



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Canton Marine Towing Company, Inc.

Date: April 8, 2004

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CEMVR-OD-P-456060

Section: 10

1. **Applicant.** Canton Marine Towing Company, Inc., Route 2, Box 149, Canton, Missouri 63435.

- Project Overview. Canton Marine Towing Company has operated barge fleets on the Upper Mississippi River since 1965. It currently operates numerous fleets between Keokuk, Iowa (mile 362) and Hannibal, Missouri (mile 310). Three separate permit applications (one each for Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois) cover Canton's existing fleets. The applications do not request authorization to moor additional barges or to establish fleets in new areas. Proposed changes from current operations involve improving mooring systems at certain fleets and moving moorings of some fleets from dry land owned by the Federal Government to the adjacent river bottom.
- NOTE: See the separate public notices dated concurrently with this public notice discussing the following projects:
 - o CEMVR-OD-P-456050 – Canton Marine Towing Company fleets located in Missouri
 - o CEMVR-OD-P-456070 – Canton Marine Towing Company fleets located in Illinois

2. **Project Location.** Keokuk Fleet, approximate Mississippi River mile 362.5, right descending bank; Section 29, Township 65 North, Range 4 West; Lee County, Iowa.

3. **Project Description.** Barges have been fletted in this area (Keokuk Fleet) for a number of years. Currently, the 2 fleet barges are anchored by two 12,000-pound anchors and 300 feet of chain and a 7000-pound stern anchor. The fleet will consist of two fleet barges strung end to end, moored to the river bottom. Customer barges will be moored to either side of the barges. The fleet will hold a total of 30 customer barges and will be a total of 7 barges wide by 5 barges long. The fleet is about 35 feet off the bank. There are no proposed changes to this fleet.

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).

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 District geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases current as of August 2003. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites in the permit area and the area had not been surveyed previously. The permit area includes mooring system improvements and modifications confined to the active riverbed of the Mississippi River. The Corps of Engineers has determined that no historic properties are affected by issuance of this permit for mooring system improvements and modifications because the work is confined to the active riverbed. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Corps 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.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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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Wayne Hannel
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

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KEOKUK FLEET**



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A 52240
NFORMATION
MISSOURI 65401
ILLINOIS 61801
ATRIE-ON-REMBEST

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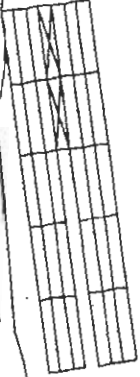
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Des Moines River Lighted Buoy
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