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GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 9, 2016

Mr. Robert Smith
City of Biloxi
Post Office Box 429
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: City of Biloxi,
Popps Ferry Causeway Park
Harrison County
COE No. SAM201400275TMZ
WQC No. WQC2014018

The Department of Environmental Quality understands the need for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification - Modification to the above referenced project. This modification will include modification of the transfer of WQC2014018 from Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to City of Biloxi. Please be advised the general description of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification has been modified to read as follows:

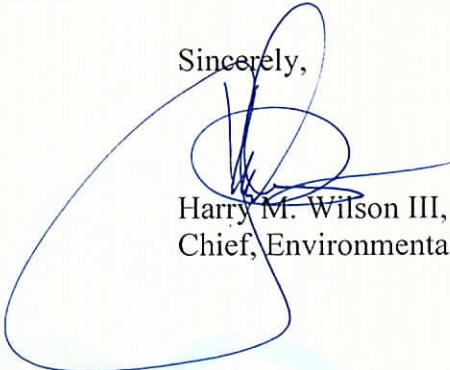
Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, to City of Biloxi, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following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

City of Biloxi, Popps Ferry Causeway Park: Upgrade of the Popps Ferry Causeway Park and amenities including opportunities to fish, crab, and walk through a system of boardwalks and nature trails to allow viewing of waterfront and marshes. The project will include roadway repair and lighting, construction of a concession and bait stand, continuation of an 8-foot-wide concrete walkway/wooden boardwalk on the west side of the site, additional riprap shoreline stabilization, construction of new fishing piers,

picnic areas, nature trails, visitor parking, and construction of a new Interpretive Center. Impacts to wetlands include shading from pile supporting structures over marsh and open water. Some minor impacts to discontinuous marsh wetland vegetation will occur with the placement of new riprap along existing eroded areas of the shoreline. All other wetland areas will be avoided. [SAM201400275TMZ, WQC2014018].

Please be advised the remaining conditions of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification are unchanged. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Joseph Paige of my staff at (601) 961-5171.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: JP

cc: Allison Monroe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
James Davis, Department of Marine Resources
Bill Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency
Marc Wyatt, Director, MDEQ Office of Restoration