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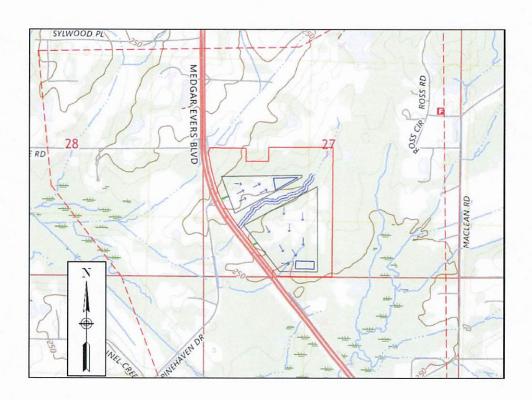
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<sup>1</sup> This application shall be signed according to the General Permit, Act 15, T-4 as follows:  - For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer.  - For a partnership, by a general partner.  - For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.  - For a municipal, state or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, the mayor, or ranking elected official.  - Duly Authorized Representative  Please submit this form to: Chief, Environmental Permits Division									
	MDEQ, Office of Pollution Control P.O. Box 2261 Jackson, Mississippi 39225								

# MINING STORM WATER GENERAL PERMIT STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN WHITFIELD MINE



Birdsong Construction Highway 49 N, Jackson, MS June 2025

#### Prepared by:



917 Marquette Road Brandon, MS 39042 (601) 824-1860



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**WORKSHEET 1: MATERIALS EXPOSED TO STORM WATER** 

**WORKSHEET 2: LIST OF SIGNIFICANT SPILLS AND LEAKS** 

**WORKSHEET 3: MONTHLY INSPECTION FORM** 

**WORKSHEET 4: ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT FORM** 

**WORKSHEET 5: NOTICE OF TERMINATION FORM** 

**APPENDIX A** 

**NOTICE OF INTENT** 

MINING STORM WATER, DEWATERING, AND NO DISCHARGE GENERAL PERMIT

**APPENDIX B** 

FIGURES AND EROSION CONTROL DRAWINGS

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**RECORDS OF MONTHLY INSPECTIONS** 

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**RECORDS OF ANNUAL TRAINING** 

**APPENDIX E** 

**RECORDS OF SIGNIFICANT SPILLS AND LEAKS & NOTIFICATIONS TO AGENCIES** 

**APPENDIX F** 

**DRAINAGE AREAS & SEDIMENTATION BASIN STORAGE** 

#### **ABOUT THIS PLAN**

This Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was prepared by FC&E Engineering, LLC (FC&E) to help your facility comply with the Mining Storm Water, Dewatering, and No Discharge General Permit for Surface Mining Activities issued by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The permit requires you to prepare a SWPPP. This Plan has been prepared with the intent of meeting the SWPPP requirements.

The intent of the Plan is to minimize storm water pollution from your facility during mining activities associated with your facility. The Plan specifies the procedures your staff will follow, and the engineering controls your facility will implement to prevent or minimize storm water from coming in contact with potential pollutants, or to contain storm water that does come in contact with potential pollutants. Your permit requires that you comply with this Plan. Items that need your immediate attention include:

- Coverage under the Mining Storm Water, Dewatering, and No Discharge General Permit
  is authorized by the MDEQ for mining storm water and dewatering discharges and
  operation of wastewater recirculation systems with no discharge. The SWPPP and the
  Notice of Intent should be submitted to the Environmental Permits Division of the
  MDEQ.
- 2. The completed SWPPP is to be kept on site and utilized by you to ensure that storm water leaving the site is uncontaminated. A copy of the permit and the Notice of Intent are included in **Appendix A**. This SWPPP has been written in consideration of the requirements of this general permit.
- 3. Section 8.0 of this Plan describes the Monthly Site Inspections that must be conducted by the Site Manager (or someone designated by the Site Manager). This section also describes the required information to be included on the inspection form. Worksheet 3 contains the required Inspection and Certification Form for mining activities requiring erosion and sediment controls. Completed inspections using Worksheet 3 should be stored in Appendix C. In addition, the Annual Storm Water Site Inspection Report Form

(Worksheet 4) must be submitted to MDEQ by January 28<sup>th</sup> for the previous calendar year.

- 4. Based on the results of each inspection, the control measures and practices will be revised (if appropriate) immediately following the inspection or prior to additional mining activity taking place. In addition, if the inspection report lists changes at the facility that have a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to surface waters, the SWPPP will be amended.
- A copy of MDEQ's Handbook for Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management on Construction Sites and Urban Areas; Volume 1; Erosion and Sediment Control Practices can be accessed on the internet via the following link for reference and use.

http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/Erosion Stormwater Manual 2ndEd/Volume1/Volume 1.pdf

Specific BMPs referenced herein are based on the guidelines of this handbook.

6. Within 30 days of final reclamation and completion of the project, a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) form, Worksheet 5, must be submitted for the termination of permit coverage. Upon receiving the complete NOT form, the MDEQ staff will inspect the site. If no sediment and erosion control problems are identified and adequate permanent controls are established, the owner or operator will receive a termination letter. Coverage is not terminated until done so in writing.

#### **SITE INFORMATION**

Name of the Site		
<b>Birdsong Constructio</b>	n Whitfield Mine	
Hwy 49 N, Jackson, M	15	
Telephone No.: (601)	924- 4220	
County: Hinds	Facility Contact: Birdsong Construction, Operator	
Latitude: 32° 25′ 11.1	4" N Longitude: 90° 17′ 36.25" W	
Drainage Basin: Bogu	e Chitto Creek	
Name and Address o	f the Owner/Operator:	
Birdsong Construction	n	
P.O. Box 2235		
Clinton, MS 39060	Telephone No.: (601) 924-4220	
	CERTIFICATION	
I certify under penalt	y of the law that this document and all attachments were p	repared under
my direction or supe	ervision in accordance with a system designed to assure	that qualified
personnel properly ga	athered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on	my inquiry of
the person or perso	ns who manage the system, or those persons directly re	esponsible for
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belief, true, accurate	e, and complete. I am aware that there are significant	penalties for
submitting false info	rmation, including the possibility of fines and imprisonmen	t for knowing
violations.		
Name:	Jeff Cox	
Signature:		
Title:	Owner/ Birdsong Construction	
Certification Date:	6-13-25	

#### **POLLUTION PREVENTION TEAM**

Name:

Stacy Rhodes, Mine Supervisor

Phone:

(601) 924-4220

Responsibilities:

Ms. Rhodes is responsible for storm water pollution prevention activities

at the facility. His role as leader of the Pollution Prevention Team

includes the following responsibilities:

- (a) Updating the SWPPP as required.
- (b) Performing monthly inspections of the facility.
- (c) Ensuring that storm water pollution prevention is included in employee training classes.
- (d) Supervising spill and leak cleanup.
- (e) Supervising facility and procedural changes identified to minimize pollutant exposure to storm water.
- (f) Communicating with regulatory agencies as needed.

Name & Title:

**Birdsong Construction, Operator** 

Phone:

(601) 924-4220

Responsibilities:

The operator is the responsible official for the facility. The operator is responsible for supporting the storm water management team by providing adequate resources to complete the activities identified in the SWPPP. The operator is also required to sign legal certification as

identified in the SWPPP.

