

US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Rock Island District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Blackhawk Fleet, Inc.

Date: March 26, 2004

Expires: April 24, 2004

CEMVR-OD-P-394430-1, 2004-128, 2004-129

Section: 10

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**Joint Public Notice**  
**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
**Iowa Department of Natural Resources**

1. **Applicant.** Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., 10910 South Utah, Post Office Box 4809, Davenport, Iowa 52808.

2. **Project Locations.**

a. CEMVR-OD-P-394430-1. Section 19, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River miles 469.9-470.5 (previously authorized Area 3).

b. CEMVR-OD-P-2004-128. Section 20, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; near Buffalo, Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 471.3.

c. CEMVR-OD-P-2004-129. Section 23, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; near Buffalo, Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 474.4 – 474.6 (located adjacent to the LaFarge Corporation facility).

3. **Project Description.** The applicant proposes to develop a new fleeting area for barges awaiting service at area terminals, awaiting repair, and awaiting other related fleeting activities.

- CEMVR-OD-P-394430-1. The previously approved Department of the Army authorization for Area 3 allows the fleeting of 34 barges moored to 2 anchor barges at this location (2 fleets of 9 barges wide by 2 barges long). The applicant proposes to add 1 length of barges (9 barges wide) at each of the two fleets (18 additional barges). No additional mooring structures are proposed.
- CEMVR-OD-P-2004-128. This new anchorage will consist of 18 fleet barges and two anchor barges. The fleet will be 5 barges long by 4 barges wide (1000 feet long by 140 feet wide). The barges will be secured by the use of spud piles driven into the river bottom and the use of chains attached to large anchors on the river bottom. The mooring will comply with U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules.
- CEMVR-OD-P-2004-129. At this new fleeting location, barges will be fleeted 5 barges long by 3 barges wide (1000 feet long by 105 feet wide) adjacent to the LaFarge Corporation facility. Barges at this location will be tied to the existing sheet pile wall.

**Previous Authorizations.** In September 2001, Department of the Army authorizations (CEMVR-OD-P-394430/394460 and CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1) were granted to Blackhawk Fleet to develop fleeting areas.

- CEMVR-OD-P-394430 (Iowa side of channel). Area 3 – 34 barges; Area 8 – 17 barges.
- CEMVR-OD-P-394460 (Illinois side of channel). Area 1 – 2 barges; Area 2 – 51 barges; Area 4 – 67 barges; Area 5 – 35 barges; Area 6 – 13 barges.
- CEMVR-OD-P-343460-1 (Illinois side of channel). Area 7 – 15 barges; Area 9 – 37 barges; Area 10 – 83 barges; Area 11 – 47 barges. Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., will no longer use the fleeting areas authorized under Department of the Army permit CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1. This fleeting area will be occupied by Walter Marine Enterprise, Incorporated.

NOTE: Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., also has submitted applications for other fleetings in the area. The projected need is to replace the fleetings space no longer available under Department of the Army permit CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1. The proposed changes should not result in any increase in barge traffic in the pool.

- CEMVR-OD-P-448390 – This new request for 85 barges was described in a public notice issued September 17, 2003. At this time, the Corps of Engineers has not made a decision on this request.
  - Sections 19 and 20, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; 2 miles east of Montpelier, Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 470.5 (along the former PCS site).
  
- CEMVR-OD-P-454790 – new request to fleet 51 barges in 2 locations. See the separate public notice dated concurrently with this public notice discussing the following proposal:
  - Site 1. Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 2 West; Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois; approximate Mississippi River mile 478.2 (located immediately downstream the I-280 bridge).
  - Site 2. Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 2 West; Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois; approximate Mississippi River mile 480.6 (former Kaulkey Boat Yard).

#### **4. Agency Review.**

a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

b. State of Iowa. A copy of the application has been submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for review. The applicant has also applied for authorization of work in the floodplain pursuant to Chapter 455B of the Iowa Code and other applicable state permits.

5. **Historical/Archaeological.** The Corps of Engineers consulted with the State of Iowa geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases as maintained by the Office of the State Archaeologist of Iowa and the State Historical Society of Iowa and current as of June 2003. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites in the permit area and that the area had not been surveyed. The permit area is located within the active channel of the Mississippi River. It is the opinion of the Corps of Engineers that issuance of the permit will not affect historic properties because “the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected” (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).

