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PUBLIC NOTICE DWB 912-23

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (dwb), has received application materials dated October 13, 2023, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for approval of location and plans for the construction of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Muskingum River, mile 49.8, on McConell's Island Channel, at Village of McConnelsville and Malta, Morgan County, Ohio.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construct a temporary 40-foot single span two lane truss bridge to carry construction traffic over the channel during construction of the Muskingum River Lock and Dam No. 7 McConnelsville Dam Replacement. The temporary bridge will be removed when the construction of the dam is complete, and the canal will be returned to pre-construction elevations.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

The proposed temporary bridge will have clearances as described in the table below. These clearances are an increase from current clearances of the existing to remain swing span immediately upstream over this section of the waterway at this mile.

	Existing to remain swing span	Proposed temporary bridge
Vertical	18.1 feet	20.0 feet above normal pool elevation 650.2 m.s.l.
Horizontal	15.76 feet	36.0 feet above normal pool elevation 650.2 m.s.l.

Datum: Horizontal NAD 83 and Vertical NAVD 88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. An Environmental Assessment dated 14 September 2021 pursuant to NEPA, as amended. The U.S. Guard tentatively has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and plans to issue a FONSI for the project.

Documents are available for review online at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

A Director's Authorization is being requested from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. This will serve as the water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. No wetlands will be taken or affected by this project.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 665.8 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 670.2. Elevations are referenced to NAD 83 and NAVD 88 datum. Approximately 1,550 cubic yards of fill material will be placed below the 100 year flood elevation for the construction of the bridge and approaches.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

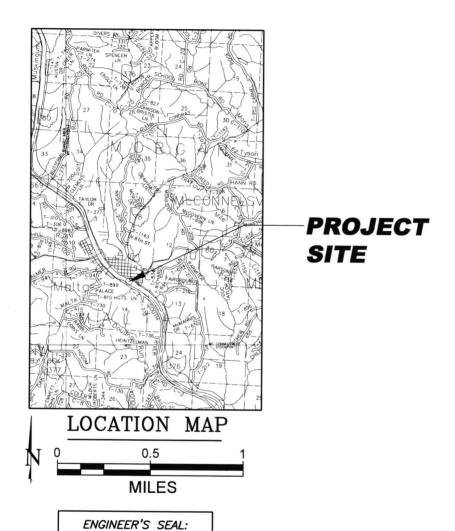
Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email Eric.Washburn@uscg.mil through December 12, 2023.

Map of location and plans attached.

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SIGNED:

DATE: 09/21/2023



VICINITY MAP

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

OHIO DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL
THE RUHLIN COMPANY
PROPOSED TEMPORARY BRIDGE OVER
MUSKINGUM RIVER CANAL, LOCK NO. 7, MILE 49.4
McCONNELSVILLE, OHIO
MORGAN COUNTY

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