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Corps issues public notice for La. steel mill

Would be built on Mississippi River above New Orleans Company also applies for a location in south Alabama

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a public notice of an application by ThyssenKrupp Steel and Stainless USA to build a steel mill on the Mississippi River above New Orleans.

The public notice was issued jointly by the Corps and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The site would have 6,800-feet of riverfront featuring ocean-ship and inland barge docks. The 3,800-acre mill site is near Romeville, in St. James Parish on the river's east bank, at River Mile 163 above Head of Passes.

The site contains 45.4 acres of wetlands that come under Sec. 404 of the Clean Water Act. And the river facilities require a Sec. 10 permit under the Rivers and Harbors Act.

As is customary, no date has been set for the Corps to reach a decision on the application. However, processing would probably take about half a year, Corps Regulatory officials said.

The public notice is posted to the Web site of the Corps' New Orleans District here http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/index.asp Click on "Public Notices."

A similar public notice has been issued by the Corps' Mobile District for a location for the plant on the Tombigbee River in southern Alabama, posted here http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/public.htm.