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February 2, 2009

Mr. Michael Grisham
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RE: Proposed demolition of buildings at 2926 Pascagoula Street and 2941
Pascagoula Street in Pascagoula, MDAH Project Log #02-009-09, Jackson
County

Dear Mike:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resource assessment, received today, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, we concur with FEMA's assessment that neither of the properties referenced above are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with FEMA's determination of No Historic Properties Affected, and have no objection with the proposed undertakings.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,


Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

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April 28, 2009

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Re: Request for Project Review – Jackson County Departments and Services Relocation Project

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located at 4111 Amonett Street in Pascagoula. This facility is of sufficient size, but will require renovations to maximize efficiency.

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The proposed MDOC P&P building would be constructed on a 0.75-acre site, located at 1715 Kenneth Avenue in Pascagoula (Photos 1-4). This property is owned by Jackson County and is adjacent to an existing MDOC facility. The proposed project site is located within an industrial/commercial portion of Pascagoula and previously housed two office trailers. Geographic coordinates of the proposed project site are 30.372016 N and 88.545881 W. A portion of the proposed project site is located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE on both the traditional FIRM maps and Digital FIRM map). The proposed 3,477-square-foot, one-story building will either be built on the portion of the site that is outside of the 100-year floodplain or elevated with a finished floor elevation higher than the base flood elevation. The building would include 10 offices, a break room, conference room, file storage area, and a lobby. The proposed project would utilize the existing paved areas onsite for access and parking for the facility. The new facility would tie into existing municipal utilities located onsite for water, sewer, and electrical service. In accordance with FEMA's relocation policy for FEMA-1604-DR-MS, the former county offices will be demolished and the sites returned to grade and revegetated.

On March 5, 2009, a FEMA Archaeologist and Architectural Historian, both qualified under the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards* (36 CFR Part 61) in their respective disciplines, conducted an assessment of the project's potential to affect historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the damaged building sites and the proposed relocation sites. The APE is the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if such properties exist. For archaeological resources, the APE consists of the legal land parcels of the former and proposed project sites; for above-ground historic properties, the APE is extended beyond the legal land parcels to a 0.5-mile radius around each of the former and proposed project sites. This APE was previously established through FEMA consultation with the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The proposed MDOC P&P building site is located on the USGS Pascagoula South, MS Quadrangle. It is located on an upland landform at an elevation of 15 feet amsl within the Coastal Pine Meadows Physiographic Region. The terrain is level and shows evidence of prior disturbance; i.e., water/sewer lines that were in use for the previous trailers, surface areas of exposed subsoil and/or fill episodes, utility poles, and pavement (Photos 5 and 6). The soils are recorded as Escambia very fine sandy loam with 0 to 2% slopes. Although

there are no immediately adjacent water systems, the area is situated between two large River is approximately 1.0 mile to the west. A review of the MDAH site and survey files shows there are no previously recorded sites within the project area and no archaeological surveys have been conducted that include the project area. The closest surveys were within 2,000 feet to the south and were completed for sections of Route 90 (95-088, 98-196, and 01-079). No sites were recorded during these surveys. The closest previously recorded sites are the Scholtes Site (22JA506) and Spanish Fort/La Pointe/Krebs House (22JA526). The Scholtes Site is recorded as a shell midden located 0.5 mile to the north on a back swamp of the present-day Krebs Lake; the exact location is unknown. The Spanish Fort/La Pointe/Krebs House site is located approximately 1.0 mile to the northwest. The site has European and Native American components and is also located on an ox bow of the Pascagoula River on Krebs Lake.

The proposed MDOC P&P project area has been previously disturbed and has been partially paved. No sites have been recorded within 0.5 mile. It is FEMA's opinion that there is a low probability for intact archaeological remains at the proposed Jackson County Department and Services Relocation Project site. Therefore, as it concerns subsurface resources, there will be No Historic Properties Affected by the construction of the proposed facility.

