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September 15, 2017

Certified Mail No. 7010 1670 0000 1400 8319

Mr. Bart Pittman

Pittman Environmental Services, LLC

PO Box 1926

Purvis, Mississippi 39475

Dear Pittman:

Re: Picayune Municipal Airport
Pearl River County
COE No. MVK2016768
WQC No. WQC2017097

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, Bart Pittman, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Picayune Municipal Airport: Construction of a new taxiway connecting the existing public apron being leased to a private company. The new 35-foot wide by 1,000-foot in length lighted taxiway would provide a safe travel path for airplanes and helicopters to travel to the runway without having to taxi by fixed operations. The project contains approximately 3.28 of wetlands. Approximately 1.99 acres of wetlands would be impacted as part of the construction and 1.29 acres of wetlands would be temporarily impacted for equipment use and access to the fill site. Mitigation has been proposed for the unavoidable loss of wetland impacts by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank. The site is located in Picayune (Pearl River County), Mississippi. [MVK2016768, WQC2017097].

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. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
3. For construction projects from one to less than five acres of total ground disturbances including clearing, grading, excavating or other, construction activities shall follow the conditions and limitations of the Stormwater Small Construction General Permit available at: [http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/pdf/epd_SmallConstructionPermit/\\$File/Small constr prmt.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/pdf/epd_SmallConstructionPermit/$File/Small%20constr%20prmt.pdf?OpenElement). **The Baseline General NPDES Permit Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) shall be updated once construction is complete.**
4. Mitigation for the impacts of 3.28 acres of wetlands, shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The number of credits must be in accordance with banking prospectus and should be based upon that required for impacting 3.28 acres of wetland. **Written verification of credit 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,



Krystal Rudolph, P.E.
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: mhg

cc: Charlene Mosley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District
Paul Necaie, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bill Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency
Ms. Janet Riddell, Office of Budget & Fund Management