

IEPA Log No.: **C-0065-20**  
CoE appl. #: **P-3094**

Public Notice Beginning Date: **July 23, 2020**  
Public Notice Ending Date: **August 13, 2020**

Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
Amendments of 1972

**Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material**

**Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:**

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
Permit Section  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
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**Name and Address of Discharger:** Wayne B. Smith, Inc. – 10415 Hwy 79, Louisiana, MO 63353

**Discharge Location:** Near Pleasant Hill in Section 19 of Township 47-South, Range 5-West of the 4th P.M. in Pike County.

**Name of Receiving Water:** Mississippi River

**Project Description:** Ongoing commercial dredging for sand and gravel along 1.2 miles of Mississippi River to acquire approximately 37,500 tons of material per year.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has received an application for a Section 401 water quality certification to discharge dredged or fill material into the waters of the State associated with a Section 404 permit application received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice. The last day comments will be received will be on the Public Notice period ending date unless a commenter demonstrating the need for additional time requests an extension to this comment period and the request is granted by the IEPA. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the project to the IEPA at the above address. Commenters shall provide their names and addresses along with comments on the certification application. Commenters may include a request for public hearing. The certification and notice number(s) must appear on each comment page.

The attached Fact Sheet provides a description of the project and the antidegradation assessment.

The application, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA at the address shown above between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the certification application, the IEPA may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 30 days before any public hearing. If a Section 401 water quality certification is issued, response to relevant comments will be provided at the time of the certification. For further information, please contact Darren Gove at email [darren.gove@illinois.gov](mailto:darren.gove@illinois.gov) or phone no. 217/782-3362.

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Fact Sheet for Antidegradation Assessment  
For Wayne B. Smith, Inc.  
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Contact: Angie Sutton 217/558-2012  
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Wayne B. Smith, Inc. is seeking renewal and extension of commercial dredging permit P-2646. Dredging locations are between miles 280.9 to 282.1 in the Mississippi River within Missouri and Illinois waters. The specific Illinois project site is in Section 19, Township 47-South, Range 5-West, 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Pike County, Illinois. The applicant has been performing this work under individual 10-year permits and this renewal would provide authorization to continue work as previously permitted. Reauthorization will allow for commercial dredging with the previously certified methods of up to 125,000 tons of sand, on a yearly basis near the left (Illinois) descending bank of the Mississippi River, between river miles 280.9 and 282.1 and along the right (Missouri) descending bank, between river miles 281.25 and 281.75. The dredging areas are only within previously permitted boundaries. Suction dredging will be used to perform ongoing operations with dredged materials loaded into barges and excess water and materials discharged back into the river at the dredging locations. Filled hopper barges will be transported to the existing offloading facility along the right descending bank, at approximately Mississippi River mile 281.6, where materials will be unloaded by crane into a conveyer system for stockpiling.

The Agency has received a Section 401 water quality certification application associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit process for this project. The Water Quality Standards Section of the Division of Water Pollution Control evaluated the proposed activity under the Antidegradation standard at 35 IAC 302.105. We find that this activity will not increase the pollutant loading from the previously issued permit. All discharge from the permitted sediment dewatering facilities must meet the effluent standards of 35 III. Adm. Code Part 304. Therefore, pursuant to Subsection (f), no further review is necessary and no Antidegradation assessment is warranted.