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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

May 8, 2020

Mr. Curtis M. Flakes
US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
109 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Dear Mr. Flakes:

Re: US Army COE, Mobile District, Mississippi
Coastal Improvements Program, Barrier
Island Restoration
Harrison County
COE No. FP16-MsCIP01-10
WQC No. WQC2016005

The Department of Environmental Quality understands the need for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification - Modification to the above referenced project.

This modification would include placement of sandy material on the north shore of West Ship Island as part of the Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program (MsCIP), Barrier Island Restoration as follows: Approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sandy material would be placed along approximately 7,000 feet of the northern shoreline of West Ship Island. The material would be pumped directly onto the shoreline, in the shallow nearshore area, and then shaped by land based equipment to reach the desired beach profile.

This modification would also include a platform to be constructed in the existing project area to facilitate deepwater access.

All material would be obtained from Ship Island Pass (also known as the old Gulfport Harbor channel) by a hydraulic cutterhead dredge. Approximately 400,000 cubic yards of total material would be dredged from the area for the two proposed projects.

Please be advised all conditions of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification are unchanged. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Paul Devine of my staff at (505) 453-0621.

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Sincerely,

Krystal Rudolph

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