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September 10, 2009

Mr. Ray Aycock
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Field Office
6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A
Jackson, MS 39213

**Re: Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**

Dear Mr. Aycock:

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Sincerely,

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Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist

Cc: Brian Mehok, NISTAC

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Mr. James D. Giattina
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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 – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**

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Jackson, MS 39269

**Re: Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

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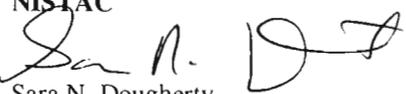
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Mississippi Department of Transportation - Environmental Division
Administration Building
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Jackson, MS 39215-1850

**Re: Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

**Re: Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**

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

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

**Re: Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project,
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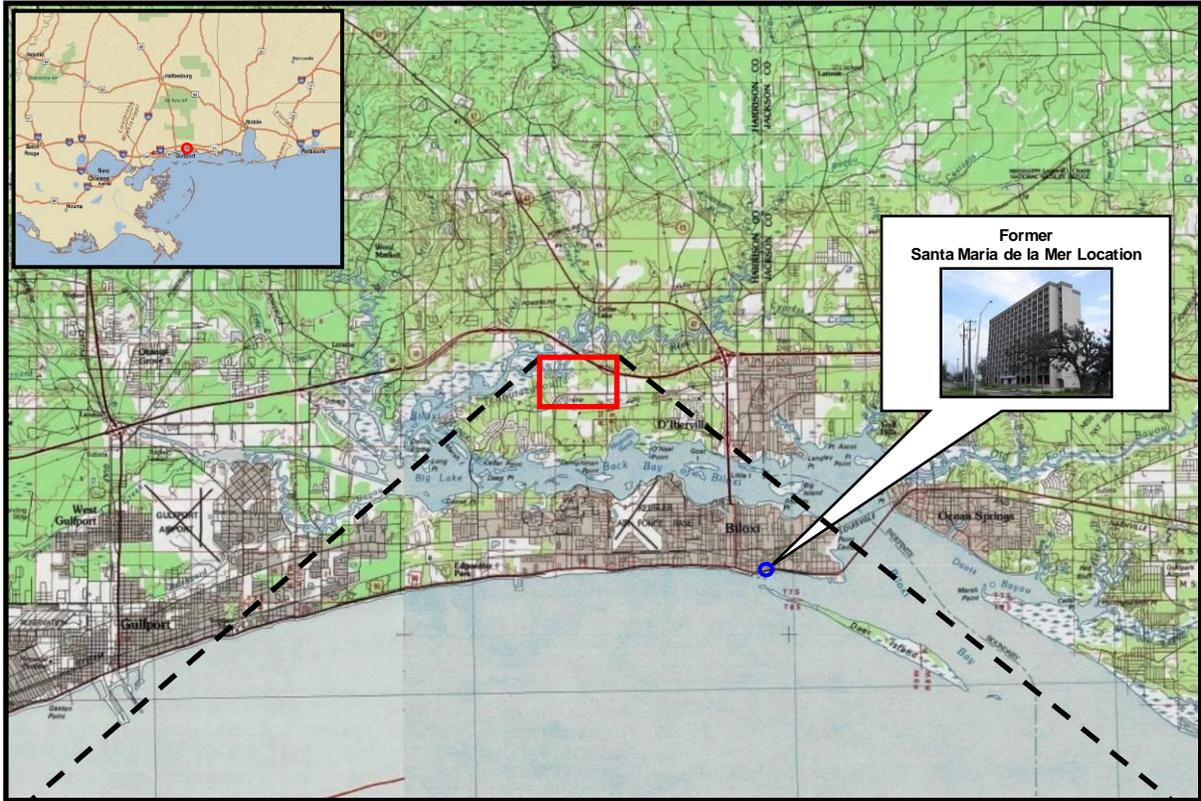
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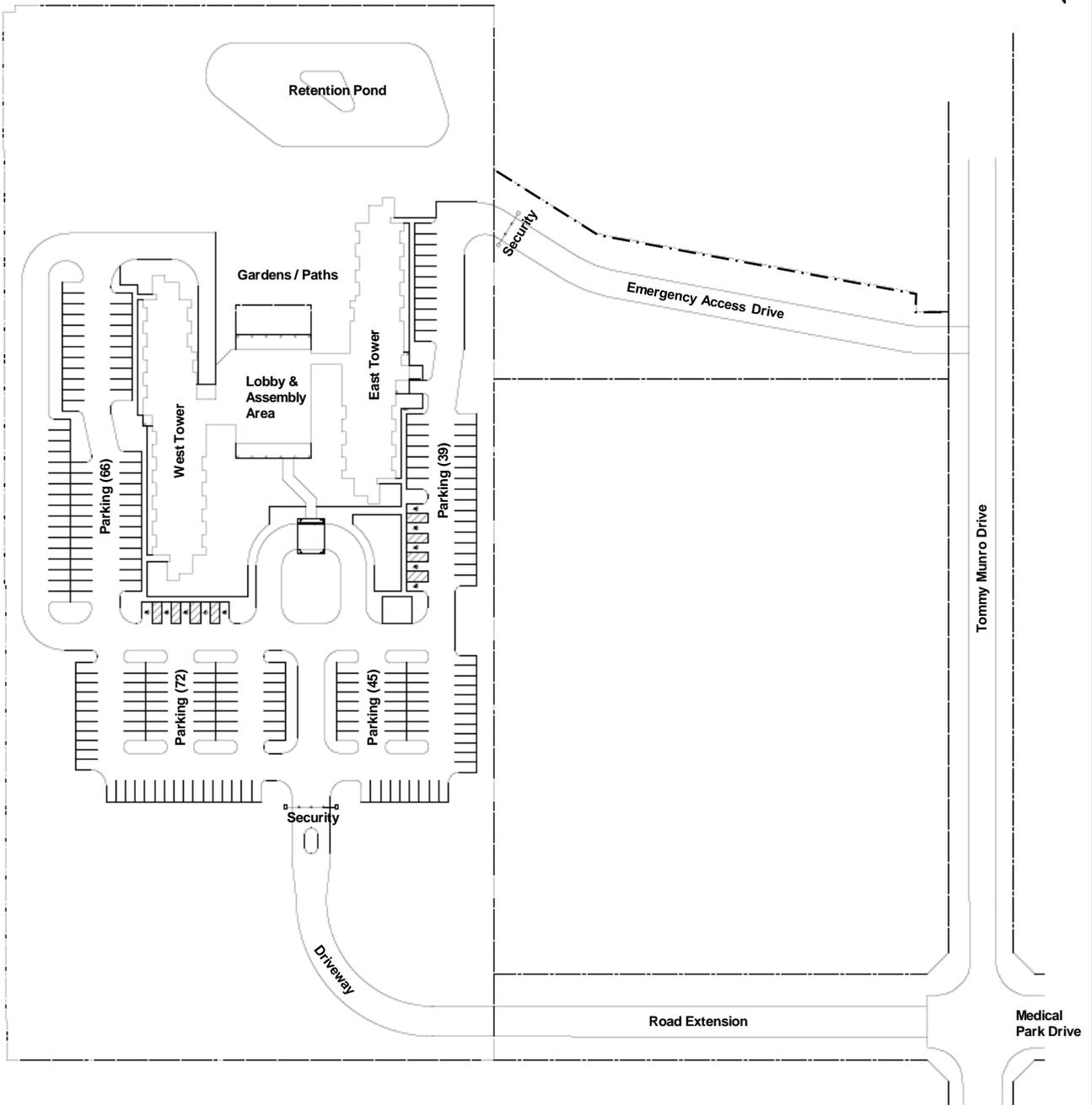
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Source: USGS, Gulfport and Biloxi 1:100,000 quadrangles, Aerials Express Gulf Coast 2006

