

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Pittsburgh District

Public Notice

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

Application No. 2019-140

Date: March 22, 2019

Notice No. 19-19

Closing Date: April 22, 2019

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: NLS Asphalt, Inc.
Empire Plant
1331 Broad Avenue
Findlay, Ohio 45840

3. LOCATION: Ohio River, Right Descending Bank, River Mile 56.3, 1422 County Road 7F, Toronto, Knox Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. Latitude: 40.498403° North, Longitude: -80.616607° West.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant is requesting authorization to moor barges, unload aggregate material from barges, to operate an elevated conveyer belt system on the river bank of the Ohio River and to maintain the existing barge unloading area of aggregate materials.

- Barges arrive to offload onto an elevated conveyer belt system setup on the riverbank, the area of the existing fill is approximately 20 feet by 80 feet (0.04 acre), to receive aggregate material and to transport it to the upland storage area.
- A barge with two anchoring points (spuds) is secured approximately 25 feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). This barge consist of an operating platform with a clamshell excavator, feed hopper and a suspended conveyer belt that reaches the conveyer belt on the bank. Additional barges with the aggregate material are secured to the spudded barge to be offloaded. The proposed mooring area is approximately 600 linear feet long by 125 feet wide. Drawings of the proposed mooring area are attached to this notice.

5. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Permit will not be granted until Water Quality Certification is received or waived from:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)
Section 401 Coordinator
PO Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149
Telephone Number: 614-644-2001

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect endangered species or threatened species, or result in 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). If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurs with the may affect, not likely to adversely affect determination please respond with written concurrence. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, e-mail dated February 16, 2019.

7. 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).

8. 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).

10. **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 Division, attn. George Brkovich at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7247, or by e-mail at george.r.brkovich@usace.army.mil Please refer to CELRP-RG 2019-140 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

// SIGNED //

By Tyler Bintrim

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Division



REFERENCE
 HTTP://GOTO.ARCGISONLINE.COM/MAPS/
 USA_TOPO_MAPS, ACCESSED 1/10/2019

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:
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 PUBLISHED 1978.

Approximate Site Location
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SITE LOCATION MAP

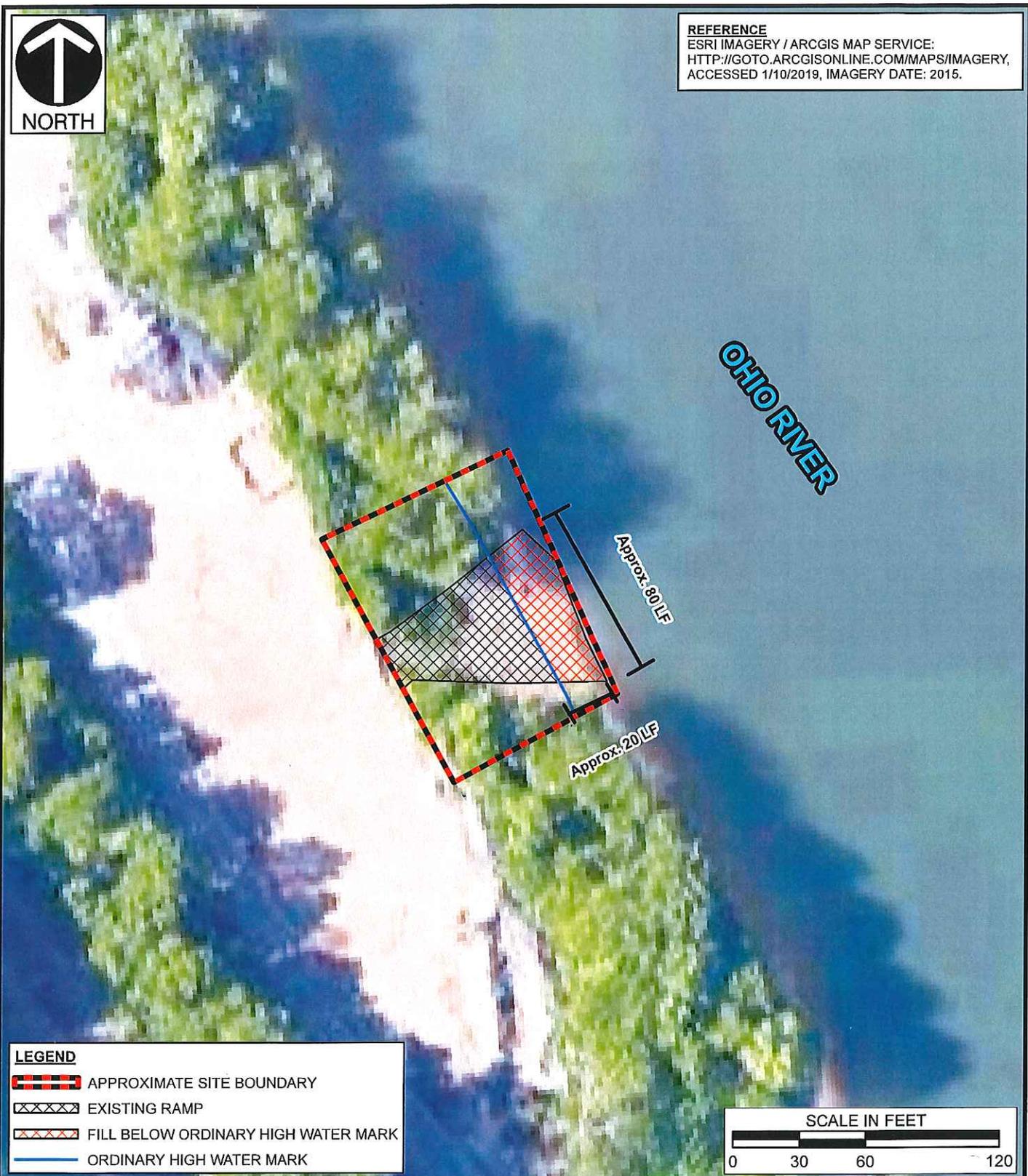
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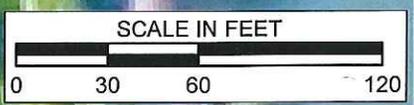
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- EXISTING RAMP
- FILL BELOW ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK
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PLAN VIEW MAP

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REFERENCE

1. IMAGERY: OHIO GEOGRAPHICALLY REFERENCED INFORMATION PROGRAM (OGRIP), OHIO STATEWIDE IMAGERY PROGRAM (OSIP), NOBLE COUNTY 12 INCH RESOLUTION ORTHOPHOTO, IMAGERY DATE: 2014.

