APPENDIX C

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
for Lift Station 13 for Diamondhead Wastewater and Sewer District,
Hancock County, Mississippi
FEMA-1604-DR-MS

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District (DWSD) in the relocation/replacement of Lift Station 13 (LS 13). The Lift Station is located within the city limits of Diamondhead, Mississippi. The exact location is at the north end of a cul-de-sac on Apua Court.

DWSD has 33 lift stations serving the Diamondhead wastewater collection system. Fifteen of these are being repaired or replaced with FEMA assistance. One of the remaining 18 stations, LS 13, is at the end of its useful life and requires replacement. This lift station receives flow from four other lift stations making it critical to provide dependable service. The LS 13 pumps and controls are difficult to keep in continuous service and are not reliable. Most of the collection system overflows and related problems experienced by the District occur at LS 13. Replacing LS 13 will result in a more dependable system and alleviate the unreliable conditions.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, causing a storm surge that reached nearly 25 ft and devastated large portions of the District's service area, which includes approximately 4,300 customers. District facilities, including the Diamondhead WWTP, were severely damaged by the storm's wind and floodwaters. The WWTP will be relocated to higher elevations, outside of the floodplain, to increase reliability and minimize future damages and service disruptions.

The proposed Lift Station would be a component of the District's wastewater system which services approximately 4,300 residents and commercial customers within Diamondhead, Mississippi.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of installing the new Lift Station and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or a FONSI. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/earegion4.shtm or viewed and copied at the following locations:

- Diamondhead Water and Sewer District's Office
  4425 Park Ten Drive
  Diamondhead, MS 39525

- Kiln Public Library
  17065 Highway 603
  Kiln, MS 39556

The comment period will conclude 15 days after the initial notice publication date of April 13, 2013. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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