Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pittsburgh District

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2002-316 Date: December 12, 2012

Notice No. 12-78 Closing Date: January 12, 2013

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

2. APPLICANT: Union Railroad Company
1200 Penn Avenue, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

3. LOCATION: Monongahela River, Left Bank, Mile 11.65 – 12.38, in Duquesne, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant who is currently permitted to perform maintenance dredging from April 16, 2002 to December 31, 2012, is re-applying to perform maintenance dredging, as necessary, for a period of 10 years, at their bulk materials handling facility to prevent loaded barges from hitting the river bottom during periods of low river pools. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of silt and gravel would be dredged from an area 4,200 feet long and to a depth of 10 feet below normal pool elevation 718.7. The width of the area to be dredged varies. The dredge material would be loaded into barges and transported to an approved upland disposal site to preclude its reentry into the river. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

6. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific

archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

7. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a 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 proposals 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

9. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit.

All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn George Brkovich at the above address, or by telephoning (412)395-7247, or by e-mail at george.r.brkovich@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2002-316 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

// SIGNED //

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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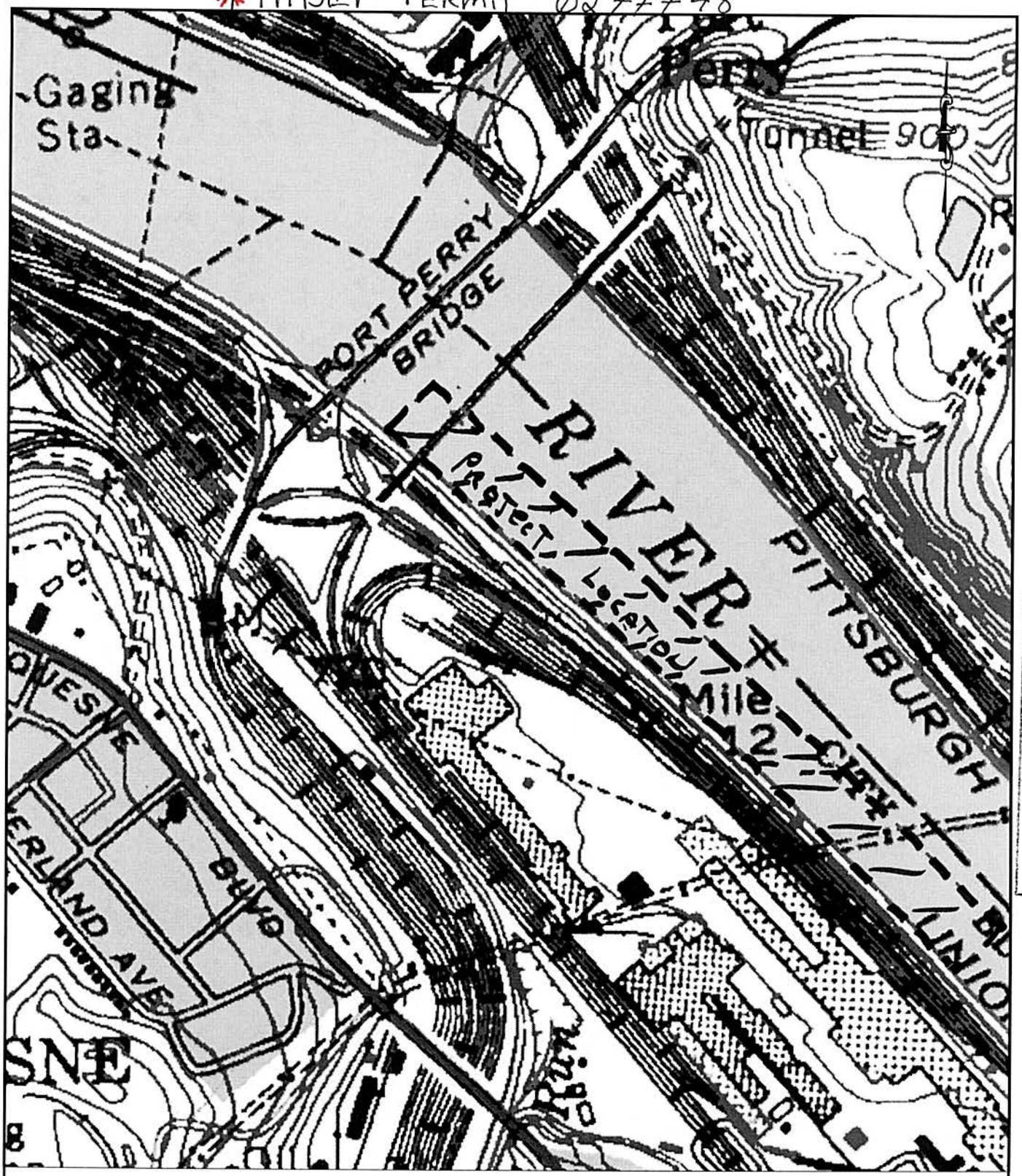

SOURCE: U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE BRADDOCK, PA.

