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Subject: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE IL-15 FAYETTEVILLE BRIDGE, MILE 35.8, ACROSS THE KASKASKIA RIVER NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has received a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation to the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) for approval to replace the existing bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: - Kaskaskia River, approximately 35.8 miles above the mouth of the waterway.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The character of the work is remove and replace the existing bridge. The existing piers will be removed to an elevation in accordance with the Army Corps of Engineers requirements. New piers will be installed on the same alignment.

Due to the lack of navigation on the waterway, the USCG is considering an exemption of a bridge permit under Title 33 CFR, Section 115.70 – Advance Approval for bridges. Advance approval waterways are those that are navigable in law, but not actually navigated other than by logs, log rafts, rowboats, canoes and small motorboats. The Commandant of the Coast Guard has given advance approval to the construction or repair of bridges across such waterways. The USCG is considering designation of this location of the Kaskaskia River from river mile 35.6 to river mile 36.2 as an advance approval waterway. If this portion of the waterway is designated as Advanced Approval, clearances providing for high water stages will be considered adequate to meet the reasonable need from a navigational standpoint.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed work. Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander (dwb), Eighth Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, Room 2.107D, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832 through March 4, 2024. These comments will be public information and made part of the case record.

It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of any person having an interest in this who may not have received a copy of this public notice.

Plans of the proposed project are included in this public notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:



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By direction of the District Commander

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