



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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GOVERNOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

December 16, 2024

Ms. Tina Nations  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
515 E Amite Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Ms. Nations:

Re: MDEQ - West Hancock County  
Nearshore Habitat Restoration  
Hancock County  
COE No. SAM-2024-00657  
WQC No. WQC2024064

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Pollution Control (OPC) has reviewed the request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification received on October 22, 2024, for the MDEQ West Hancock County Nearshore Habitat Restoration project to be located in Hancock County, Mississippi.

In accordance with 40 CFR §121.7(f), the OPC, as the certifying authority, expressly waives its authority to act on the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Barefoot.

Sincerely,

*Becky Simonson*

Becky Simonson  
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

cc: Amiee Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District  
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