6. **Endangered Species.** District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. Based upon the information provided and available at this time, our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity would have no effect on federally-listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. While no consultation has been initiated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at this time, we are further coordinating this application with the FWS and the respective resource agencies through this public notice. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. **Public Interest Review.** The decision whether to issue the Corps 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 benefit 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 the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

8. **Who Should Reply.** The Corps of Engineers 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 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. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

9. **Public Hearing Requests.** 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 public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

10. **Reply to the Corps of Engineers.** Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: OD-P (Wayne Hannel), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mr. Wayne Hannel (309/794-5378)** may be contacted for additional information.

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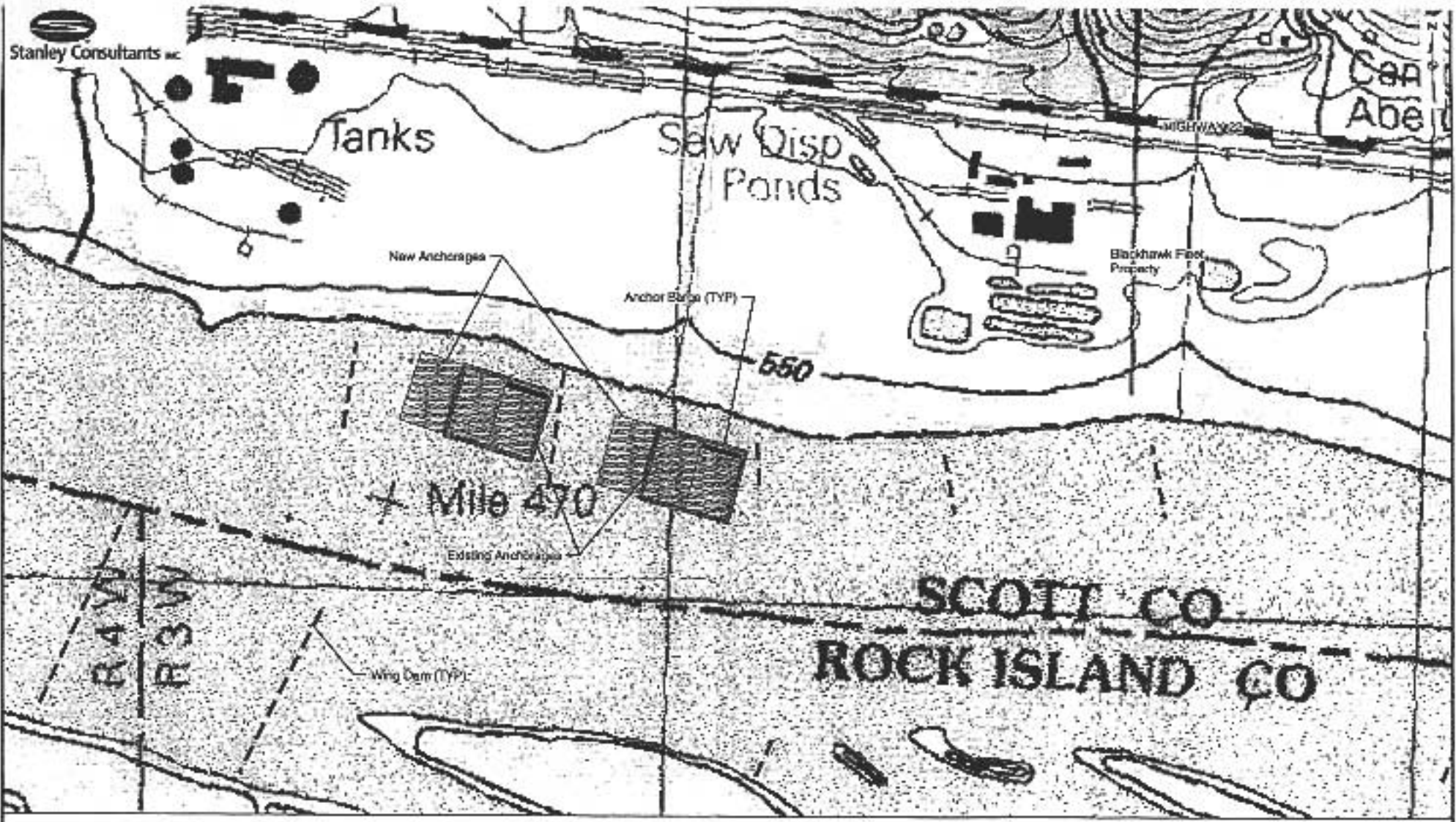
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Plan

