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GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 10, 2017

Certified Mail No. 7010 1870 0003 4946 9098

Mr. Thomas Wallace
78 Lakeview Road
Columbia, MS 39429

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Re: Thomas Wallace Project
Highway 98 Development
Marion County
COE No. MVK2014925
WQC No. WQC2016030

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 Thomas Wallace, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Thomas Wallace – Highway 98 Development: The proposed project is for the mechanized land clearing and associated discharge of fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for the construction of a commercial development. The proposed 8.25-acre commercial development will be divided into four parcels: a restaurant, a hotel, and two other unknown developments. Approximately 0.89 acres of jurisdictional wetlands are located on the proposed property and will be impacted. Mitigation for the unavoidable loss of wetlands will be provided by purchase of credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank. The proposed project is located along the north side of Highway 98 in Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi [MVK2014925, WQC2016030].

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. 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.

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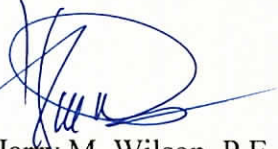
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2. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.
3. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas and/or waters. Special care shall be taken to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
4. Coverage under a Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities. **No construction activities shall begin until such approvals are obtained.**
5. The post-construction storm water plan, submitted by FC&E Engineering, LLC on March 6, 2017 shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
6. Mitigation for the loss of 0.89 acre of jurisdictional wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The purchasing of credits must be in accordance with the banking prospectus and shall be based upon that required for impacting 0.89 acre of wetlands. **A copy of the credit purchase agreement shall be forwarded to this office within 60 days of this certification.**
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: chb

cc: Ms. Tarmiko Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District

Mr. David Felder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mr. Bill Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Robert Corley, Enviro Cor Services, LLC
Mr. Richard Harrell, FC&E Engineering, LLC

