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Dear Mr. Sailor

This letter is in response to the request for comment on the public notice regarding Missouri River Commercial Dredgers issued March 13, 2015.

Scouring of bed material from around bridge foundations is the leading cause of bridge failures in the United States and scour mitigation to protect bridge foundations is a major expense to state departments of transportation including MoDOT.

To promote the health of Missouri's infrastructure and safety to the travelling public, MoDOT requests that dredging not be allowed within 1000 feet of any bridge pier or abutment as opposed to the 500 foot limit stated in paragraph "j" of Appendix 1: Past Permit Special Conditions.

Sincerely,



Dennis Heckman, P.E.
State Bridge Engineer

