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September 4, 2019

Certified Mail No. 7019 1120 0000 4788 6831

Mr. Tom Koger
Diamondhead Country Club and POA, Inc.
7610 Country Club Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525

Dear Mr. Koger:

Re: Diamondhead Country Club and
POA, Inc. Recreational
Complex
Hancock County
COE No. SAM201500893MJF
WQC No. WQC2019043

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, Diamondhead Country Club and POA, Inc., an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Diamondhead Country Club and POA, Inc. Recreational Complex: The applicant is proposing to discharge fill material in 1.3 acres of low quality pine savannah wetlands. The site is located on Diamondhead Drive East in Diamondhead, Mississippi. The purpose of this project is to expand an existing parking lot for a recreational facility. To offset the impacts associated with this project, the applicant is proposing to purchase 2.6 mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. [SAM201500893MJF, WQC2019043].

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. 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 Storm Water Small Construction General NPDES Permit.
4. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
5. Mitigation for the impact of wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. **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.**
6. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
7. 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 us.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Ms. Maryellen Farmer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Ms. Willa Brantley, Department of Marine Resources
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Mrs. Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Billy Culpepper, Culpepper and Associates