CLIENT Catholic Charities Housing Association of Biloxi			TITLE	
PROJ Santa Maria de la Mer Relocation Project			PROJECT LOCATION	
REVISION NO	DES BY			
SCALE	DR BY		FIGURE 1	
FILE	CHK BY			





Source: Eley Guild Hardy Architects & Blich Knevel Architects

CLIENT Catholic Charities Housing Association of Biloxi			TITLE	CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROJ Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project				
REVISION NO	DES BY			PROJ NO 15708003
SCALE	DR BY			FIGURE 2
FILE	CHK BY			



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name:

FEMA

Site Location:

Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center
Relocation Project, City of Biloxi, Mississippi

Project No.

43002003

Photo No.
1

Date:
8/26/09

Direction Photo Taken:

West

Description:

View of the proposed project site.



Photo No.
2

Date:
8/26/09

Direction Photo Taken:

North

Description:

View of the drainage ditch running along the eastern boundary of the proposed project site.





United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Suite 1321, Federal Building
100 West Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269

September 22, 2009

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Dear Ms. Dougherty:

This is in response to your letter dated September 10, 2009 regarding the Request for Project Review – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project, City of Biloxi in Harrison County, Mississippi.

Inside city limits, no FPPA determinations are required.

Sincerely,

Delaney B. Johnson
State Soil Scientist



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October 14, 2009

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

Re: Request for Jurisdictional Determination and Pre-Permit Consultation – Santa Maria de la Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project, City of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi

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NISTAC has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment, wetland delineation report, and assist the Catholic Charities with their permit application for anticipated wetland impacts from the proposed project. On FEMA's behalf, NISTAC requests the Army Corps of Engineers to provide a jurisdictional determination (JD) of the wetland boundaries as shown in the enclosed wetland report and completed jurisdictional determination form. NISTAC also would like to request a pre-permit consultation for this project to discuss permit requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301.258.3526 or gary_pritts@urscorp.com.

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Michael Grisham, FEMA Environmental Liaison Officer, Mississippi Transitional Recovery Office, Biloxi, MS
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**MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

October 22, 2009

Gary Pritts
Senior Wetlands Scientist
200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

RE: DMR-100191

Dear Mr. Pritts:

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 your request to review the proposed construction of a senior living center in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi. Please note that the filling of wetlands is an activity that is regulated by this office as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. An application form (enclosed) should be submitted to this office for review of the proposed project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Jana Guynes with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4118 or jana.guynes@dmr.ms.gov.

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MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

October 27, 2009

Catholic Charities Housing
Association of Biloxi
c/o NISTAC
Attention: Mr. Gary Pritts, PWS
200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Dear Mr. Pritts:

We are in receipt of a request for Department of the Army jurisdictional determination on an 11.8-acre parcel of land in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi.

This request has been assigned project file number **SAM-2009-01581-TMZ**, and is also identified as the Santa Maria de La Mer Senior Living Center Relocation Project.

I have been assigned as Project Manager for this action and can be reached by telephone at (251) 694-3779, by e-mail at tad.m.zebryk@usace.army.mil or by mail to U.S. Army Engineer District, Attention: CESAM-RD-C, Zebryk, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. I will let you know if additional information is needed before we can complete your request.

Please take a moment to visit our website and complete our customer satisfaction survey. Our website is: www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/.

Sincerely,

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Tad Zebryk
Project Manager
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FEMA Point of Contact
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