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March 5, 2020

Ms. Caree Kovacevich
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

Dear Ms. Kovacevich:

Re: US Army COE, Mobile District,
Maintenance Dredging, Pascagoula Harbor
Navigation Project
Jackson County
COE No. FP19PA0109
WQC No. WQC2017063

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 revising the project description as follows:

US Army COE, Mobile District, Maintenance Dredging, Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Project: The permittee proposes to perform maintenance dredging and in-channel placement activities associated with the federally authorized Pascagoula Harbor (Escatawpa River Portion) navigation project. An additional -2 feet of advanced maintenance plus -2 feet of over-depth dredging will be added to each project section. The area proposed for dredging ranges from -6 feet to -11 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) The authorized depth is -12 feet MLLW (plus -2 feet of advanced maintenance, plus -2 feet of over-depth dredging, and plus -3 feet for sediment disturbance). The dredged material from the maintenance dredging will be placed within deeper areas of the existing federally-authorized channel. The amount of dredged material to be removed is estimated to be 20,000 cubic yards for this event. The action could be accomplished by a mechanical, hopper, and/or hydraulic cutter-head dredge.

This project will also include the widening of the Pascagoula Harbor Lower Pascagoula and Bayou Cassotte navigation channel. The action includes widening these areas 100 feet to the west and future operations and maintenance of the navigation project. An

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additional -2 feet of advanced maintenance, -2 feet of over-depth dredging, and -3 feet for sediment disturbance depth will be added to each project section. The new work material from these improvements will be placed in the designated Pascagoula Ocean Dredged Material Disposal site and/or beneficial use of dredged material at future unconstructed sites.

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

Sincerely,



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

cp: Mr. Curtis M. Flakes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