Wayne Hannel  
Project Manager  
Regulatory Branch

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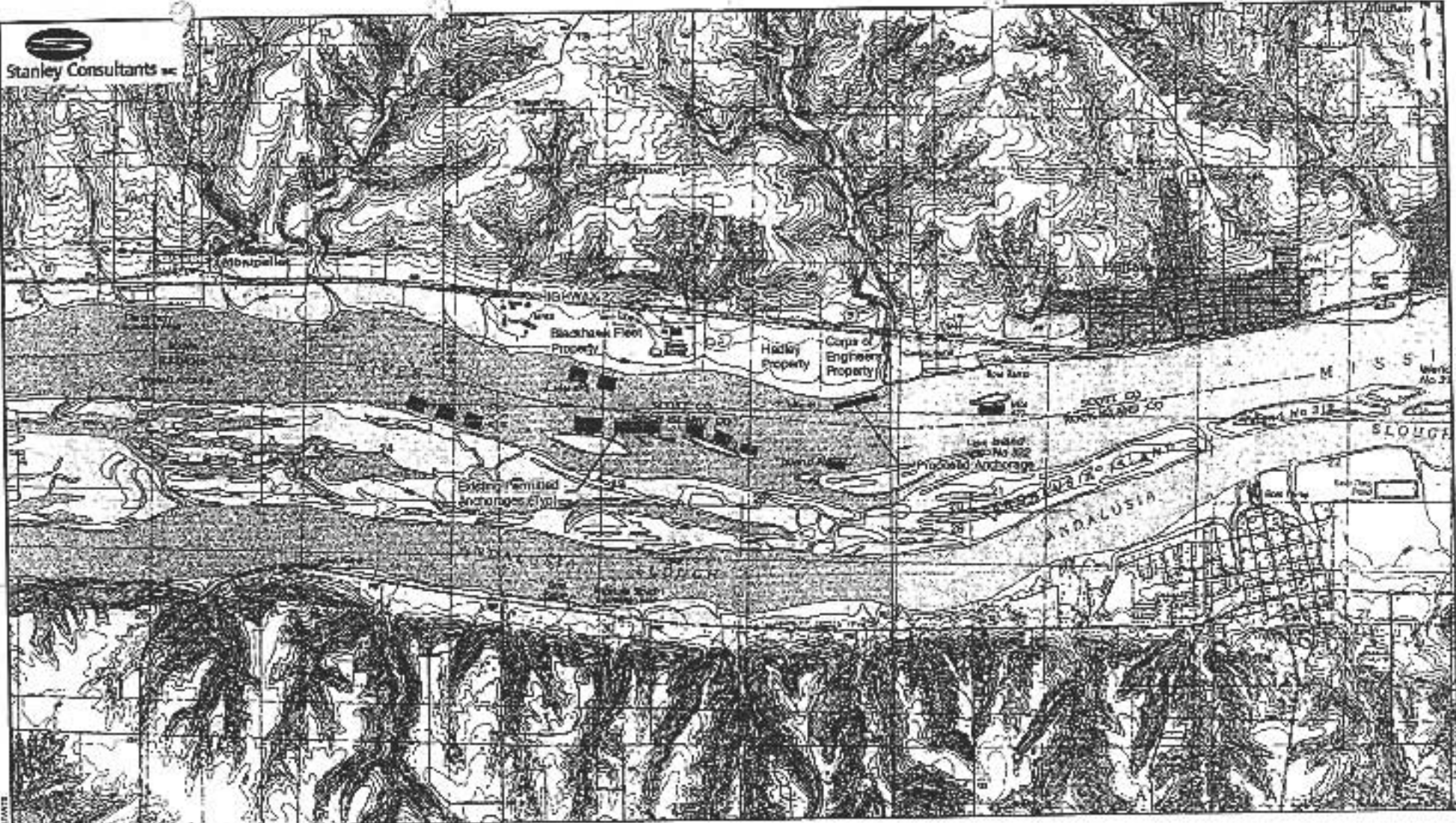
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Blackhawk Fleet  
Anchorage Plan  
Figure 1