A site visit to the proposed and former project sites revealed that none of the sites is located within the boundaries of a listed or eligible National Register Historic District. There are three buildings that appear to be approximately fifty years of age within the APE of the proposed MDOC P&P relocation site. These structures are interspersed with recently constructed commercial and government buildings. The historic structures include the Adult Learning Center, a motel complex, and a yellow brick warehouse; all believed to have been constructed ca. 1960 (Photos 7-10). The Adult Learning Center, located across the street from the proposed relocation site, is a red brick, one-story building typical in style and form of municipal buildings of the period. The construction date of the motel complex is not known, but it also appears to date to ca. 1960. It consists of three separate, one-story units. The large one-story, yellow brick, industrial building is visible to the southeast across the railroad tracks. None of these buildings are known to possess historical significance under any of the National Register criteria.

The Amonett Street Building, a brown brick, one-story office structure constructed in 1979, is not known to possess the exceptional importance required for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria Consideration G for properties less than fifty years of age. Therefore, it is FEMA's opinion that in terms of the above ground resources, No Historic Properties Affected by the proposed Jackson County Department and Services Relocation Project.

In a letter to Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) dated January 29, 2009, FEMA determined that the former County buildings did not meet National Register criteria for listing in the National Register, either individually or as part of a historic district, and requested concurrence with its findings of "No Historic Properties Affected" for the proposed demolition of both buildings. A concurrence letter was provided by MDAH on

Re: Request for Project Review – Jackson County Departments and Services Relocation Project

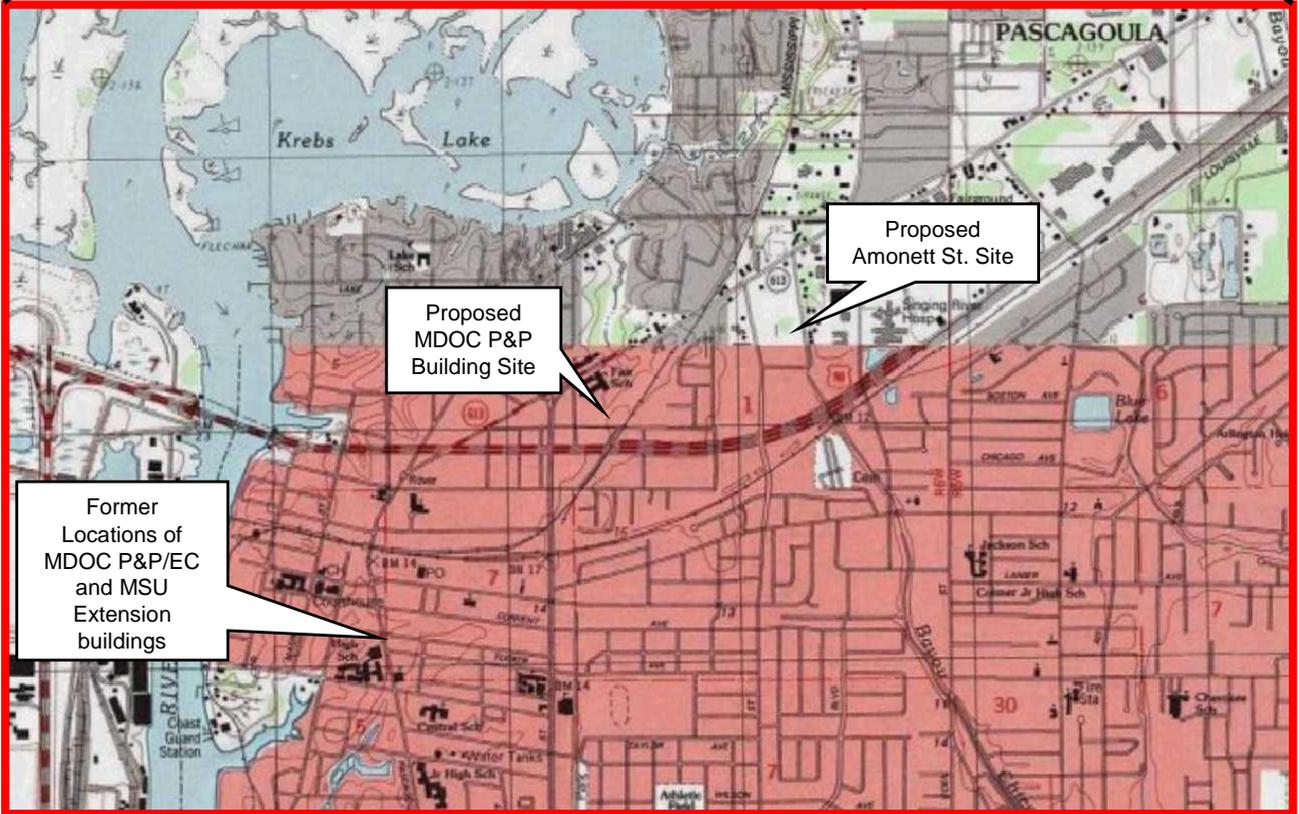
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Sincerely,

