



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 21, 2017

Mr. Brian Moore  
APAC Mississippi Inc.  
PO Box 24508  
Jackson, MS 39225-4508

Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed is Mississippi Surface Mining Permit P15-020A, which grants you permission for surface mining operation in Yazoo County.

The new format of this permit is similar to other permits issued by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and is designed to state the general provisions of the Surface Mining and Reclamation of Land statute (law) and the Mississippi Surface Mining and Reclamation Rules and Regulations (regulations), to list the operator's rights and obligations, and list both general and site-specific conditions of this permit. This permit document does not impose any new conditions that did not previously exist under the law and regulations.

You must place a sign (at least 2 feet by 4 feet) adjacent to the nearest public road, stating:

APAC-Mississippi, Inc.  
P O Box 24508  
Jackson, MS 39225

Surface Mining Permit P15-020A

Benton Mine

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Matheny".

James Matheny  
Division Director  
Mining and Reclamation Division

Enclosure