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Public Notice

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Comments Due: Not Applicable

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 11, 2002, the District Engineer, Sacramento District issued individual Department of the Army permit number **200250204** to Overton Beach Marina to dredge a channel (3,200 feet long, 30 feet wide and 4 feet deep) in Lake Mead ("Virgin River Narrows"), Lake Mead National Recreational Area, Clark County, Nevada with dredged material disposal adjacent to the channel and with an expiration date of July 15, 2002. The purpose of the work is to facilitate the emergency removal of a grounded houseboat. The permit specifically does not authorize dredging to maintain the channel after salvaging the grounded vessel. The permit was issued under the authorities of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Before issuing the permit, the Sacramento District coordinated the project, by telephone and electronic mail, with the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Nevada Division of Wildlife, and the Nevada Division of State Lands. None of these agencies opposed the issuance of a permit.

The District Engineer also requested and received approval from the Division Engineer, South Pacific Division to use emergency permit processing procedures as outlined in 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4). The Corps of Engineers concluded that an emergency situation existed i.e., unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the permit application under standard procedures. The grounded vessel was also considered an environmental hazard and an attractive nuisance. Moreover, the lake level continues to decrease and is not expected to rise sufficiently to float the vessel for many months, without the dredged channel. The permit included special conditions for best management practices to minimize turbidity and avoid release of contaminants; monitoring (by NPS); and reporting.

For more information, write to Mr. Grady L. McNure, Chief, St. George Regulatory Office, 321 North Mall Drive, Suite L-101, St. George, Utah 84790-7314. Mr. McNure's telephone number is (435) 986-3979 and his e-mail address is Grady.McNure@usace.army.mil.

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