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GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR March 14, 2017

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Mr. S. Kevin Bowen Drying Facility Asset Holdings, LLC 105 Street A Picayune, Mississippi 39466

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Re: Drying Facility Assets Holding LLC Pearl River County COE No. JJGMVK201284 WQC No. WQC2012071

The Department of Environmental Quality understands the need for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification - Modification to the above referenced project. This modification would include removal of Condition 9. The project description is modified to read as follows:

Alliance Consulting Group, LLC: The applicant requests an after-the-fact permit for mechanized land clearing and associated discharge of fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for the construction and operation of sand processing facility on a 78.15-acre parcel. The applicant proposes to construct a sand processing facility, which would be used to dry sand, which would be shipped via railroad throughout the country. Approximately 12,000 linear feet of rail track would be installed to construct five railroad spurs adjacent to the existing Norfolk Southern Rail Line, which would be used to load rail cars for shipping of the dry sand material. Plant equipment including a hopper, dryer system, clarifier, bulk sand splitter, three screeners, eight silos, conveyors, and load out structures would be installed within the project area. Electrical, mechanical, and instrumentation along with the site lighting and buildings are also included in the project plans.

Approximately 1.92 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.14 acre of other waters would be impacted by this project. Approximately 3.84 acres of wetlands (2.99) acres of avoided wetlands and 0.85 acres of previously disturbed wetlands on-site) will be avoided. Wetland mitigation requirements would be achieved through the purchase of credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank.

This proposed project would be located west of Highway 11 South near the existing industrial park in Picayune, Pearl River County [JJG-MVK-2012-84, WQC2012071].

Please be advised Condition 9 has been removed. Please be advised the remaining conditions of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification are unchanged. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Florance Bass of my staff at (601) 961-5614.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Wilson III, P.E., DEE

Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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