



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT – CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CLOCK TOWER BUILDING - PO BOX 2004
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

SUBJECT: MVR Regulatory Coordination -- CEMVR-OD-P-2018-443

1. On 10 August 2018, MVR Regulatory Branch, issued a Public Notice for a project involving removal and replacement of the existing US 150 eastbound bridge over the Illinois River in Peoria, river mile 165.8.
2. Per EC 1165-2-220, paragraph G-5.a:

Federal law prohibits the construction of bridges over navigable waters of the United States unless first authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) under one of its authorities within Title 33 of the U.S. Code, including Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. As part of its permit review process, the USCG will evaluate whether the construction or modification of a bridge will obstruct commercial and recreational navigation within the waterway. For bridges that cross a USACE navigation channel, the USCG bridge permit decision will be informed by USACE's determination under Section 408 whether the bridge will impact the usefulness of the navigation project.

3. In addition to requiring a Section 408 determination, the proposed permit action falls entirely within the jurisdictional boundaries of USACE Section 10/404 program. Per EC 1165-2-220, paragraph G-4.b:

For cases in which the scope and jurisdiction between Section 10 and Section 408 align, appropriate district staff for Regulatory will review the information submitted for the purposes of environmental compliance and the public interest review. Appropriate district staff for the USACE Navigation project will review the information for the purposes of determining impacts to the usefulness of the USACE Navigation project (e.g., compare the proposal to approved setback policies and/or overdepths).

And per paragraph G-4.c:

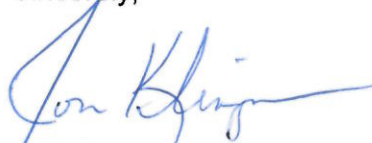
The district staff evaluating impacts to the usefulness of the USACE Navigation project will document their findings in a Memorandum for Record (MFR) that will be provided to the district Regulatory staff for their use in the Section 10 permit evaluation and determination. The MFR will contain the rationale and basis for the impacts to the usefulness determination of the proposed activity on the USACE Navigation project, including any conditions that the applicant would be required to adhere to in order to ensure the continuance of no impacts to the usefulness of the USACE Navigation project. A determination that the alteration will not impair the usefulness of the project satisfies the requirement to ensure that the alteration is "compatible" with the purposes of the project set forth at 33 CFR 320.4(g)(5). The USACE Navigation office is responsible for determining that the conditions in the MFR are enforceable and for enforcing such conditions in the Section 10 permit.

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This memorandum serves as the Rock Island District's evaluation and determination regarding the proposed actions impacts to the usefulness of the project.

4. The project was reviewed by both the Rock Island Illinois Waterway Project Office (see attached email correspondence), and the Rock Island District Operations Technical Support Branch. Upon review, these offices have determined the proposed action will not impair the usefulness of the navigation channel, or prohibit USACE from operating and maintaining the channel. In addition to the enclosed Standard Terms & Conditions, the applicant is requested to:
 - a. . Ensure the USACE is notified 72 hours prior to the commencement of work. Please contact the Operations Manager at the Illinois Waterway Project Office, (309) 676-4601.
 - b. This letter does not eliminate the requirement that you may still need to acquire other applicable Federal, State, and Local permits or adhere to their regulations.
5. Questions regarding the above will be taken by Paul St. Louis at 309-794-5208, or by e-mail at Paul.F.St.Louis@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Jon Klingman
Chief, Channel Maintenance Section
Operations Division, Technical Support
Branch



Paul St. Louis
Section 408 Coordinator
Rock Island District

Enclosure

EC 1165-2-220
10 Sep 18

APPENDIX K

Standard Terms and Conditions

This appendix includes the standard conditions that must be included in all Section 408 approval notifications, except where marked as optional. Use of optional conditions should be based on scope and scale of the approved activity:

LIMITS OF THE AUTHORIZATION

1. This permission only authorizes you, the requester, to undertake the activity described herein under the authority provided in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended (33 USC 408). This permission does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law. This permission does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges, and you must have appropriate real estate instruments in place prior to construction and/or installation.
2. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends two (2) years from the date stated on the 408 alteration Request Approval Letter. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.
3. Without prior written approval of the USACE, you must neither transfer nor assign this permission nor sublet the premises or any part thereof, nor grant any interest, privilege or license whatsoever in connection with this permission. Failure to comply with this condition will constitute noncompliance for which the permission may be revoked immediately by USACE.
4. The requester understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration of the work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or an authorized representative, said work will cause unreasonable conditions and/or obstruction of USACE project authorized design, the requester will be required upon due notice from the USACE, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim can be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

5. The United States will in no case be liable for:
 - a. any damage or injury to the structures or work authorized by this permission that may be caused or result from future operations undertaken by the United States, and no claim or right to compensation will accrue from any damage; or
 - b. damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permission.

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6. The United States will not be responsible for damages or injuries which may arise from or be incident to the construction, maintenance, and use of the project requested by you, nor for damages to the property or injuries to your officers, agents, servants, or employees, or others who may be on your premises or project work areas or the federal project(s) rights-of-way. By accepting this permission, you hereby agree to fully defend, **indemnify**, and **hold harmless** the United States and USACE from any and all such claims, subject to any limitations in law.
7. Any damage to the water resources development project or other portions of any federal project(s) resulting from your activities must be repaired at your expense.

REEVALUATION OF PERMISSION

8. The determination that the activity authorized by this permission would not impair the usefulness of the federal project and would not be injurious to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.
9. This office, at its sole discretion, may reevaluate its decision to issue this permission at any time circumstances warrant, which may result in a determination that it is appropriate or necessary to modify or revoke this permission. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permission;
 - b. the information provided in support of your application for permission proves to have been inaccurate or incomplete; or
 - c. significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original decision that the activity would not impair the usefulness of the water resources development project and would not be injurious to the public interest.

CONDUCT OF WORK UNDER THIS PERMISSION

10. You are responsible for implementing any requirements for mitigation, reasonable and prudent alternatives, or other conditions or requirements imposed as a result of environmental compliance.
11. Work/usage allowed under this permission must proceed in a manner that avoids interference with the inspection, operation, and maintenance of the federal project.
12. In the event of any deficiency in the design or construction of the requested activity, you are solely responsible for taking remedial action to correct the deficiency.
13. The right is reserved to the USACE to enter upon the premises at any time and for any purpose necessary or convenient in connection with government purposes, to make inspections, to operate and/or to make any other use of the lands as may be necessary in connection with government purposes, and you will have no claim for damages on account thereof against the United States or any officer, agent or employee thereof.