2. THIS MAP WAS DEVELOPED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR CERTAIN LEGAL, ENGINEERING, OR SURVEYING PURPOSES. USERS OF THIS INFORMATION SHOULD REVIEW OR CONSULT THE PRIMARY DATA AND INFORMATION SOURCES TO ASCERTAIN THE USABILITY OF THE INFORMATION.

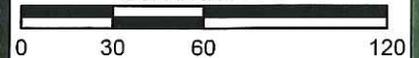
Ohio River
(122 LF on-site)



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**PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL
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Photograph 1: View of unloading area, looking east.



Photograph 2: View of unloading area, looking west.

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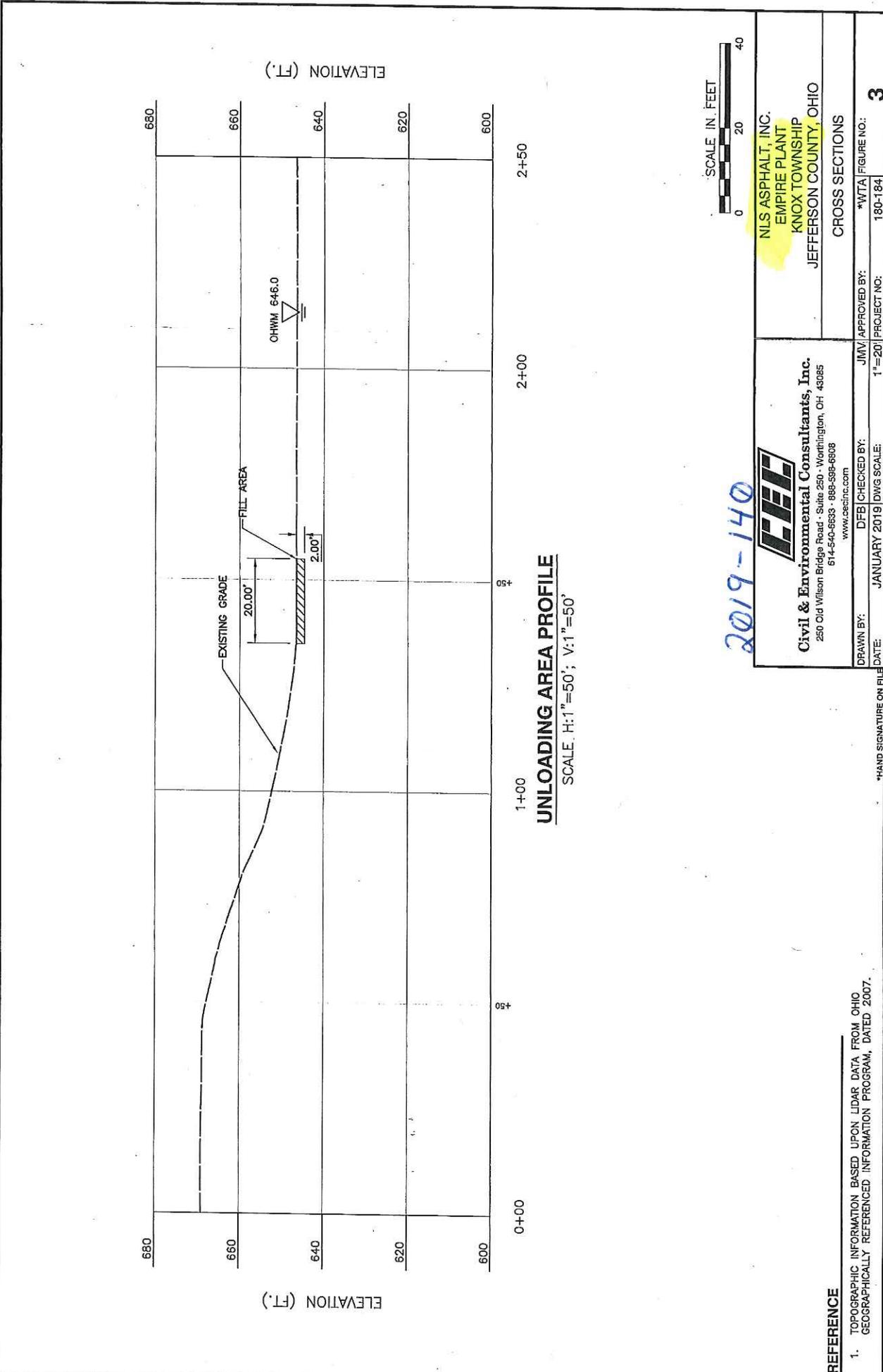
Photograph 3: View of unloading area and the Ohio River, looking north.



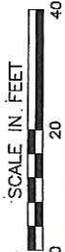
Photograph 4: View of unloading area and Ohio River, looking south.


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1. TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BASED UPON LIDAR DATA FROM OHIO GEOGRAPHICALLY REFERENCED INFORMATION PROGRAM, DATED 2007.