#### 1.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

#### 1.1 Site Description and Activities

The Birdsong Construction Whitfield Mine is a 54.7-acre surface mine operated by Birdsong Construction. The surface mine is located in Section 27, Township 7 North — Range 1 West, Hinds County, MS. The surface mine is accessed via Hwy 49 N in Hinds County, MS. The primary purpose of the surface mine is the removal and transport of soil. All surface mining is to be conducted by excavation. No dredging will be conducted. Figures are attached to this plan showing size and location. The primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the operation is 1442.

The USGS Quad Map, showing the property and permit boundary on a USGS Quadrangle Map, is included as **Figure 1**. The proposed permit boundaries are shown on the Site Location Aerial Map (**Figure 2**) shows the features of the property, mining permit area, required buffers throughout the site, general site drainage features, stormwater flow directions, outfalls, drainage areas and sediment basin locations. No wetlands will be disturbed on this mine site. All figures are contained within **Appendix B** of this document.

The mailing address for the operation is:

P.O. Box 2235

Clinton, MS 39060

#### 1.2 Facility Drainage

The mine will be an incised pit and storm water will be contained within the excavated area and routed to the sediment basins. No discharge of mine water will take place from the sediment basins.

Storm water contacting the northern portion of the surface mine generally flows to the northeast. Storm water contacting the southern portion of the surface mine generally flows to the southeast. Sediment basins will be constructed as needed in these areas to collect and control sediment runoff. **Figures 3** and **4** show the locations and delineation of these

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elements, and **Appendix F** displays the dimensions and appropriate sizing of the sediment basins.

The existing pre-mining contours are shown in **Figure 5** of the mining permit application, while the final contours upon completion of mining activities are shown on **Figure 6** of the mining permit application. The drainage areas and general storm water flow direction during and after mining operations are expected to be similar.

#### 2.0 INVENTORY OF EXPOSED MATERIALS

**Worksheet 1** contains a detailed inventory of materials used, stored, or produced onsite that are exposed to storm water.

#### 3.0 SIGNIFICANT SPILLS AND LEAKS

There have been no significant spills or leaks exposed to storm water over the last three (3) years. Worksheet 2 is included so the facility will have a ready mechanism to record information on any spill exposed to storm water that may occur during the period of the permit. Completed Worksheet 2s will be stored in Appendix E.

#### 4.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS

During ongoing mining operations, the ground will be disturbed and exposed. As such, the opportunity for storm water to be impacted by sediment runoff is likely unless measures are incorporated and implemented to ensure proper sediment control is in place. Site specific controls appropriate for the activities will be implemented by Birdsong Construction and are identified on **Figure 4**, which is located within **Appendix B**. Birdsong Construction will control sediment erosion during the mining activities. The planned control activities include:

A. Silt fencing and/or straw bales will be installed as needed down gradient from disturbed areas to control sediment resulting from initial site clearing as well as mining activities. If necessary, straw bales will be staked in critical areas to reinforce the silt fencing. Silt fencing should be

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routinely inspected for proper installation and operation. Once sediment builds up to approximately one third to one half of the height of silt fencing, then sediment should be removed, and silt fencing replaced as needed.

- B. After the mining is complete, all exposed areas will be seeded with grass and/or mulched. When a disturbed area not being actively mined will be left undisturbed for 30 days or more, the appropriate temporary or permanent vegetative practices shall be implemented within seven (7) calendar days.
- C. Activities will be controlled and monitored to minimize the impact of heavy equipment which will be operating in the area during mining. Any temporary fuel tanks or other bulk liquids will be stored in a diked area to control spillage. Birdsong Construction will advise its employees/contractors to perform any equipment maintenance in a manner that will not lead to spillage of fuel, oil, antifreeze, etc.
- D. Rock check dams may be utilized as necessary at points of concentrated flow. Rock check dams should be routinely inspected for proper operation and capacity. Once sediment builds up to approximately one half of the height of check dams, then sediment should be removed.
- E. The new excavation areas will be mined in a way to divert storm water to the existing mine areas on the site to collect runoff from the surrounding drainage areas so water and the sediments can be collected. Accumulated sediment shall be removed when the capacity of the pond has been reduced by 50%. All removed sediment deposits shall be properly controlled and disposed of.

At a minimum, the controls will be designed, installed, and maintained to:

- Control storm water volume and velocity within the site to minimize soil erosion.
- Control storm water discharges, including both peak flow rates and total storm water volume, to minimize erosion at outlets and to minimize downstream channel and stream bank erosion.
- Minimize the amount of soil exposed during mining.

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- Minimize the disturbance of steep slopes.
- Minimize the sediment discharges from the site.
- Provide and maintain natural buffers around surface waters.
- All wetlands will be avoided and will not be impacted by surface mining.
- Maintain a 25-foot buffer from ephemeral streams for surface mining.
- Maintain a 50-foot buffer from intermittent streams for surface mining.
- Maintain a 150-foot buffer from perennial streams for surface mining.
- Minimize soil compaction and, unless infeasible, preserve topsoil.
- Direct storm water to vegetated areas, silt fences, straw bales, etc. to aid in filtration, infiltration, velocity reduction and diffusion of the discharge.
- Transport runoff down steep slopes through lined channels or piping.
- Minimize off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.

#### 4.1 Vegetative Practices

Mine areas will not exceed more than 10 acres being disturbed at any time mining is being conducted. All disturbed areas will be managed and re-vegetated as soon as practicable upon completion of regular mining activities. Where applicable, disturbed areas will be stabilized by temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching and/or maintaining vegetative buffer strips as each case dictates. When a disturbed area not being actively mined will be left undisturbed for 30 days or more, the appropriate temporary or permanent vegetative practices shall be implemented within seven (7) calendar days.

#### 4.2 Structural Practices

Structural erosion control measures shall be implemented as needed. The structural practices shall divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff from exposed areas. The structural methods will include:

A. Silt fencing will be installed as needed downgradient from all disturbed areas to

control sediment resulting from initial site clearing as well as mining activities. If necessary,

straw bales will be staked in critical areas to reinforce the silt fencing.

B. Activities will be controlled and monitored to minimize the impacts of heavy equipment

which will be operating in the area during mining. Any temporary fuel tanks or other bulk liquids

will be stored in a diked area to control spillage. Birdsong Construction will advise its

employees/contractors to perform any equipment maintenance in a manner that will not lead to

spillage of fuel, oil, antifreeze, etc.

C. Non-functioning controls shall be repaired, replaced, or supplemented with functional

controls within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as field conditions allow. Birdsong Construction

will also be required to remove any excessive buildup of sediment from each silt fence, straw

dike, or sediment trap. Accumulated sediment shall be removed from structural controls when

sediment deposits reach one-third the height of the control. All removed sediment deposits

shall be properly disposed.

The controls will, to the extent practicable:

• Divert upslope surface water around disturbed areas by means of diversion dikes.

• Limit exposure of disturbed areas to the shortest practical time.

• Minimize the amount of disturbed areas at any given time.

Implement best management practices to mitigate adverse impacts from storm water

runoff.

