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November 4, 2019

Certified Mail No. 7018 0360 0000 7110 4178

Mr. Larry Benefield

Harrison County School District

11072 Highway 49

Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

Dear Mr. Benefield:

Re: Harrison County School
District, D'Iberville K-8 School
Harrison County
COE No. SAM201901202PAH
WQC No. WQC2019030

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 Harrison County School District, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Harrison County School District, D'Iberville K-8 School: Construct a new K-8 school serving east Harrison County. Approximately 16.57 acres of palustrine forested wetland is located within the total project area of 40 acres. The proposed project will impact 12.91 acres of wetlands. The site is comprised of recently cutover timberlands and is traversed by an unimproved timber road. Drainage is toward the northeast with surface water ephemerally and intermittently flowing and existing the site to the northeast with eventual drainage under MS Highway 15 to Tuxachanie Creek. Mitigation has been proposed through the purchasing of credits from an approved mitigation bank. The project is located in D'Iberville, Harrison County, Mississippi. [SAM201901202PAH, WQC2019030].

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. Coverage under a Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities. **No construction activities shall begin until such approvals are obtained.**
4. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan, submitted by Daniel R. Boudreaux, Jr., P.E. received on October 25, 2019, shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
5. Mitigation for the impacts of 12.91 acres of wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits jurisdictional wetlands shall be provided from an approved mitigation bank. The number of credits purchased must be in accordance with the banking prospectus and should be based upon that required for permanently impacting approximately 12.91 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. 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. The development shall connect to an Office of Pollution Control approved wastewater collection and treatment system. **No construction shall begin until all wastewater approvals are obtained.**
7. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
8. 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

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Certification. If you have any questions, please contact Montie Hardaway Glenn at (601) 961-5596.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Philip Hegji, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
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