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December 23, 2019

Certified Mail No. 7018 0360 0000 7113 6131
Mr. Steve Walters
Loves Travel Stop and Country Stores, Inc.
10601 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

Dear Mr. Walters:

Re: Loves Travel Stop and Country
Store, Inc., Sandersville
Jones County
COE No. SAM201701233
WQC No. WQC2019046

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, Mr. Steve Walters, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Loves Travel Stop and Country Store, Inc., Sandersville: The applicant proposes to fill 1.57 acres of wetlands and 50 feet of stream for the construction of a gas station and convenience store in Sandersville, Jones County, Mississippi. The project site is approximately 19.74 acres in size, of which 2.00 acres are considered wetlands. The proposed project includes the placement of approximately 2,260 cubic yards of fill in 1.57 acres of wetlands for the installation of the gas station and convenience store, pump station, parking areas, and storm water features. The applicant is proposing the purchase of mitigation credits to offset unavoidable wetland impacts. [SAM201701233, WQC2019046].

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. 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.**

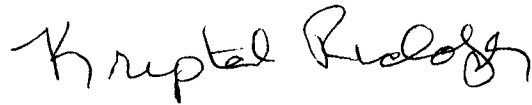
2. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.
3. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas. Special care shall be taken prior to and during construction to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent avoided wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
4. For construction projects five (5) acres or greater of total ground disturbances including clearing, grading, excavating, or other construction activities shall follow the conditions and limitations of the Large Construction Stormwater NPDES General Permit. No construction activities shall begin until the necessary approvals and/or permits have been obtained.
5. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan, submitted by Chipola Engineering Group, Inc. received on October 8, 2019, shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
6. Mitigation for the 1.57 acres of wetlands and 50 feet of stream shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The number of credits must be in accordance with the banking prospectus and should be based upon that required for impacting of 1.57 acres of wetlands and 50 feet of stream. **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.**
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 Certification. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Morgan White.

Mr. Steve Walters
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krystal Rudolph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "R".

Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

KR: csh

cc: Jeremy R. Overstreet, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Tamara Campbell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
David Wall, Highland Technical Services, Inc.