



US Army Corps
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Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Alter Trading Corp. Date: July 28, 2020
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CEMVR-OD-P-2020-0861 Section 10/404

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

1. **Applicant.** Alter Trading Corporation, Attn: Patrick Kohlmeier, 640 Schmidt Road, Davenport, Iowa 52802. (815)972-1419.

2. **Project Location.** Section 24, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; near Davenport in Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 475.8. Datum NAD-83. UTM Zone 15, Northing 4592806.66, Easting 694525.44. Latitude: 41.4632, Longitude: -90.6707.

3. **Project Description.**

a. Previous Authorization: CEMVR-OD-P-2007-264; the last time site was dredged was Spring 2015.

b. Current Request: The applicant proposes to continue performing maintenance dredging via hydraulic or mechanical means at the existing loading/unloading dock facility. An area measuring approximately 200 feet long by 400 feet wide will be dredged. Material will be removed, during each occurrence to provide a water depth of 10 feet below the pool elevation of 545. Dredging frequency is estimated to be once every other year. The dredged material will be pumped or scooped onto a sand barge where it will be allowed to dewater. The sand will be removed from the barge and used for fill and/or commercial purposes. The dredged material will not be utilized for fill within the Mississippi River floodplain.

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4. **Agency Review and Where to Reply.**

a. The Department of the Army application is being processed under 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.

b. State of Iowa. The project plans have been submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Department's opinion that the proposed activity will comply with Iowa's water quality standards (Chapter 61 IAC). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Iowa should be addressed to: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. A copy of the comments should be provided to the Corps of Engineers office (see paragraph 11. of this public notice for address).

5. **Historical/Archaeological.** The District consulted with the Iowa I-Sites online geographic information systems archeological site and survey databases (including the HILD data layer). In addition, the District consulted “*An Investigation of Submerged Historic Properties in the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway*” (October 1997) prepared by American Resources Group, Ltd., for the Corps (Contract No. DACW25-93-D-0012, Delivery Order No. 37). No shipwrecks or other historic properties were identified in the proposed dredging area. The dredged material will be added to the existing stock piles of material at the Alter Trading Corp. facilities and used for commercial purposes. Therefore, it is the opinion of the District there will be **no historic properties affected** 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 has 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. The following threatened or endangered species are listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as occurring in Scott County, Iowa:

- Northern Long-eared Bat
- Indiana Bat
- Northern wild monkshood
- Rusty Patched Bumble Bee
- Prairie Bush Clover
- Eastern Massasauga
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid
- Spectaclecase Mussel
- Sheepnose Mussel
- Higgins’ Eye Pearly Mussel

After review of the above information our preliminary determination is that this project will have “no effect on any listed species or Critical Habitat.” The dredging will be performed in the water and the substrate is river silt/sand to bedrock which the mussels do not thrive. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. **Dredge/Fill Material Guidelines.** The evaluation of the impact of the proposed activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

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. Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Attn: OD-P (D. Hardy), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mrs. Donna Hardy** may be contacted for additional information at (309) 794-5378 or email at donna.r.hardy@usace.army.mil.

