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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Tony Harrison
Pine Belt Solid Waste Authority

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**Mobile District
Permit Application No. SAM-2013-00769-TMZ
Joint Public Notice: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of
Pollution Control (MDEQ)**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Mobile District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

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Petal, Mississippi 39465

AGENT: Bart Pittman
Pittman Environmental Services
P.O. Box 1926
Purvis, Mississippi 39475

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project (Pine Belt Regional Landfill Expansion-Phase 3) would affect waters of the United States associated with Parker Branch. The project/review area is located approximately 0.9 miles west of Mississippi Highway 29 and due south of the existing landfill at 5274 Highway 29 in Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 11 West; at Latitude 31.407472° North and Longitude 89.112879° West; Perry County, Mississippi.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed project is situated on 102 acres immediately south of the existing landfill site and is fenced to prevent access. The site is undeveloped but is in rotational, loblolly pine silviculture with evidence of recent thinning. The surrounding area is largely undeveloped, rural areas, with scattered single-family residences.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The Corps has determined that the basic purpose of the proposed project is the expansion of an existing landfill.

Overall: The Corps has determined that the overall purpose of the project is to expand the capacity of an existing centrally located, sanitary landfill that serves Covington, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones and Perry Counties and the cities of Hattiesburg, Laurel and Petal.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization to discharge approximately 85,000 cubic yards of permanent fill material into 9.89 acres of forested wetlands and 5,045 linear feet of stream channel for the construction of five (5) additional solid waste cells, associated sedimentation basins and access roadways. The proposed project would also result in the permanent conversion of another 1.2 acres of forested wetlands to emergent wetlands and clearing along 90 linear feet of stream channel.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: The applicant has stated that due to the requirements of the landfill wetland impacts cannot be avoided or minimized. The current phase is projected to reach capacity in 8-10 years, and this proposed expansion requires the location and volume necessary to meet future needs (30+years). The applicant proposes implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as the installation of silt fencing and the placement of hay bales during and following construction activities to prevent movement of the fill material into offsite areas.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment: Due to the current unavailability of mitigation credits within the project service area, the applicant has proposed the development of a Permittee Responsible Mitigation (PRM) plan to offset unavoidable impacts. Should mitigation credits become available, the applicant has proposed the purchase of credits to offset impacts or a combination of mitigation credit purchase and use of an approved PRM plan.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the application. The 2025 Mississippi Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species

(SLOPES) was used to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species and/or any proposed or final federally designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project may affect species and critical habitat listed below. No other ESA-listed species or critical habitat will be affected by the proposed action.

| Species Common Name and/or Critical Habitat Name | Scientific Name | Federal Status | USACE Effect Determination |
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| Wood Stork | <i>Mycteria americana</i> | Threatened | No effect |
| Black Pine Snake | <i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i> | Threatened | No effect |
| Gopher Tortoise | <i>Gopherus polyphemus</i> | Threatened | No effect |
| Dusky Gopher Frog | <i>Rana sevosa</i> | Endangered | No effect |
| Pearl Darter | <i>Percina aurora</i> | Threatened | No effect |
| Yellow-blotched Map Turtle | <i>Graptemys flavimaculata</i> | Threatened | No effect |
| Alligator Snapping Turtle | <i>Macrochelys temminckii</i> | Potential Threatened | No effect |
| Louisiana Quillwort | <i>Isoetes louisianensis</i> | Endangered | May affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect |

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

NAVIGATION: The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

SECTION 408: The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Water Quality Certification may be required from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has not been verified by Corps personnel.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food, and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The Mobile District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until March 30, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Greg Christodoulou at Gregory.s.christodoulou@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may

submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Attention: Greg Christodoulou, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.



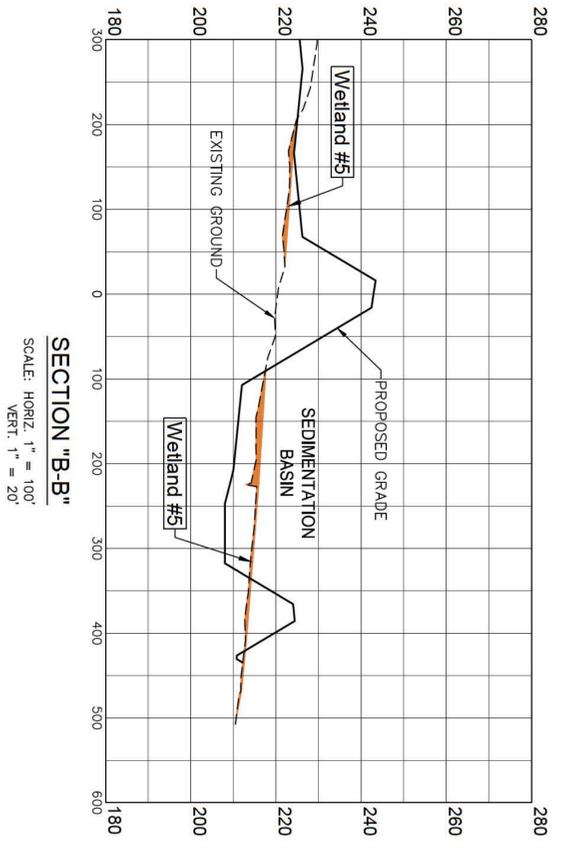
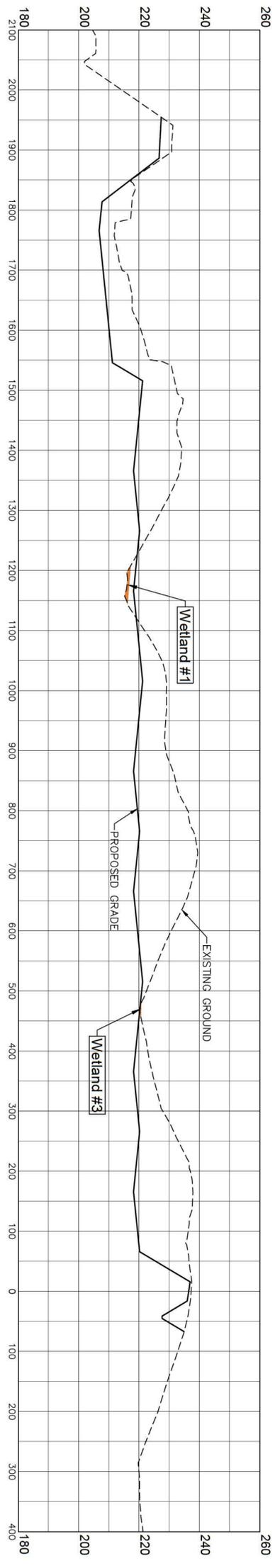
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