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Source: USGS, Pascagoula North and Pascagoula South quadrangles

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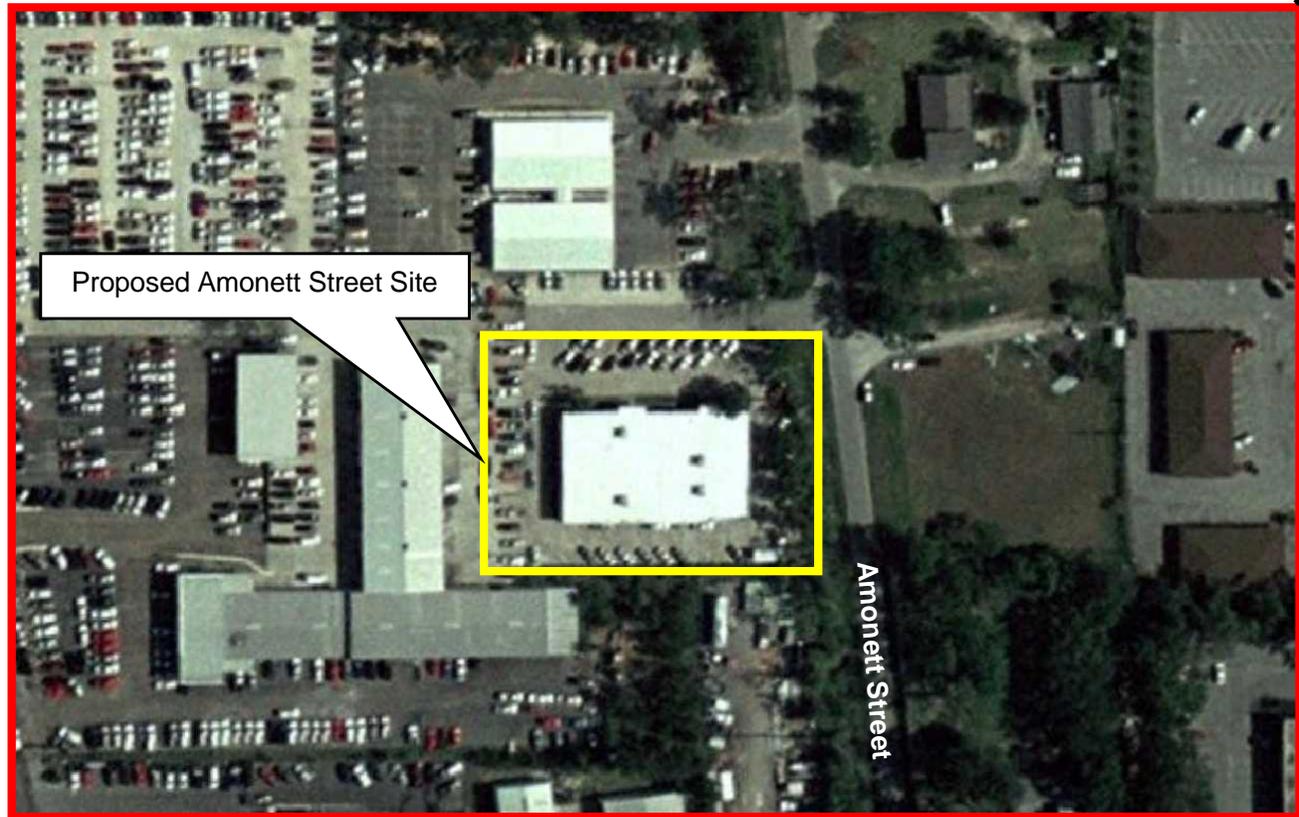
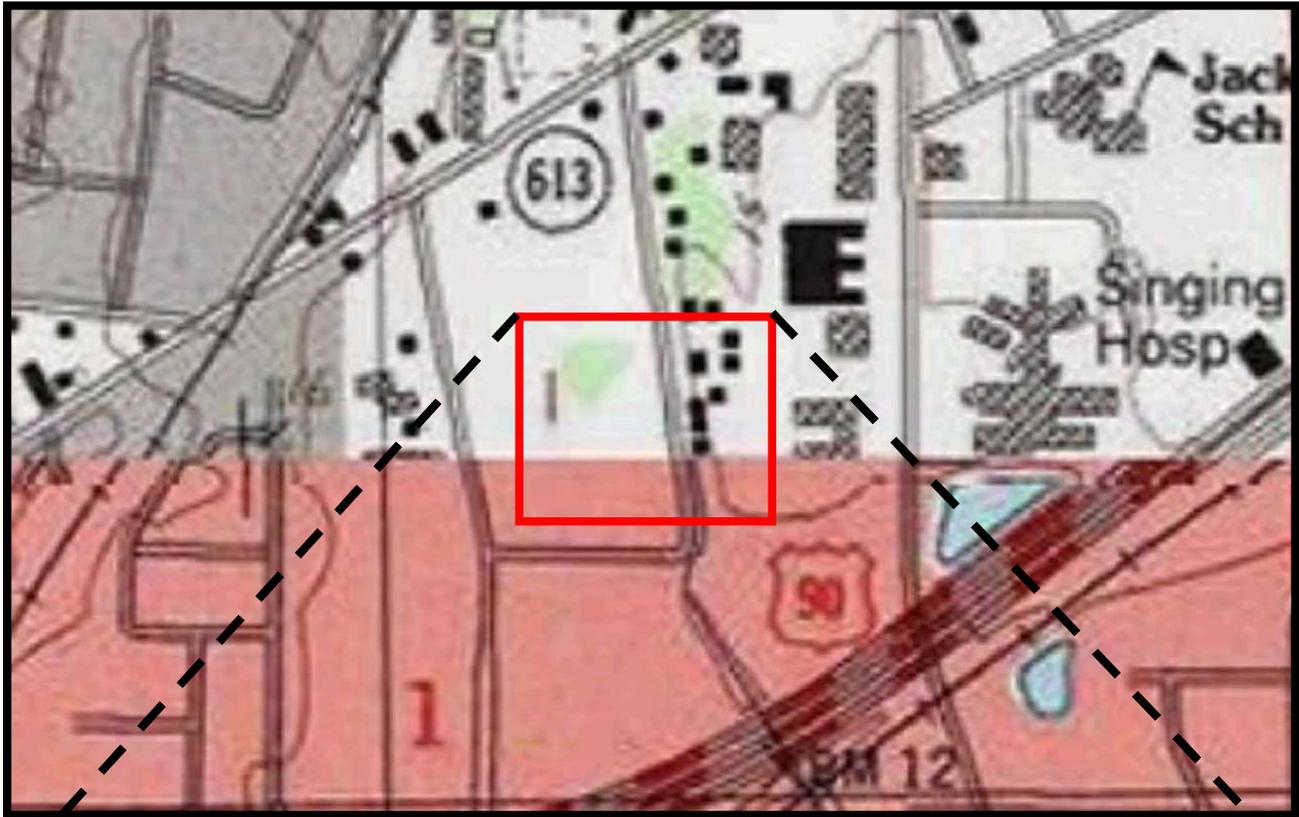
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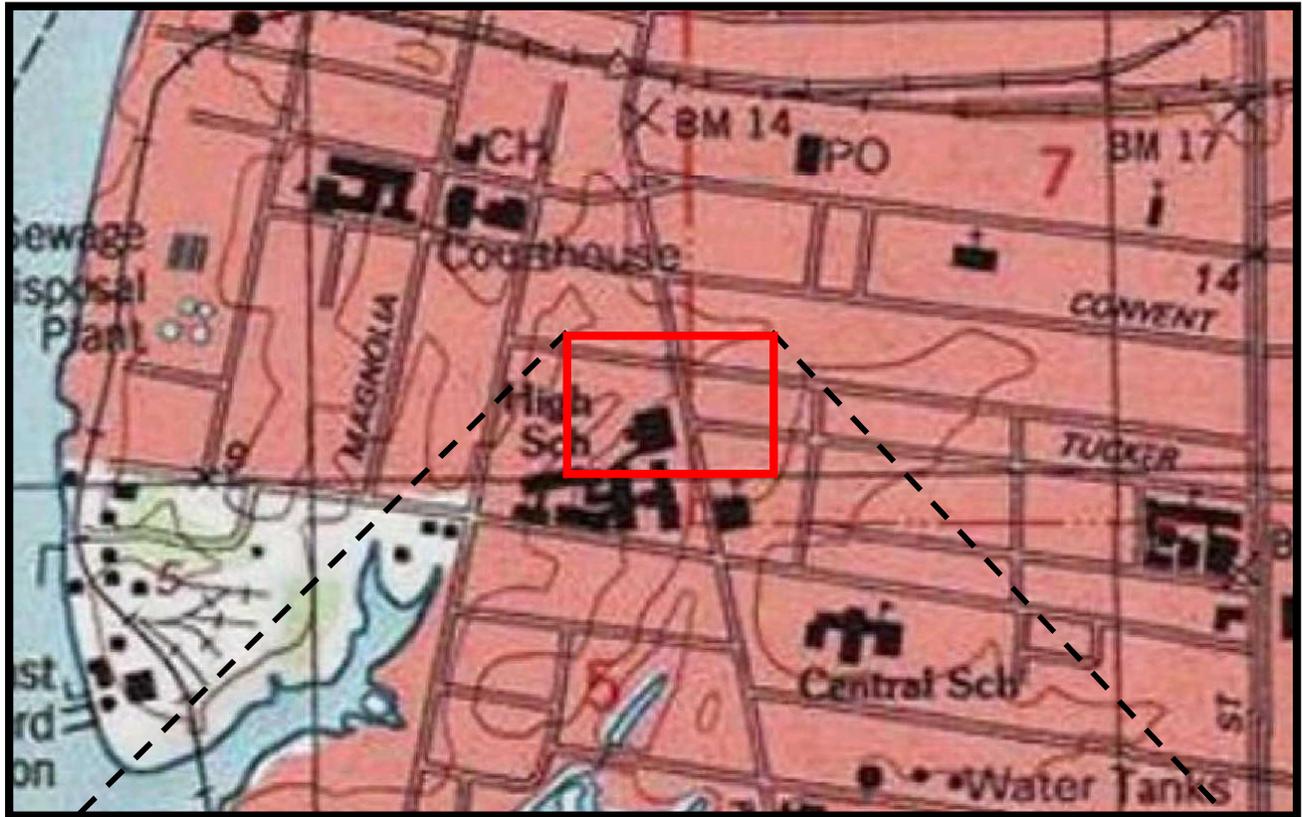
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Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 5						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing North West								
Description: Southwest corner of the property with underground utility pipes								

Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 6						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing North								
Description: Exposed subsoil on surface.								

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Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 7						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing North West								
Description: Adult Learning Center across street from the project area. Ca. 1960								

Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 8						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing South West								
Description: The north elevation of the Adult Learning Center.								

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Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 9						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing South								
Description: Motel south of the project area and south of Kenneth Ave								

Date 03/09	Data Point	Photo No. 10						
Direction Photo Taken: Facing South East								
Description: Yellow brick warehouse to the south east of the project area								



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