



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

December 8, 2020

Mr. Claude Dinkins IV  
B & L Land Company, LLC  
PO Box 227  
Grace, MS 38744

Dear Mr. Dinkins:

Re: B and L Land Company, Green  
Tree Reservoir  
Issaquena County  
COE No. MVK202029  
WQC No. WQC2020022

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 B & L Land Company, LLC, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

B & L Land Company, LLC, Green Tree Reservoir: fill 0.58 acres of forested wetlands for the purpose of constructing a levee to create Green Tree Reservoir. The 1,400 foot long levee would be around 2.5 feet high and 8 feet wide. [MVK202029, WQC2020022].

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. Special care shall be taken prior to

and during construction to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent avoided wetland 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 NPDES General Permit.
4. Mitigation for the impacts of 0.58 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 0.58 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. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
6. 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 you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Devine.

Sincerely,



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

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cc: Ms. Samantha Thompson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District  
Mr. Paul Necaise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Ms. Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency  
Ms. Janet Riddell, Office of Budget & Fund Management  
Mr. Tim Huggins, Delta Wildlife