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Mr. John H. Webb
Mississippi State Port Authority
Post Office Box 40
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

Dear Mr. Webb

Re: Mississippi State Port Authority
of Gulfport
Harrison County
COE No. SAM-2017-00265-PAH
WQC No. WQC2017068

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, The Mississippi State Port Authority, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Mississippi State Port Authority of Gulfport: This project is for the installation of two new 2,900' long by 20' wide pipe racks, a 10-wide area for two new spooling rollers, and 30' wide equipment passage lane and a 20' wide vehicle overtake passage lane for the ongoing spoolbase operation at the McDermott International lease area of the Port of Gulfport. The proposed pipe racks will encumber 3.03 acres outside of the existing wharf, and the proposed project will provide approximately 0.17 acres of marshalling area outside of the area to be dedicated for racks and access lanes. The project will result in permanent impacts to open water habitat within the Port of Gulfport by the permanent filling of 0.67 acres of water bottoms adjacent to the existing East Pier [SAM-2017-00265-PAH, WQC2017068].

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

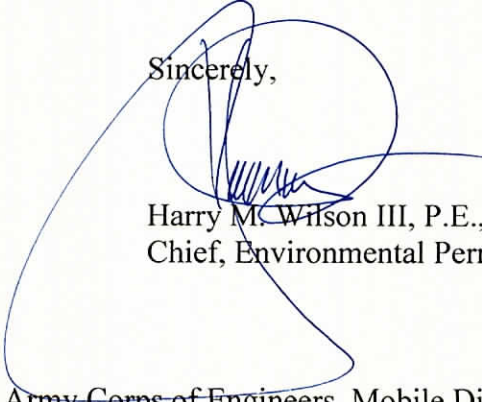
the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

1. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained during construction to minimize the discharge of turbid waters into waters of the State. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
2. Material shall be clean and non-polluting, free of trash, debris, asphalt, etc.
3. All timber pilings or bulkhead materials shall be steel, concrete, plastic, or timber treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA).
4. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
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,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: ld

cc: Mr. Philip A. Hegji , 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. Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Jason Saucier, Brown, Mitchell and Alexander, Inc.