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GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 13, 2016

Certified Mail No. 7010 0780 0001 9993 2644

Hattiesburg Clinic, P.A. Attention: Mr. Greg Brou 415 South 28th Avenue Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

Dear Mr. Brou:

Re:

Hattiesburg Clinic, Medical Park

Forrest County

COE No. SAM201501044KMN

WQC No. WQC2016001

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, to Hattiesburg Clinic, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Hattiesburg Clinic, Medical Park: The applicant is requesting to place fill material in 1.48 acres of wetlands for the construction of a medical park development. The approximately 15.2 acre site contains approximately 1.48 acres of wetlands. Wetlands present on the project site were forested pine prior to being timbered. The wetlands drain northward into an unnamed tributary to Burkett's Creek. Fill material is proposed to be placed in the entire 1.48 acres of wetlands located on the project site. The site is bordered to the northwest by Veterans Boulevard (Highway 11), to the southwest by Parkway Boulevard, and to the north by a forested parcel. The proposed development would be comprised of approximately four separate clinic buildings, associated parking, roads, utilities, and detention ponds. [SAM201501044KMN, WQC2016001]

The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

1. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.

- 2. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas. Special care shall be taken prior to and during construction to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent avoided wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
- 3. Coverage under NPDES Large Construction Storm Water General Permit shall be obtained prior to and during construction activities. No construction activities shall be allowed without such approvals.
- 4. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan, submitted by The Walker Associates dated April 2016 shall be implemented concurrent with the project construction and properly maintained to function as proposed.
- 5. Mitigation for the impact of 1.48 acres of forested pine wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. Written verification of the final purchase must be provided to the Office of Pollution Control prior to the commencement of any work in the wetland areas.
- The development shall connect to an Office of Pollution Control approved wastewater collection and treatment system. No construction shall begin until all wastewater approvals are obtained.
- 7. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse.

The Office of Pollution Control also certifies that there are no limitations under Section 302 nor standards under Sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which are applicable to the applicant's above-described activity.

This certification is valid for the project as proposed. Any deviations without proper modifications and/or approvals may result in a violation of the 401 Water Quality Certification. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Wilson, P.E., DEE

Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: emv

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cc: Mr. David Felder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mr. Dustin Gatlin, The Walker Associates

Ms. Calista Mills, Environmental Protection Agency Ms. Kaaren Neumann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mr. Bart Pittman, Pittman Environmental Services