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Mr. Randy Bosarge  
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Dear Mr. Bosarge:

Re: Jackson County Board of  
Supervisors, Stark Bayou,  
Maintenance Dredging  
Jackson County  
COE No. SAM201100332MJF  
WQC No. WQC2019071

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, Jackson County Board of Supervisors, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Jackson County Board of Supervisors, Stark Bayou Maintenance Dredging:  
The applicant proposes to perform maintenance dredging of approximately 15,112 cubic yards from Stark Bayou Navigation Channel. The project parameters of the proposed alignment are 2,070 feet long x 40 feet wide at - 6 feet Mean Low Water Depth with 3:1 Side Slopes with an estimate of 15,112 cubic yards of dredge material. [SAM201100332MJF, WQC2019071].

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.

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2. The channel depth shall gradually increase toward open water and shall not exceed the controlling navigational depth. No “sumps” shall be created by proposed dredging.
3. Best Management Practices shall be used at all times during construction to minimize turbidity at both the dredge and spoil disposal sites. The disposal sites shall be constructed and maintained in a manner that minimizes the discharge of turbid waters into waters of the State. Best Management Practices may include, but not limited to, the use of staked hay bales; staked filter cloth; sodding, seeding, and mulching; staged construction; and the installation of turbidity screens around the immediate project site. Any effluent from the disposal area should be routed through a return swale systems and filtered through a series of hay bales and silt fences so as to reduce the turbidity of the effluent.
4. The excavated material shall be disposed in an approved beneficial use site or contained upland disposal site and stabilized to prevent movement of sediment into adjacent drainage areas.
5. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
6. 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.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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