360.

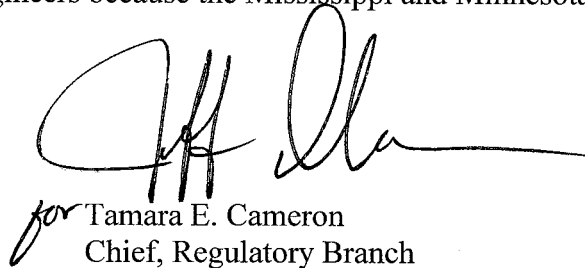
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4. JURISDICTION.

This permit review is being considered in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899. These project areas come under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers because the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers are navigable waters of the United States.



for Tamara E. Cameron
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Enclosures

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER

FLEET NAME	UPSTREAM RIVER MILE	DOWNSTREAM RIVER MILE	RIGHT OR LEFT BANK	FLEET CAPACITY
Omaha	841.1	840.9	left	16
High Bridge	840.4	840.2	left	21
Harvest States	840.0	839.9	left	8
Waters Street	840.6	840.6	right	9
Roberts Street	839.2	839.0	right	15
State Street (Barge Terminal #2)	839.0	838.7	right	24
Mid America	838.7	838.2	left	36
Twin City	838.7	837.9	right	48
North Port	838.3	837.5	left	63
Hangar	837.9	837.7	right	15
Airport	837.3	836.4	right	60
Dakota Barge	836.9	836.2	right	21
South Port	836.0	836.0	right	15
Belt Line	835.5	835.3	left	27
Valley Line	835.2	834.8	left	27
Kaposia	834.6	834.2	left	39
Concord Street	835.0	834.5	right	15
Red Rock	833.7	833.3	left	15
Pig's Eye West (Red Rock Channel)	833.3	833.3	left	76
Pig's Eye East	833.3	833.2	left	12
City of Minneapolis	857.2	856.8	right	29

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MINNESOTA RIVER

FLEET NAME	UPSTREAM RIVER MILE	DOWNSTREAM RIVER MILE	RIGHT OR LEFT BANK	FLEET CAPACITY
Continental Grain	15.3	14.7	right	14
Credit River	13.9	13.5	left	20
Port Cargill North (loaded)	13.3	12.8	left	22
Port Cargill South (empty)	12.8	12.2	right	28
Kraemer	11.9	11.2	right	22
Black Dog	8.7	8.5	right	4