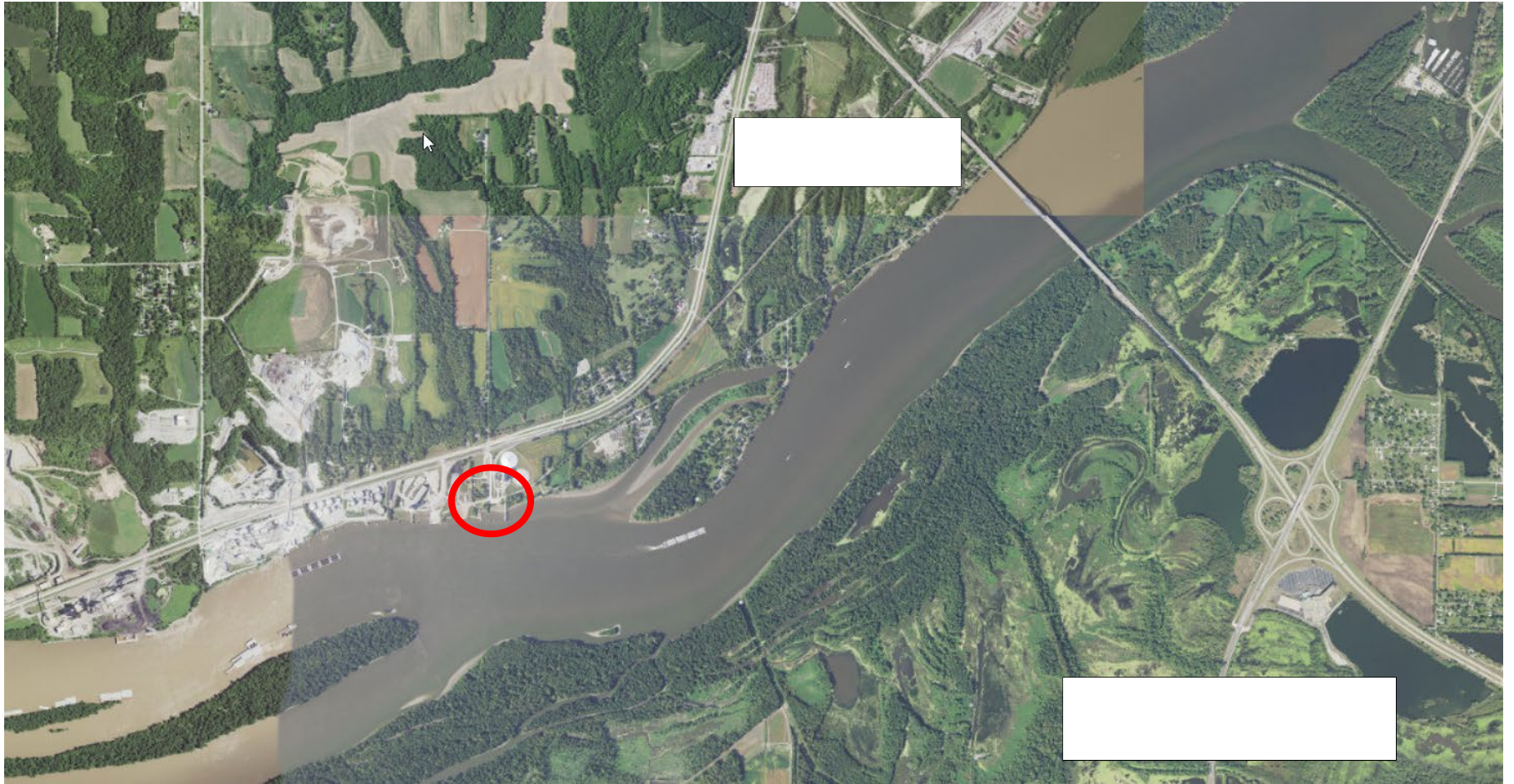


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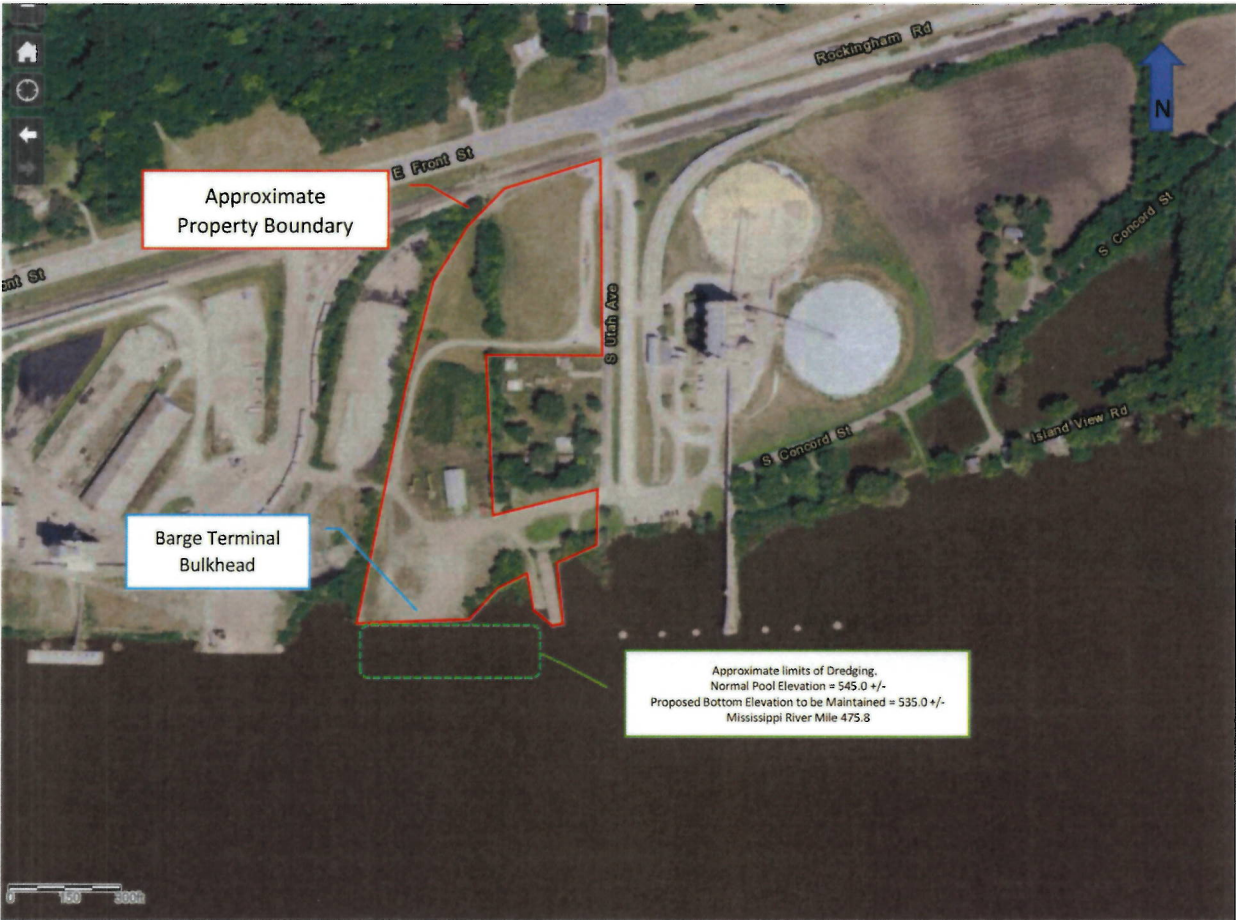
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