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November 29, 2016

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City of Gulfport
Department of Leisure Services
Mr. David D'Aquila
P.O. Box 1780
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

Dear Mr. David D'Aquila:

Re: Gulfport, City of, Gulfport
Sportsplex
Harrison County
COE No. SAM-2000-01230-P
WQC No. WQC2016028

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, Mr. David D'Aquila of the City of Gulfport, Department of Leisure Services, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Gulfport, City of, Gulfport Sportsplex: This is Phase III of the Gulfport Sportsplex. The project includes two soccer or football fields, eight softball or baseball fields, restrooms, sidewalks, scoring buildings, drainage improvements and rerouting a portion of J.F.M. Parkway. Phase III will impact 1.24 acres of medium quality pine flatwood wetlands, adjacent to Turkey Creek. Phase III is located north of the Gulfport Sportsplex at 17200 16th Street, Gulfport, Harrison County. [SAM-2000-01230-P, WQC2016028].

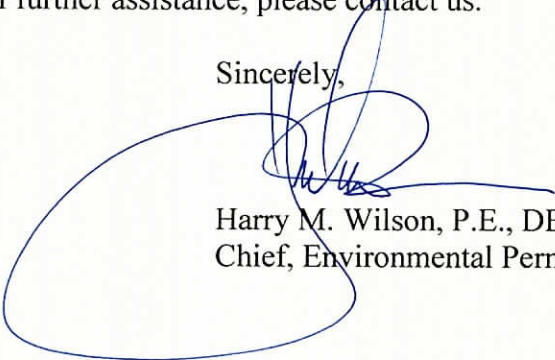
The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the 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. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan, submitted by Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. on October 31, 2016 shall be implemented concurrent with the project construction and properly maintained to function as proposed.
4. Mitigation for the impact of 1.24 acres of 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.**
5. 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: ld

cc: Mr. Rudolph Villarreal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Ms. Jennifer Wilder, Department of Marine Resources
Mr. Paul Necaise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mrs. Callista Mills, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Jason Saucier, Brown Mitchell and Alexander, Inc.