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June 16, 2009

Ms. Michelle Vinson  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

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

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Ms. Robin Zantow  
Administrative Assistant  
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting  
1141 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

June 25, 2009

Perry J. Boudreaux  
Deputy Environmental Liaison Officer  
Mississippi Transitional Recovery Office  
220 Pops Ferry Road, Building A South  
Biloxi, MS 39531

RE: DMR-090639

Dear Mr. Boudreaux:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review a proposal for Jackson County to relocate the County Health Department in Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Jennifer Wittmann with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4111 or [Jennifer.wittmann@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:Jennifer.wittmann@dmr.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Brantley", with the initials "FW" written below it.

Willa J. Brantley  
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

WJB/jcw



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Mr. James D. Giattina  
Director

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division  
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

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

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Mr. Claiborne Barnwell  
Chief  
Mississippi Department of Transportation, Environmental Division  
Administration Building  
P.O. Box 1850  
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

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

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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

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

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Mr. Homer L. Wilkes  
State Conservationist  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
100 W. Capitol Street  
Suite 1321 Federal Bldg.  
Jackson, MS 39269

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