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### **Mahan commissions “The General”**

On August 6, 2013, C.J. Mahan Construction Company LLC, proudly launched *The General*, a new cutter suction dredge, on the Ohio River near Smithland, Kentucky. Named for the nick-name of one of Mahan’s most senior superintendents, Ron Small, *The General* will be assigned to the excavation of the approach and tailrace channels for the new Smithland Hydroelectric Plant currently being constructed by Mahan under a contract with American Municipal Power (AMP).

The Ellicott Dragon 1270 Series Dredge, manufactured in New Richmond, Wisconsin, is a 1350 HP, 68’ long vessel. It’s outfitted with an 18” x 18” cutter and is capable of pumping 600 cubic yards per hour with a digging depth of 50’.

At Smithland, *The General* will excavate nearly 2,300,000 cubic yards of material from the inlet and outlet channels, including a 1800’ long by 800’ wide cut through Sand Island on the downstream side of the existing dam. Dredging operations will commence in August 2013 and are scheduled to be completed by late 2014.