Slow rainfall runoff velocities to prevent erosive flows.

5.0 NON-STORM WATER DISCHARGES

Provided they do not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards, the following

are considered allowable non-storm water discharges from mining activities occurring on the

**Birdsong Construction Mine Facility:** 

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• Discharges from actual fire-fighting activities.

Water used to control dust.

Potable water sources including uncontaminated water line flushing.

• Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not

occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed) and where detergents are not

used.

Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate.

Uncontaminated ground water or spring water.

Uncontaminated excavation dewatering.

Landscape irrigation.

Water used to wash vehicles, wheel wash water and other wash waters where

detergents are not used.

The above non-storm water discharges should be eliminated or reduced to the extent feasible

and controlled with an appropriate best management practice (BMP). The existing and

proposed BMPs are shown on Figure 4.

6.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROLS

Controls shall be placed to minimize off-site vehicle tracking of sediments. Controls shall be

implemented as needed to prevent adverse impact to receiving streams. When work is not

being performed in a disturbed area, appropriate temporary and/or vegetative and structural

practices shall be initiated.

Erosion and sedimentation control measures may include, but are not limited to, surface

roughening, temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, sod stabilization, vegetative

buffer strips, earth dikes, brush barriers, drainage swales, check dams, silt fences and rock

outlet protection.

**Birdsong Construction shall:** 

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- Implement the site—specific controls to effectively manage storm water for the area to be disturbed. A copy of the site-specific SWPPP must be retained on site.
- Implement the following pre-mining activities:
  - Delineate and clearly mark any areas such as steep slopes, highly erodible soils,
     or other sensitive areas; and
  - Preserve native topsoil on the site to the extent feasible.
- Amend the SWPPP if notified at any time by the Executive Director of the MDEQ that
  the SWPPP does not meet the minimum requirements. Unless otherwise provided, the
  necessary changes will be made within fifteen (15) days. Birdsong Construction will
  certify in writing to the Executive Director that the necessary changes have been made.
- Amend the SWPPP whenever there is a change in design, mining, operation, or maintenance which may potentially affect the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State; or the SWPPP proves ineffective in controlling storm water pollutants.
- Install needed erosion controls even if they may be located in the way of subsequent activities.
- Install additional and/or alternative erosion and sediment controls when existing controls prove to be ineffective in preventing sediment from leaving the site.
- Comply with applicable State or local waste disposal, sanitary sewer, or septic regulations and provide and maintain a portable toilet for the site.
- Erosion and sediment controls shall be maintained at all times. Accumulated sediment
  will be removed from structural controls when sediment deposits reach one-third the
  height of the control. All removed sediment deposits will be properly disposed of. Nonfunctioning controls shall be repaired, replaced, or supplemented with functional
  controls within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as field conditions allow.

#### 7.0 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Best management practices (BMPs) are measures taken at the facility to prevent or mitigate water pollution from mining activities. BMPs are broad ranging and may include processes, procedures, human actions, or construction. BMPs are aimed at preventing contamination of storm water by mining activities and/or spills and similar environmental incidents by stressing the importance of management and employee awareness of potential spill situations. Locations of physical BMPs and erosion controls are shown in **Figure 4** and additional details of typical controls are shown in the Erosion Control Detail Drawings of **Appendix B**.

The following subsections describe BMPs that are to be included in the facility's SWPPP. These BMPs follow the guidelines described in the MDEQ's Handbook for Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Storm Water Management on Construction Sites and Urban Areas; Volume 1; Erosion and Sediment Control Practices which can be accessed on the internet via the following link.

http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/Erosion\_Stormwater\_Manual\_2ndEd/Volume1/Volume\_1.pdf

#### 7.1 Good Housekeeping Measures and Controls

Good housekeeping practices are designed to maintain a clean and orderly work environment and to prevent pollutants from entering storm water from mining sites. At this facility, the following types of good housekeeping measures should be implemented in an effort to prevent pollutants from entering storm water discharges.

#### Operation and Maintenance

- Garbage and waste materials are regularly picked up and properly disposed of.
- All spillage is promptly removed. Where it is impractical to constantly remove spillage,
   spillage is contained in the immediate area temporarily until further removal can take place.
- Equipment is routinely inspected to make sure it is in working order and no leaks are occurring.

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- The importance of spill cleanup procedures is communicated to employees.
- Provide a portable toilet where sanitary facilities are not available.

#### **Material Storage Practices**

- Provide protected storage areas for chemicals, paints, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, and other potentially toxic materials. Adequate aisle space should be provided to facilitate material transfer and easy access for inspections.
- Containers, drums, and bags of material should be stored away from direct traffic routes to prevent accidental spills.
- Containers should be stacked according to manufacturers' instructions.
- Implement spill and leak prevention practices and response procedures if spills and leaks do occur.
- Minimize the exposure of building materials, building products, mining waste, trash, and landscape materials.
- As appropriate, containers should be stored on pallets to prevent corrosion.

#### **Material Inventory Procedures**

- An up-to-date inventory of hazardous and non-hazardous materials should be kept at the facility office.
- Containers are labeled with the name of the material, expiration date, and health hazards, as required.
- Storage areas with hazardous materials have been specifically designed to contain spills, as required.

#### Employee Participation

- Information on best management practices is discussed during employee training sessions.
- Good housekeeping measures are discussed at employee meetings.

#### **Operation and Maintenance**

- Designate and maintain areas for equipment maintenance and repair.
- Floors and ground surfaces should be kept clean by using brooms, shovels, or cleaning machines.
- Provide waste receptacles and regular collection of waste. Garbage, litter, and waste materials should be regularly picked up and properly disposed.
- Remove all spillage promptly. Where it is impractical to constantly remove spillage, spillage should be contained in the immediate area temporarily until further removal can take place.
- Inspect equipment routinely to make sure it is in working order and no leaks are occurring.
- Communicate the importance of spill cleanup procedures to employees.

#### 7.2 Preventive Maintenance and Inspection

The preventive maintenance and inspection program includes:

- Timely inspections and maintenance of storm water controls.
- Proper maintenance of facility equipment and systems.

#### 7.3 Spill Prevention and Response Procedures

Limited amounts of oil and/or chemical products are anticipated to be stored onsite during mining activities but should be below the 1,320-gallon threshold requiring compliance with the SPCC regulations during mining. This SWPPP will address some spill prevention and response issues for the mining phase of this project. In the event of a spill, employees are instructed to make every effort to contain the release, notify the SWPPP Coordinator and prevent any release from leaving the facility site. It will be the SWPPP Coordinator's responsibility to determine if the spill needs to be reported to the regulatory authorities. Records of significant spills and leaks and notifications to the appropriate agencies will be stored in **Appendix E**.

Additional preventative measures utilized by the site are: 1) proper storage and disposal of used batteries; 2) proper labeling of drums containing used oil and ensuring that stored drums are kept inside buildings and away from potential accidental tippage situations; 3) maintaining

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accurate labels and inventories of chemical materials, solvents, paints, lubricants etc.; and 4) storage of solvents and flammable materials in a proper and safe manner.

