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July 17, 2007

Ms. Michelle Vinson
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 10385
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center’s Live Oaks Treatment Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Vinson:

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Andy Prosser
Bureau Director
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center’s Live Oaks Treatment Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

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Mr. Don Underwood
Executive Director
Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center’s Live Oaks Treatment Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

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July 25, 2007

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USACE Mobile District
Regulatory Division
109 Saint Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center’s Live Oaks Treatment Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Rees:

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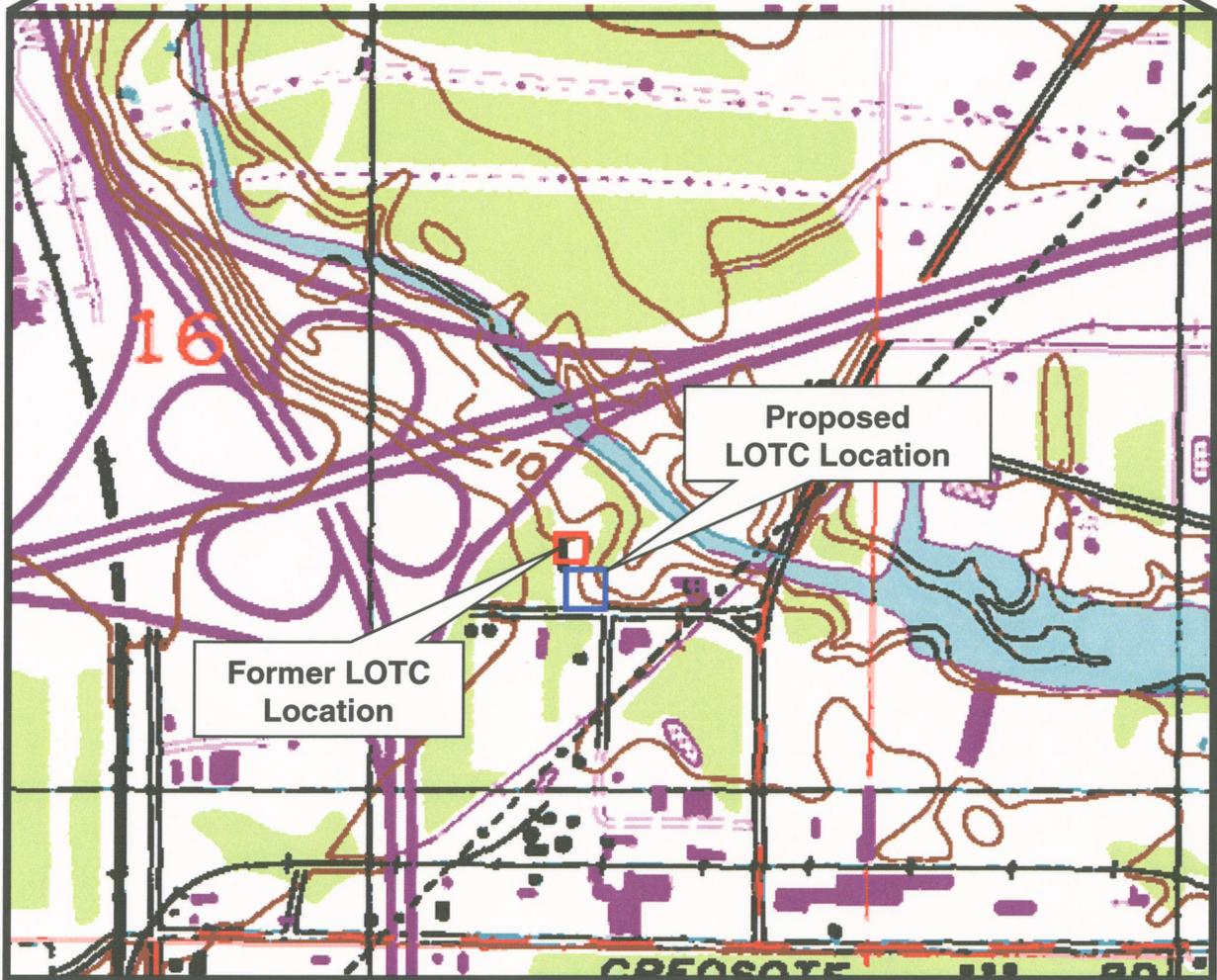
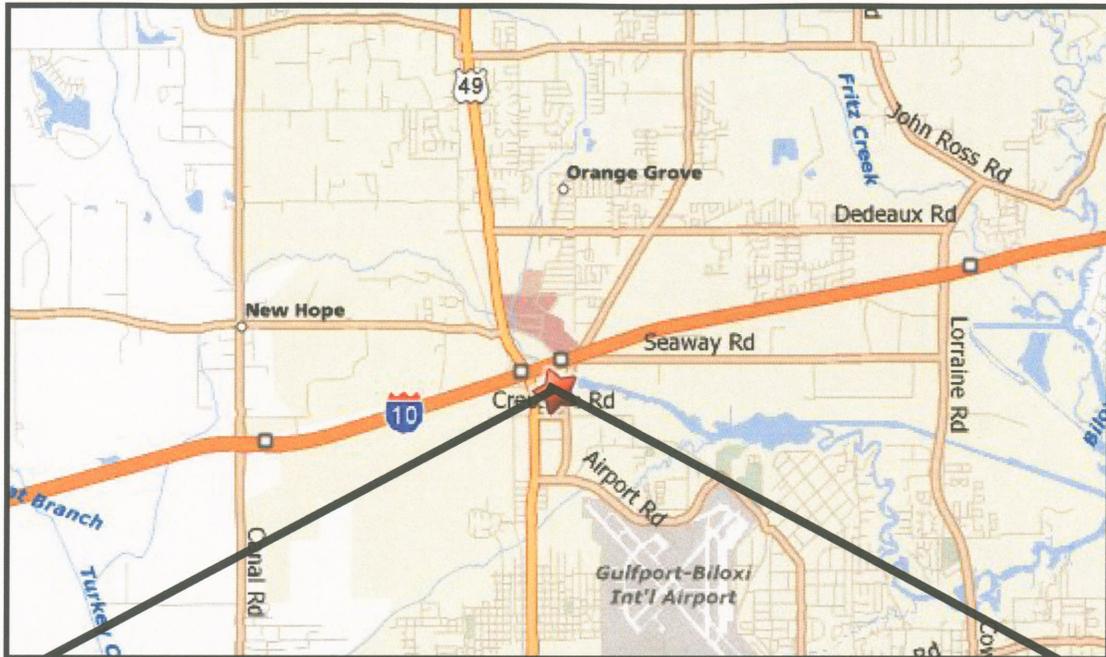
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