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Horizontal Scale: 1 inch = 600 ft.

APPROXIMATE DREDGING AREA

SCALE:	1" = 600'	DATE:	SEPTEMBER 2012
S.O. NO.:	129338	FILE:	129338F01.DWG
DSN/DWN:	MRW	CHK:	FM

Baker
MICHAEL BAKER JR., INC.
MOON TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

FIGURE 1 – VICINITY MAP
UNION RAILROAD COMPANY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

WATERWAYS & WETLANDS

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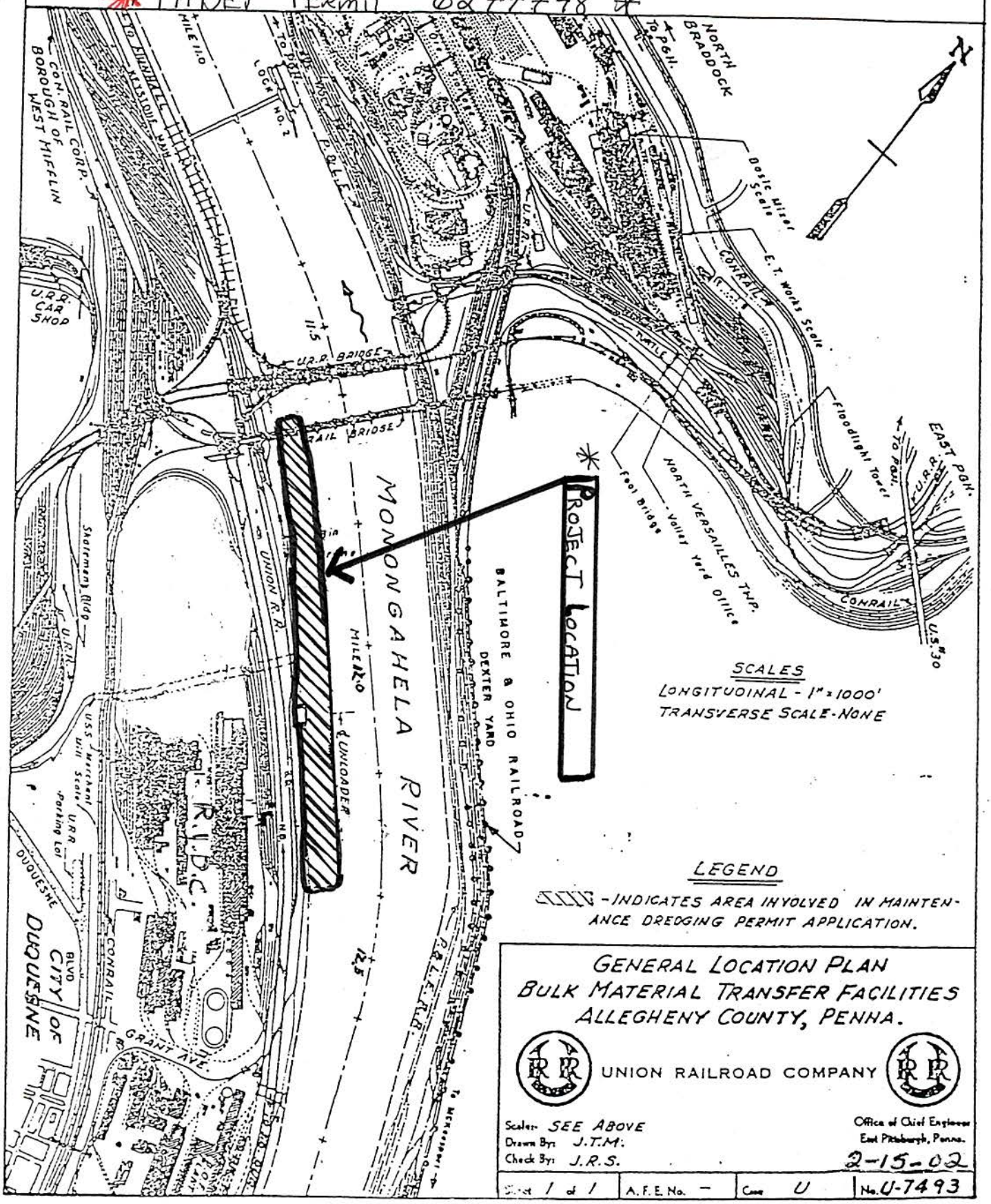

SCALES

LONGITUDINAL - 1" = 1000'

TRANSVERSE SCALE - NONE

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▨ - INDICATES AREA INVOLVED IN MAINTENANCE DREDGING PERMIT APPLICATION.

GENERAL LOCATION PLAN
BULK MATERIAL TRANSFER FACILITIES
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNA.

UNION RAILROAD COMPANY

Scale: SEE ABOVE
Drawn By: J.T.M.
Check By: J.R.S.

Office of Chief Engineer
East Pittsburgh, Penna.
2-15-02

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