#### **Likely Releases and In-place Preventative Controls:**

Spills and releases are most likely to result from potential equipment failure or operator error. This section summarizes potential causes of releases and associated in-place preventative controls.

- Operator error during loading/unloading or refueling operations. Potential errors include overfilling not disconnecting lines prior to vehicle departure, drain valves left open, or fill valves left open allowing precipitation to enter and cause tank overflow. Specific procedures have been developed to minimize this potential and include regular periodic inspections, locking valves when not in use, and on-the-job training in correct procedures.
- 2. Piping, pressure fittings, tank ruptures, or other forms of equipment failure. The rate and quantity of release would depend on the location of the rupture. Release rate could be assumed to be the total volume of the tank associated with the piping or fittings being released in a 15-minute timeframe. The release to the environment would be at that rate but the quantity would be the total volume minus the secondary containment volume. To minimize the potential for a significant release, regular inspections and maintenance are performed with noted problems addressed in a timely manner by repair, replacement, or equipment taken out of service.
- 3. <u>Puncture of tank or associated piping by heavy equipment.</u> Operators of equipment and vehicles must be well trained in operating large equipment on the facility. Rate and quantity to be released would be the same as that discussed in item 2. Additionally, tanks and piping are highly visible by size, signage, flagging, or protective paint color. In the event of night traffic, sufficient lighting is provided to make tanks and piping visible.
- 4. <u>Small drips, leaks and spills from lines or valves</u>. Release rates would be negligible and are not likely to produce significant quantities or environmental impacts. To minimize release quantities, equipment is inspected regularly, repaired in a timely manner when a

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problem is discovered, and corrective action implemented with released material promptly cleaned up. In general, this type of release presents a very low risk of potential impact.

#### 7.4 Employee Training

Birdsong Construction will train employees on the elements of this plan. Birdsong Construction will periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the installed storm water pollution control measures. Following each periodic assessment, Birdsong Construction will evaluate the successes and failures of the storm water pollution control system at the site. Should an evaluation show additional measures are necessary to control runoff pollutants, Birdsong Construction will make additions of sediment control structures or other reasonable adjustments to this plan.

New employees receive initial training in storm water pollution prevention before they begin their work assignments at the mining site. Thereafter, training is provided, and storm water pollution prevention discussed as needed at the safety meetings that employees attend.

Training records should be maintained for at least three (3) years. Training records should include an employee's name, worker identification number, contents of training, and the employee's signature acknowledging that training was received.

The training program addresses four (4) major areas:

- Elements of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
- Spill prevention and response
- Good housekeeping
- Materials management practices

A brief description of each topic covered as part of the training program is outlined below.

#### Elements of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

Employees/contractors are instructed on each of the elements contained in this plan related to the management of storm water from mining activities.

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#### **Spill Prevention and Response**

Limited amounts of oil and/or chemical products are anticipated to be stored onsite during mining. Employees should be made aware to contact Birdsong Construction SWPPP Coordinator in the event of a spill of oil or potentially hazardous chemicals. Training involving spills are discussed briefly in Section 7.3 above and as follows:

- Employees involved in the storm water pollution prevention program are shown the potential spill areas and drainage routes at the facility.
- Employees are given instructions on how to report spills and the appropriate individuals to contact.
- Proper material handling procedures and storage requirements are discussed.

#### **Good Housekeeping**

- Employees/contractors are instructed to perform regular vacuuming or sweeping in their work areas to prevent storm water from becoming contaminated with waste materials.
- Employees/contractors are instructed to promptly clean up spilled materials to prevent storm water from becoming contaminated.
- Locations of housekeeping and spill response equipment and supplies are provided to all employees. Birdsong Construction will be required to provide adequate housekeeping and spill response equipment to manage storm water for all areas under their supervision.
- Where appropriate, employees are provided with instructions on the proper methods to secure drums and other containers. Those working near containers/drums are also instructed to routinely check the integrity of the containers to make sure there are no leaks.

#### **Materials Management Practices**

- Employees/contractors are instructed to maintain materials in an organized manner.
- Toxic and hazardous substances onsite should be clearly marked.

 Proper and safe handling procedures are discussed with employees who are responsible for handling any toxic and/or hazardous substances.

#### 8.0 MONTHLY SITE INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS

Best management practices (BMPs) must be in place to control run-off. Inspection of all receiving streams, erosion, and sediment controls, and other SWPPP requirements shall be performed during permit coverage by qualified personnel. The SWPPP Site Manager or his designee will conduct a monthly site inspection and as often as necessary to ensure appropriate erosion and sediment controls have been properly constructed and maintained. Inspections must also be conducted within 24 hours of a rainfall event equal to or greater than a 2-year, 24-hour storm event (approximately 5 inches). Non-functioning controls shall be repaired, replaced, or supplemented with functional controls within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as field conditions allow. The purposes of the inspections are to:

- 1. Confirm the accuracy of the description of potential pollutant sources contained in the SWPPP.
- 2. Determine the effectiveness of the Plan and its BMPs for preventing storm water pollution due to mining activities.
- 3. Assess compliance with the terms and conditions of the General Permit and if necessary, implement new BMPs that will protect storm water runoff from polluting nearby streams.

During the evaluation, material handling and storage areas, mining activities, and other potential sources of pollution will be visually inspected for evidence of actual or potential pollutant discharges to the drainage system. Erosion controls and structural storm water management devices will also be inspected to ensure that each is operating correctly. **Worksheet 3** is provided to assist in the monthly inspections.

The results of each inspection will be documented on the form provided as **Worksheet 3** and signed by an authorized company official. The report will describe:

Name and address of the person making the inspection.

• Date and time of the inspection; and

Whether any deficiencies were noted. If deficiencies were noted, then list the corrective

action taken.

Inspections must continue until the permit coverage has been terminated. Monthly inspection reports are to be stored in **Appendix C**. Based on the results of each inspection, the description of potential pollutant sources and measures and controls will be revised (if appropriate) immediately following the inspection or prior to additional mining activity taking place. In addition, if the inspection report lists changes at the facility that have a significant effect on the

potential for the discharge of pollutants to surface waters, the SWPPP will be amended.

9.0 RECORDS RETENTION

All records, reports, forms, and information resulting from activities required by the General Permit shall be retained for a period of at least three (3) years from the date the document was generated.

10.0 TERMINATION OF PERMIT COVERAGE

A completed Request for Termination of Coverage From will only be submitted to the MDEQ Permit Board if all mining operations are ceased with no future plans to resume mining operations. Coverage is not terminated until notified in writing by MDEQ.

**WORKSHEET 1: MATERIALS EXPOSED TO STORM WATER** 

#### **Worksheet 1: Materials Exposed to Storm Water**

Material:

Silt and soil from site groundwork.

Purpose:

Mining activities

Location:

Majority of the site.

**Quantity Used:** 

Varies

**Produced:** N/A

Stored: N/A

Quantity Exposed to Storm Water in Past 3 Years: N/A

Past Significant Spill or Leak Exposed to Storm Water: N/A

If "Yes", Describe:

Method of Storage or Disposal: N/A

**Description of Material Management Practice:** 

Best management practices used for

clearing, site work and mining. Silt fences used to stabilize soil prone to erosion.

Material:

Off-road diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, lubrication oil and motor oil.

Purpose:

Fueling and maintenance of on-site heavy equipment.

Location:

Throughout the mining area.

**Quantity Used:** 

Varies Produced: N/A

Stored: Varies.

Quantity Exposed to Storm Water in Past 3 Years: N/A Past Significant Spill or Leak Exposed to Storm Water: No

If "Yes", Describe:

Method of Storage or Disposal: Horizontal Steel Closed Top Tanks and 55-gallon steel drums **Description of Material Management Practice:** Tanks are inspected routinely to ensure that no leaks are occurring; proper fueling techniques and training to ensure that overfilling and spills are minimized or avoided; proper cleanup and remediation as needed to cleanup spills before they can impact storm water. Secondary containment should be used for diesel/oil storage.

Material:

Heavy equipment (tractors, track hoes, bulldozers, skidders, trucks, etc.)

Purpose:

Mining operations.

Location:

Throughout the proposed site location.

**Quantity Used:** Equipment used as needed

**Produced:** N/A

Stored: On-site and used as needed

Quantity Exposed to Storm Water in Past 3 Years: N/A. Past Significant Spill or Leak Exposed to Storm Water: No

If "Yes", Describe:

Method of Storage or Disposal: N/A

**Description of Material Management Practice:** Heavy equipment is inspected routinely to check for leaking hoses or other areas of potential oil or fuel leaks. Equipment is maintained in a manner to minimize the contamination of storm water. Required periodic preventive maintenance is performed on all heavy equipment.

**WORKSHEET 2: LIST OF SIGNIFICANT SPILLS AND LEAKS** 

#### **Worksheet 2: List of Significant Spills and Leaks**

	Bird	song Cor	nstruction – Whitfield Mine, Jac	ckson, MS		Completed by:					
		-			ŀ	Title:					
					ŀ	Date:					
Directions:	Directions: Record below all significant spills and significant leaks of chemicals, petroleum products, or toxic / hazardous pollutants that occur at the facility. Maintain these records for 3 years after										
this permit has terminated.											
Definitions: Significant spills include, but are not limited to, releases of oil that cause sheen on waters of the United States (offsite ponds, creeks, rivers, etc.), or the release of a Reportable Quantity											
of any chemical. Consult MSDS sheet for spill cleanup and chemical information.											
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Worksheet 2 is provided for use in recording future spills. This form should be completed promptly after a spill has occurred to document the event and to provide information for future training topics. It is recommended that a monthly notation of "No spills have occurred during Month XX" be placed in Worksheet 2 for any months in which no spills occur.

**WORKSHEET 3: MONTHLY INSPECTION FORM** 

**Monthly Inspection Checklist** 

Facility:		Inspector:	Date:		Page 1	of 2	
Item No.	Item				N	of Correc	nts / Corrective Action(s) / Date ctive Action(s) Completion
aboveground as often as and is proposerving suspended	During coverage under this permit, a d storage tanks, piping, containment/co needed but no less than once monthly erly implemented in accordance with torm water discharges for obvious ind solids, foam, and oil sheens. Descrip for all deficiencies noted during inspec	llection systems, truck wash down, a . The inspection must evaluate whet the terms of this permit or whether dustrial storm water pollution such otion of corrective actions and date	nd equ her the addition	iipme SW: onal lor, la	ent clo PPP contr ack o	eaning are adequate of measur of clarity,	eas) must be visually inspected ly minimizes pollutant loadings res are needed. This includes floating solids, settled solids,
SWPPP AR	EAS						
SW-1	Visual inspection. Are all potential discharges associated with industrial a	ctivity identified?	ш				
SW-2	Are aboveground storage tanks/main water pollution?	tenance area contributing to storm	Щ		<u> </u>	4	
SW-3	Is mobile machinery contributing to sto	erm water pollution?	Щ			1	
SW-4	Are dry wood storage areas contributing	ng to storm water pollution?	Ц		L		
SW-5	Is portable sawmill area contributing to	storm water pollution?					
EROSION-F	PRONE AREAS		_		_	1	
ER-1	Are drainage pathways at the site free	of evidence of soil erosion?			<u> </u>	ļ	•
ER-2	Are ditches and ponds onsite free of s	ignificant depths of sediment?				1	
ER-3	If sediment controls (for example, silt bales, etc.) are used onsite (check N/A operating properly?					]	
ER-4	Does all sediment remain onsite? It measures could help prevent it from le					]	
STORM WA	TER CONTROLS	<del></del>		•	•	•	
SW-1	Are inlets, pipes, ditches, and ponds sediment?	(check N/A if none) free of excess				]	
SW-2	Are inlets, pipes, ditches, and ponds raw materials, waste materials, contaminants?	oil sheen, and other possible					
SW-3	If outfalls leaving property are flowing none are flowing), is flow due to perm not, describe source of flow (for exam storm water discharge, etc.).	itted non-storm water discharge? If					
II	QUIPMENT Visual Site Inspection. Idea	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			-		=
II	of pollutants entering the drainage syst t controls. Establish tracking or follow-up	• • • •	•			rces and t	he implementation of
FE-1	Is facility equipment polluting the drain	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	T	$\overline{\Box}$	]	
FE-2	Are material handling areas polluting describe.	ng the drainage system? If so,			<del>                                     </del>		
FE-3	Do you see any equipment, materials, or conditions that could potentially pollute storm water runoff? If so, describe.						
FE-4	Observe the last monthly inspection conditions identified in the last inspect deficiency or condition						
PETROLEU	M PRODUCT STORAGE TANKS						
TS-1	Are tanks free of excess rust or integrity?	other signs of compromised tank					
TS-2		piping, etc., intact and operating					
TS-3	Are all pumps and valves closed ar	nd/or locked when not in use?					

**Monthly Inspection Checklist (Continued)** 

	Middling Inspection Ch		T			
		Inspector:	Date:			Page 2 of 2
Item No.	Item	~	N/A	Y	N	Comments/Corrective Actions/Date of Corrective Action Completion
DRUM & TOT	E STORAGE AREAS					
DS-1	Are drums stored on pallets or racks at	pove the ground surface?				]
DS-2	Are all drums within a secondary conta	inment system?				
DS-3	If some drums are not within secondary than 5 total and in active use in facility					
DS-4	Are drums intact? If not, describe any	leakage.				
D\$-5	Are drums stacked or stored according recommendations?	to manufacturers'				
DS-6	Are drums closed/sealed when not in u	se?				
DS-7	If secondary containment is used, then cracks, holes, or other breaches?					
DS-8	Are containment release valves closed applicable?					
DS-9	Are storm water releases from the cont documented, if applicable?	ainment being properly				
DS-10	Is water in the containment (mark N/A i free of any sheen?	f no water or no containment)				
DS-11	Are the contents of each drum clearly la	abeled?				
BATTERY ST	ORAGE AREA					
BS-1	Are batteries properly labeled including	accumulation start date?				
BS-2	Are any batteries cracked/leaking?					
STORAGE AR	EAS EXPOSED TO STORM WATER			•	_	
SA-1	Are stored materials prevented from re ponds?					
SA-2	Are storm water controls in good shap example, silt fences, hay bales, screens	be and operating properly? (for sover inlets and culverts, etc.)				
LOADING/UN	LOADING AREAS					
LU-1	Do previous spills in the areas appeaddressed? If not, describe and list the					
LU-2	Is the area free of raw materials, waste	materials, debris, and dust?				
LU-3	Are standard loading/unloading proced areas?	lures prominently posted in the				
LU-4	If there is a local drain (check N/A if nor	ne), is it free from obstructions?	-			
DRINKING WA	ATER					
DW-1	Is the drinking water free of any unusua	il taste, odor, or color?				
SPILLS OCCU	RRED					
SO-1	Have any spills occurred?					
SO-2	Have spills been adequately addressed	and recorded?				
Note: N/A = N	ot Applicable					

**WORKSHEET 4: ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT FORM** 

# COVERAGE NUMBER (MSR32 \_\_\_\_\_) INSPECTION YEAR \_\_\_\_ SITE INSPECTION REPORT AND CERTIFICATION FORM MINING GENERAL PERMIT



Results of the inspection by ACT7 of this permit shall be recorded on this report form and in addition, copies of all completed forms shall be retained onsite or locally available. Inspections must be performed monthly and after a 2-year, 24-hour storm event (approx. 6-inches on Gulf Coast to 4-inches at MS/TN State Line). The coverage number must be listed at the top of all Site Inspection Report and Certification Forms.

COMPANY NAME:	-		E NAME:	
MINE LOCATION: _				MIT NO
			COUNTY:	
				ZIP:
CONTACT PERSON:			CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _	
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DATE (mm/dd/yy)	TIME (hh:mm AM/PM)	AFTER 2-YEAR, 24- HOUR STORM EVENT? (CHECK IF YES)	ANY DEFICIENCIES? (CHECK IF YES)	INSPECTOR(S)
Deficiencies Noted Duri	ing any Inspection (give da	ate(s); attach additional sheets if	necessary):	
Corrective Action Taker	or Planned (give date(s);	attach additional sheets if necess	ary):	
Based upon this inspec	tion which I or personnel	under my direct supervision co	onducted, I certify that all erosion an	d sediment controls have been implemented an
			m Water Pollution Prevention Plan fil nat the MNOI and SWPPP information	ed with the Office of Pollution Control and soun n on file with MDEQ is up to date.
ualified personnel prop aformation submitted is	erly gather and evaluate t	he information submitted. Base lge and belief, true, accurate and	d on my inquiry of the person or pers	a accordance with a system designed to assure the cons responsible for gathering the information, the enificant penalties for submitting false information
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**WORKSHEET 5: NOTICE OF TERMINATION FORM** 

### Request for Termination (RFT) of Coverage



Mining General NPDES Permit No. MSR32

County

(Fill in your Certificate of Coverage Number and County)

			pped and permanent erosion and sediment seives written notice of coverage termination by
Please check which of the following	g apply:		
Non-Exempt Mining Operat	tion (copy of Permit Board Ord	ler, authorizing 90% or final r	release of mining performance bond attached)
Exempt Mining Operation (a	as defined in MDEQ's Mississi	ppi Surface Mining and Recla	mation Rules and Regulations)
	(Plea	se Print or Type)	
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Landowner Company Name:			
Street Address / P.O. Box:			
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Operator Company Name (if different t	than owner):		
Operator Contact Name and Position:			
Street/ Address / P.O. Box:			
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Tel. # ()			
that qualified personnel properly gathered persons directly responsible for gathering aware that there are significant penalties f that by submitting this Request for Termin activity under this general permit. Discha	I and evaluated the information submarted information, the information subfor submitting false information, including and receiving written confirmation and receiving written confirmation pollutants in storm water assonorized by a NPDES permit. I also u	nitted. Based on my inquiry of the p omitted is, to the best of my knowled uding the possibility of fines and im ation, I will no longer be authorized ciated with industrial activity to wate nderstand that the submittal of this I	tion in accordance with a system designed to assure erson or persons who manage the system, or those lige and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am prisonment for knowing violations. I understand to discharge storm water associated with industrial ers of the United States is unlawful under the Clean Request for Termination does not release an owner or
Authorized Name (Print)	Telephone	Signature	Date Signed

<sup>1</sup>This application shall be signed according to the General Permit, ACT 15, T-4 as follows:

- For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer.
- For a partnership, by a general partner.
- For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.
- For a municipal, state or other public facility, by principal executive officer, mayor, or ranking elected official.

After signing please mail to:

