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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

July 23, 2022

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
City of Biloxi
214 A Delauney Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

Dear Mayor Gilich:

Re: City of Biloxi
Beach Renourishment Front Beach
Harrison County
COE No. SAM202101122PAH
WQC No. WQC2021076

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 the City of Biloxi, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

City of Biloxi, Beach Renourishment Front Beach: Project to place 19,800 cubic yards (5.33 ac of fill) of sand along a 4550' segment of beach for the purpose of renourishment. This project is located in waters of the Mississippi Sound, between the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and Oak Street, in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi [SAM202101122PAH, WQC2021076].

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. Beach closure in areas where nourishment activities are occurring shall be utilized during times that water contact recreation is likely to occur.
2. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units. (11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 2.2.A.)

3. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse. (11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 2.2.A.(3))

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 Florance Bass.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

KR: chb

cc: Philip Hegji, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Willa Brantley, Department of Marine Resources
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Thomas Strange, Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC