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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	SHC-MVK-2014-1174
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EXPIRATION DATE:	June 9, 2015

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 8913, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
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Camden, Arkansas 71711

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Location of Work: Section 2, T13S-R16W, latitude 33.6245N, longitude -92.7135W, within the Lower Ouachita-Smackover drainage basin, Calhoun County, Arkansas.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit for the associated discharge of dredged and/or fill material into wetlands and other waters of the United States in Calhoun County, Arkansas. The applicant's stated purpose is to construct production and testing facilities in East Camden, Arkansas.

The proposed project would consist of construction activities associated with the development of production and testing facilities. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control (LM) intends to expand its existing operations within the Highland Industrial Park area in East Camden, Arkansas. The property is bordered to the east by a powerline right-of-way adjacent to Two Bayou, a tributary of the Ouachita River. As the property is relatively flat and poorly-drained, LM would be required to increase the elevation with fill material to improve drainage and create a stable substrate for construction activities.

Approximately 0.55 acre of forested wetlands and 353 linear feet of an ephemeral stream would be impacted by the proposed project. Approximately 1,032 cubic yards of clean fill material and approximately 100 cubic yards of riprap would be used for the construction of LM's testing facilities.

The vegetation at the project site consists of Japanese honeysuckle, red-top cut-throat grass, white oak, loblolly pine, sawtooth blackberry, St. John's wort, fall panicgrass, muscadine, pin oak red maple, post oak, sweet gum, cottongrass bulrush, bushy bluestem, horsebrier, overcup oak, common buttonbush, lamp rush, fringed sedge, common reed, southern red oak, slippery elm, American holly, beaked cut-throat grass, and American supplejack. Hydric soils in the project area consist of Sandy silt loam. The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States, including wetlands, requires a Department of the Army Permit.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland and stream functions and services by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank that services the same 8-digit HUC 08040201 as the impact.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment, and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. Currently this office is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes and other interested parties regarding potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect the following endangered species or their critical habitats: Red-cockaded woodpecker, Winged mapleleaf, Pink mucket, Ouachita rock, Rabbitsfoot, and the Northern long-eared bat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project.

All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.



Jennifer A. Mallard
Chief, Regulatory Branch



There are jurisdictional waters of the U.S. within the project boundary. Any work involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into a jurisdictional water of the U.S. will require a permit.

Legend

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|  Project Boundary (181.03 Acs.) |  Jurisdictional Wetlands Impacts (0.55 Ac.) |
|  Ephemeral Stream Impacts (353 L.F.) |  Undisturbed Jurisdictional Wetlands (0.38 Ac.) |

Calhoun County, AR



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Jurisdictional Determination
Proposed Test Track Project
Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control
Calhoun County, Arkansas

**Revised Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination**

Prepared by
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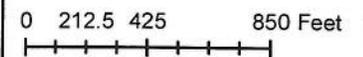


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Enclosure 1

