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Certified Mail No. 7017 1450 0000 4592 4863

Mr. Joel O'Neal
Jackson County Board of Supervisors
8500 Jim Ramsay Road
Vanceleave, Mississippi 39565

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

Re: Jackson Board of supervisors,
Old Fort Bayou Road Widening
Jackson County
COE No. SAM201800026PAH
WQC No. WQC20180026

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 Jackson County Board of Supervisors, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Jackson Board of supervisors, Old Fort Bayou Road Widening: Filling of 1.42 acres of wetland area for the widening of Old Fort Bayou Road. Mitigation is being proposed through the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The site is located in Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi. [SAM201800026PAH, WQC20180026].

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.

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3. 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.
4. Mitigation for the impacts of 1.42 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 1.42 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,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: JP

cc: Philip Hegji, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
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