Environmental Permits Division, Office of Pollution Control P.O. Box 2261

Jackson, MS 39225

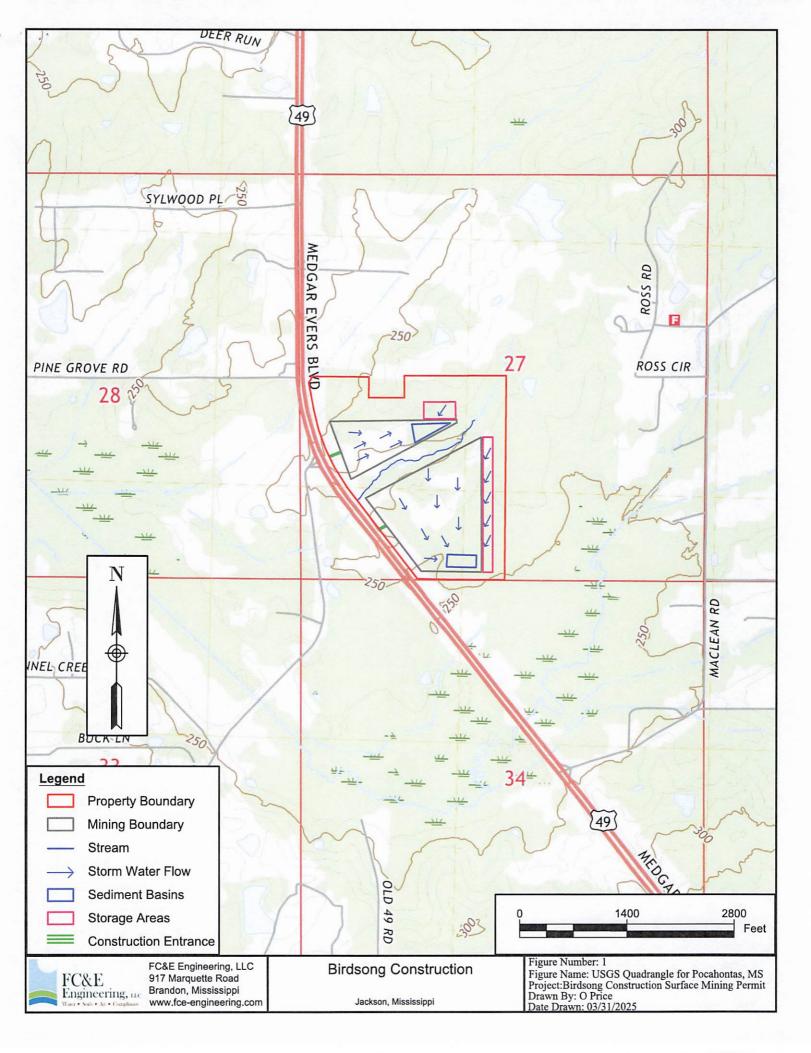
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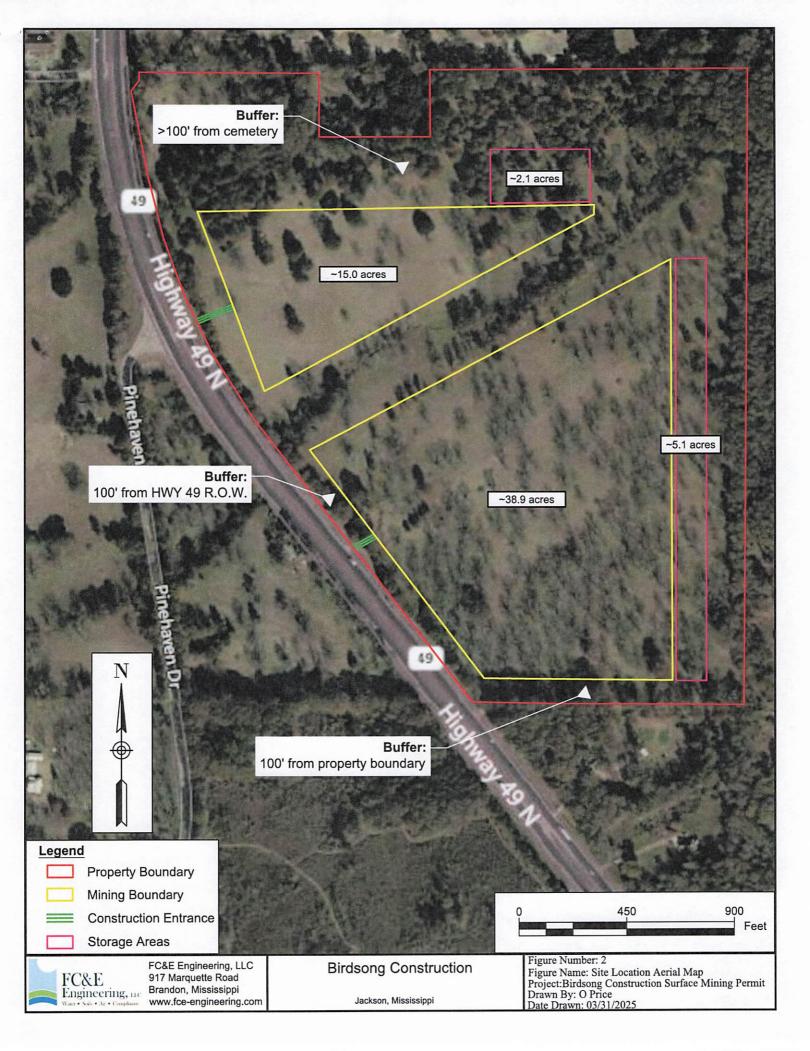
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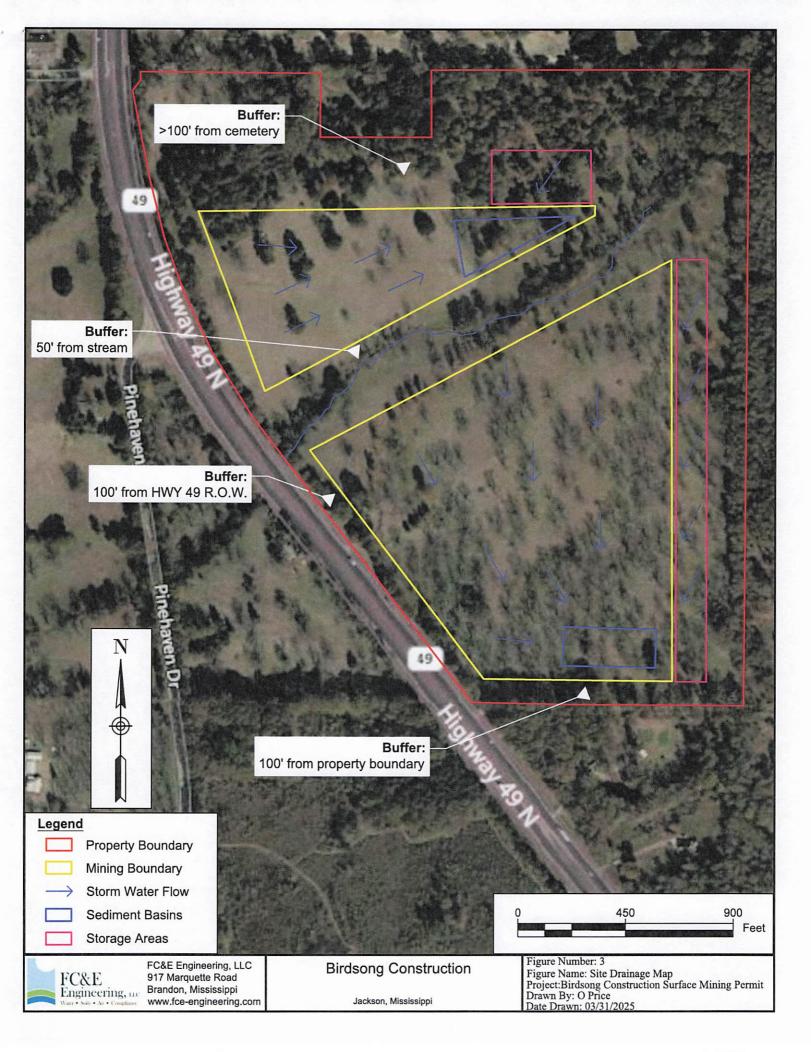
Mining Storm Water, Dewatering, and No Discharge General Permit