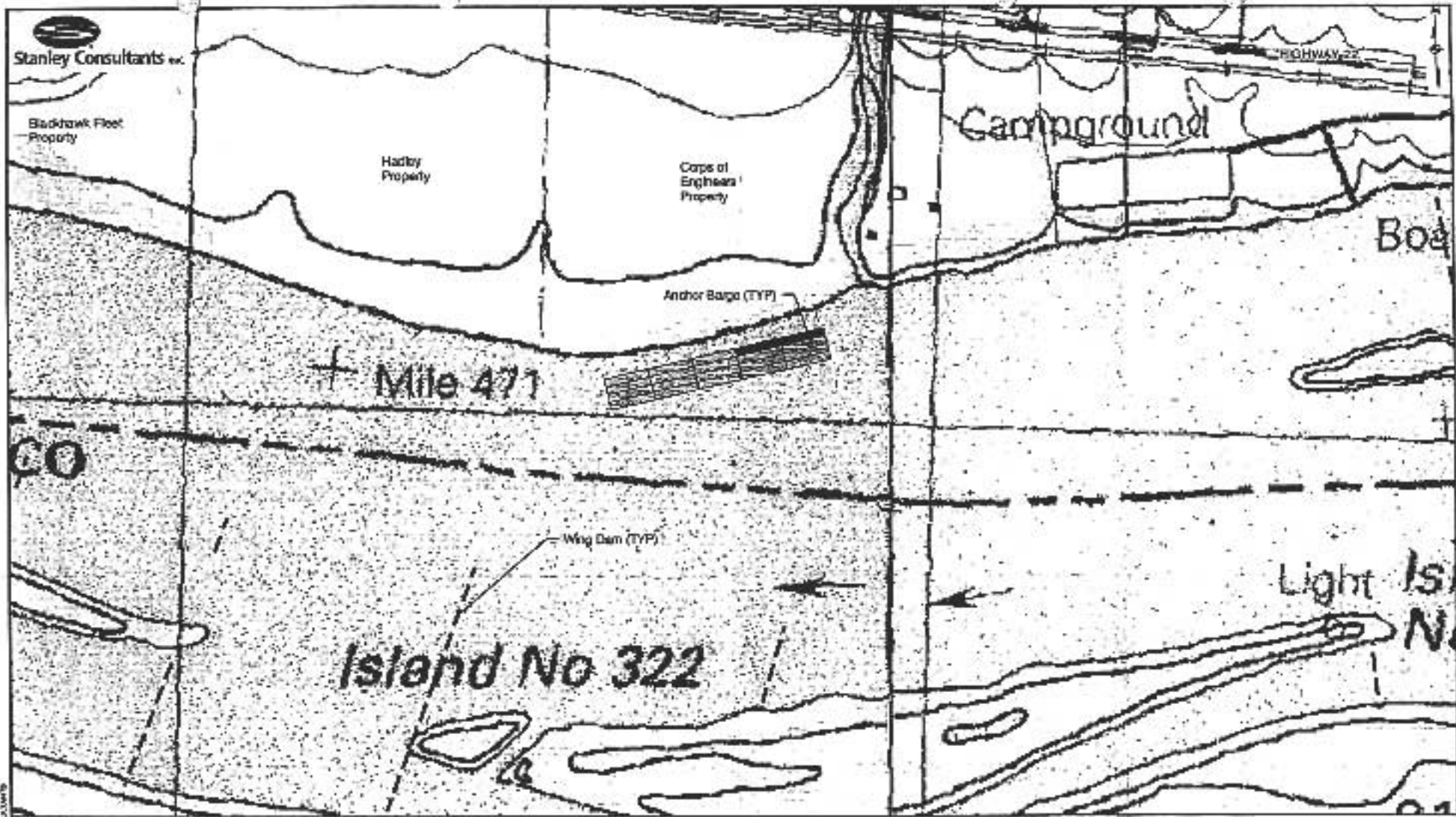


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Blackhawk Fleet  
Anchorage Plan  
Figure 1



Stanley Consultants Inc.

Blackhawk Fleet Property

Hadley Property

Corps of Engineers Property

Campground

Boat Ramp

Anchor Barge (TYP)

Mile 471

CO

Wing Dam (TYP)

Island No 322

Light Island



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Blackhawk Fleet Anchorage Plan  
Figure 2

CEMVR-OD-P-2004-129  
Current proposal by Blackhawk Fleet, Inc.

