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Sincerely,



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June 16, 2009

Dr. Susan Rees
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Planning Division
109 Saint Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Re: Request for Project Review – Jackson County Health Department Building Relocation Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Rees:

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The new facility would be a 21,000 square-foot, one-story building with a brick veneer and pre-finished aluminum storefront and a hot mopped modified-bitumen roof. The building, along with a parking lot containing 120 parking spaces, would be constructed on the proposed project site along with a 0.21 acre dry detention pond located on the northeast section of the site (Figure 3). The land is owned by Jackson County. Jackson County BOS is proposing to utilize Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to construct the new Health Department Building to 361 shelter standards.

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Jackson, MS 39213

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Project: Jackson Co. Health Department Relocation

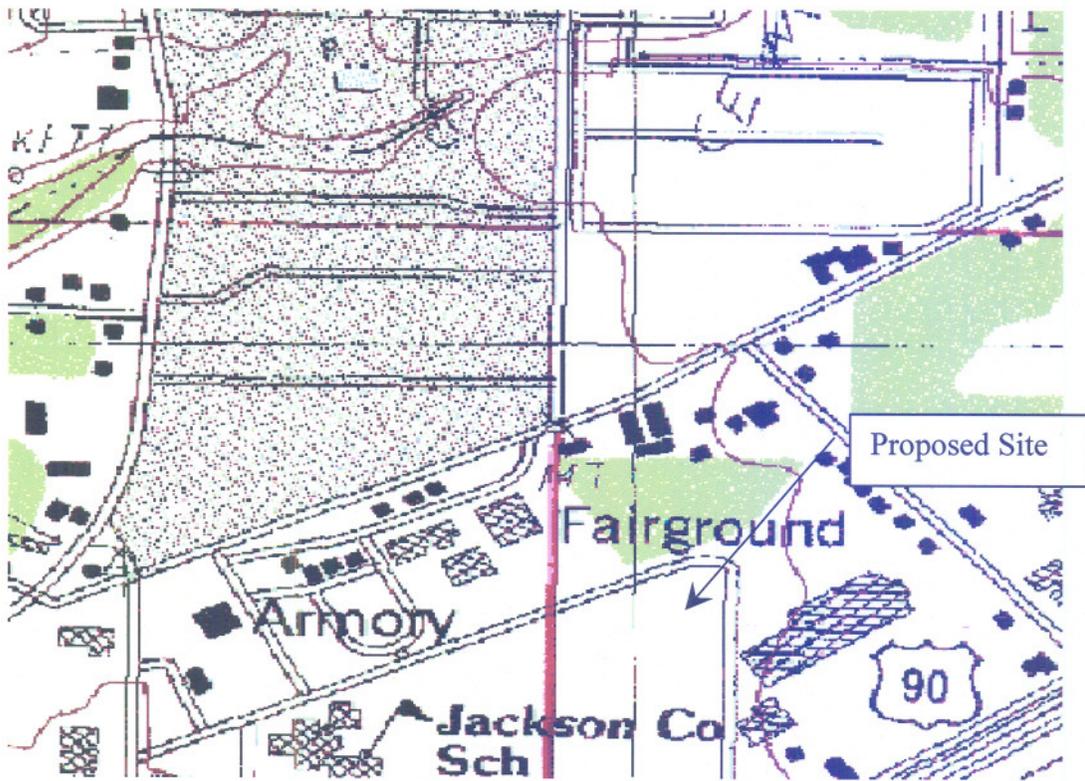
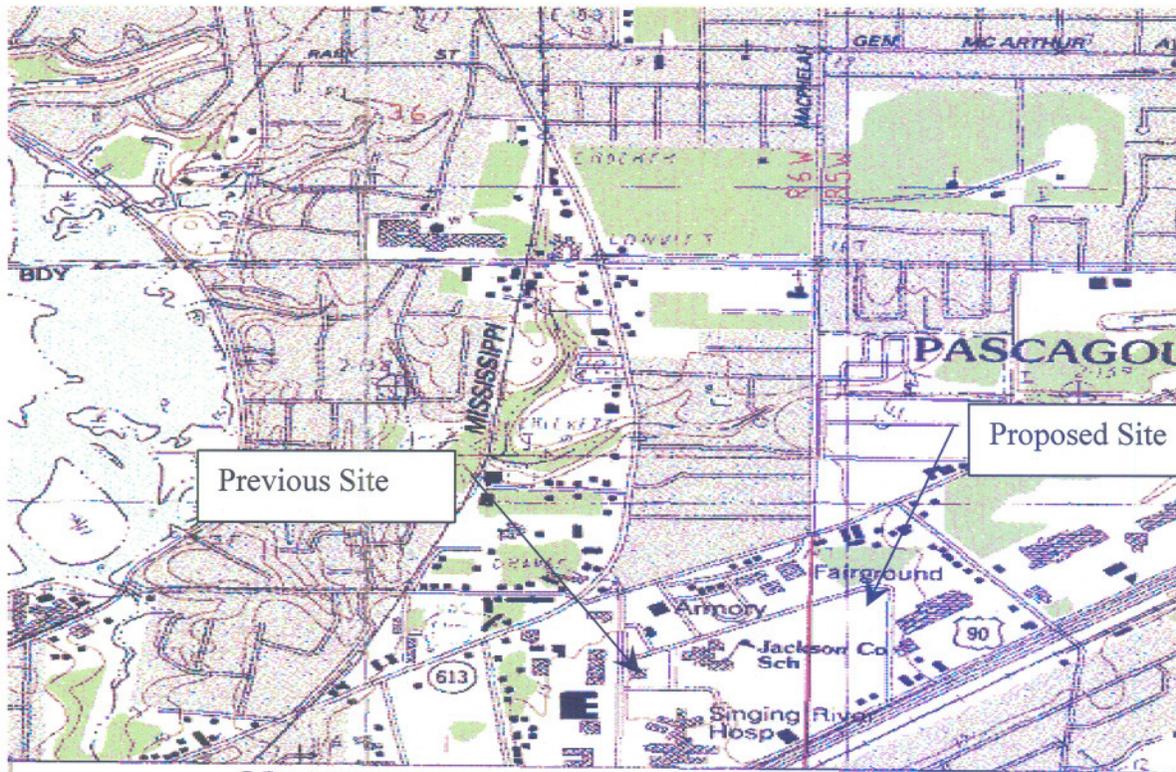
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Project Area Aerial

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Project: Jackson Co. Health Department Relocation	USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map
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Source: USGS Pascagoula North, MS Quadrangle	Figure No. 2 of 3