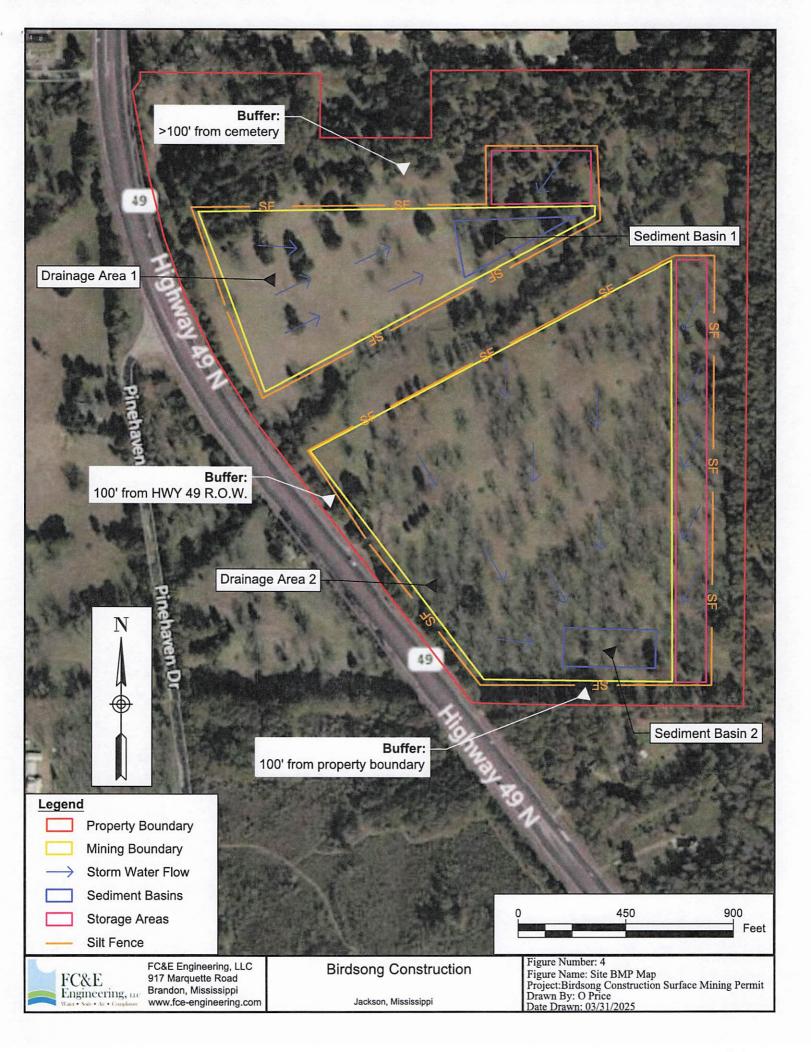
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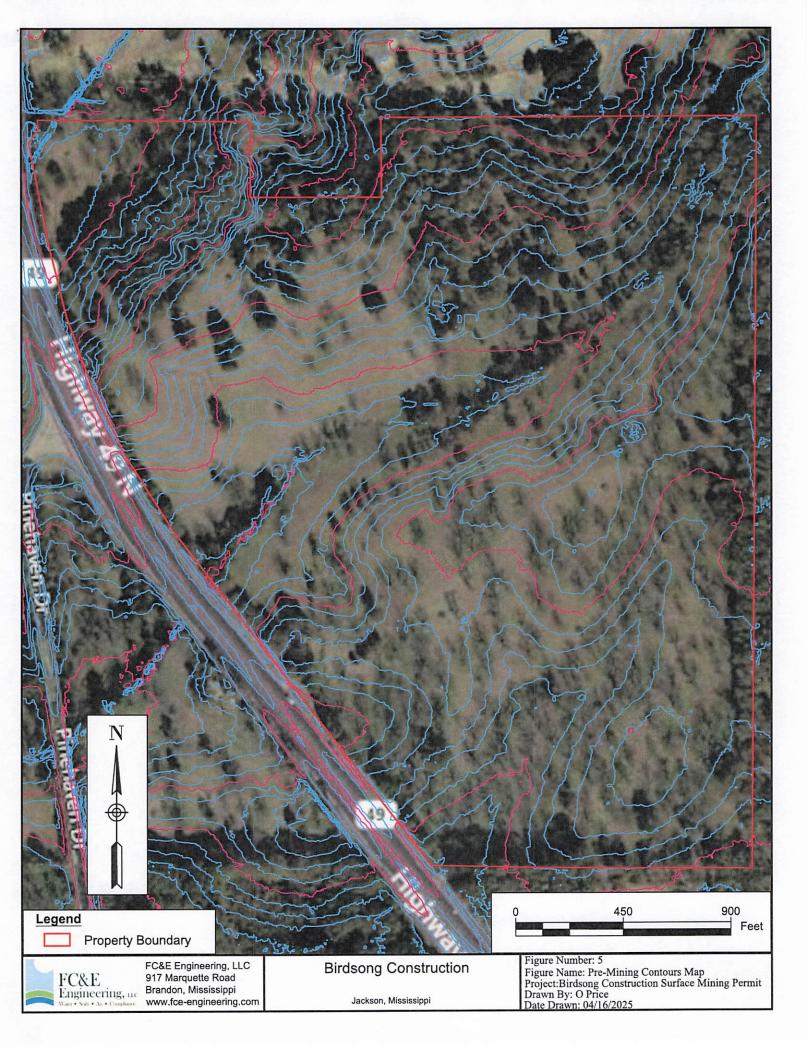
**Figures and Erosion Control Drawings** 

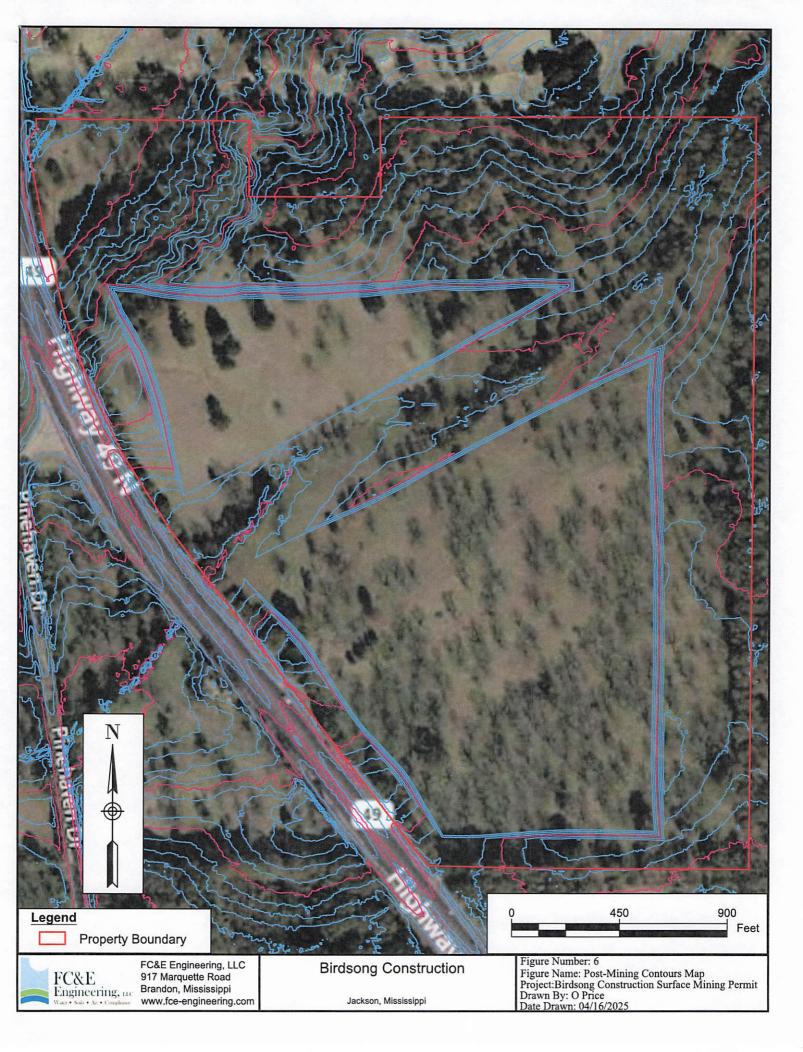












#### **APPENDIX C**

Records of Monthly Inspections

and Annual Report Forms

#### **APPENDIX D**

**Records of Annual Training** 

#### **APPENDIX E**

**Records of Significant Spills and Leaks & Notifications to Agencies** 

#### **APPENDIX F**

**Drainage Areas & Sedimentation Basin Storage**