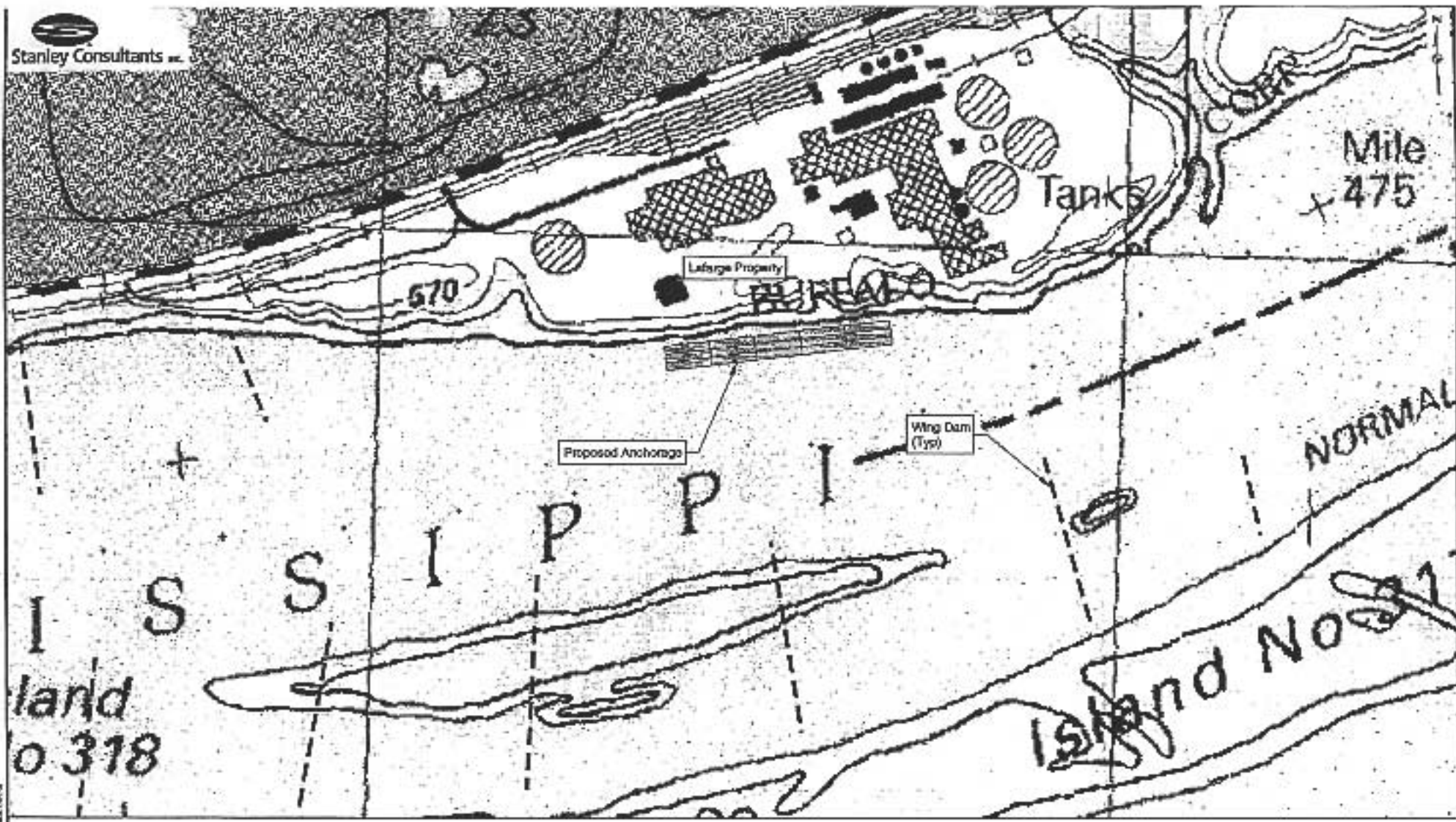
The map shows a river with several islands and a levee. Key features include: 'QUARRY' in two locations, 'Mines', 'WATWOOD', 'WALNUT GROVE', 'Tanks', 'BUREAU', 'Island No 317', and 'Island No 318'. A dashed line indicates the 'IOWA ILLINOIS' border, with 'Mile +475' marked. A 'NORMAL POOL 545' is also labeled. Grid lines for 'R2E', 'R3E', 'R3W', and 'R2W' are visible. Contour lines are drawn at 50-foot intervals, with labels like 550, 570, and 600. A 'LEVEE' is shown as a thick line along the riverbank. A 'PIPE' is labeled at the bottom center.

CEMVR-OD-P-410890  
Previously authorized as Area 3 – Walter Marine Enterprise  
2 groups of barges – 350 feet by 400 feet and 350 feet by 600 feet  
extending 440 feet from shore

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CEMVR-OD-P-410890  
Previously authorized as Area 2 – Walter Marine Enterprise  
4 groups of barges –  
- 245 feet by 1000 feet extending 305 feet from shore  
- 210 feet by 400 feet, 210 feet by 400 feet, and  
210 feet by 1000 feet extending 270 feet from shore

CEMVR-OD-P-2004-129  
Vicinity Map  
Sheet 1 of 2



Mile  
+ 475

Proposed Anchorage

Wing Dam  
(Type)

Large Property

Tanks

Island  
No 318

Island No 27

NORMAL

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