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Re: Missouri River Commercial Dredging Permits

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your Public Notice dated March 13, 2015, regarding permits requested by Capital Sand Company, Inc.; Hermann Sand & Gravel, Inc.; Holliday Sand & Gravel Company; Con-Agg of Missouri, LLC; Limited Leasing Company; and J.T.R., Inc.; hereinafter "Dredgers."

Commercial sand dredgers provide the majority of sand material for the construction industry. The sand goes into concrete that provides our roads, bridges, sidewalks, homes, driveways, etc. in the State of Missouri and parts of Kansas. Missouri River sand is of high quality and important to the construction trades.

Dredging has taken place on the Missouri River long before the Corps developed the Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project. The dredging interests have generally complied with permit requirements previously issued by the Corps of Engineers in previous permits.

The permits provide for an accommodation of the endangered pallid sturgeon. The Dredgers present no other impacts to any other endangered or threatened species on the River.

The Dredgers provide a source of employment and pay taxes in their respective communities. They participate in their local communities, providing donations and other contributions to civic betterment.

The undersigned supports the Corps re-issuing permits for commercial sand dredging on the Missouri River.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Glen Robertson, VP
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