



November 18, 2014

Chad Waldrip, District Soil Conservationist
National Resource Conservation Services
George County Field Office
111 Ventura Drive
Lucedale, MS 39452

RE: Comments on Farmland Impacts
Project #23282.03
Proposed George County Lakes Project
George County, Mississippi

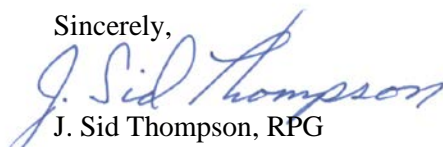
Dear Mr. Waldrip:

On behalf of the George County Board of Supervisors, we are requesting comments and completion of the attached *Farmland Conversion Impact Rating* form, from your office to assist us in completing an environmental assessment for the above referenced project. The proposed project involves the construction of two lakes, with the Upper Lake projected to impound approximately 1,715 acres of land along Little Cedar Creek (lake surface elevation 130 feet amsl) and the Lower Lake projected to impound approximately 1,750 acres of land along both Big Cedar Creek and Little Cedar Creek (lake surface elevation 65 feet amsl) in southern George County. A portion of the Lower Lake will also extend into Jackson County. We have been and are currently in discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, regarding this project and are conducting wetland surveys of the entire project area. Mississippi State University is also involved with this project, conducting various water quality, hydrologic and hydraulic studies along both creeks. Enclosed is a topographic map showing contours from the USGS Agricola and Harleston, Mississippi USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle Maps, overlain on a recent aerial photograph of the project area.

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Sincerely,



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David Felder
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Ste. A
Jackson, MS 39218

RE: **Comments on Threatened/Endangered Species Impacts**
Project #23282.03
Proposed George County Lakes Project
George County, Mississippi

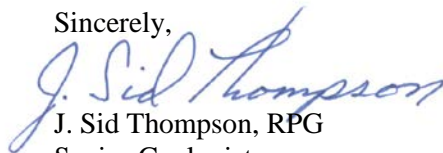
Dear Mr. Felder:

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November 18, 2014

Jeffrey Bland
Air Toxics Branch
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Post Office Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39225-2261

RE: Comments on Air Quality Impacts
Project #23282.03
Proposed George County Lakes Project
George County, Mississippi

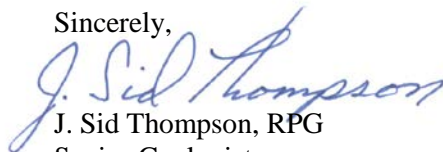
Dear Mr. Bland:

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Trey Hess, P.E., BCEE
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control
Post Office Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39225-2261

RE: Comments on Hazardous Material Impacts
Project #23282.03
Proposed George County Lakes Project
George County, Mississippi

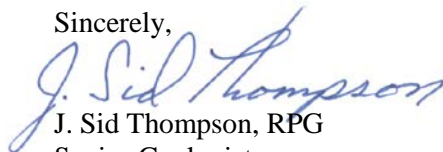
Dear Mr. Hess:

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Ms. Florance Bass
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Post Office Box 2249
Jackson, MS 39225

RE: Comments on Water Quality Impacts
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George County, Mississippi

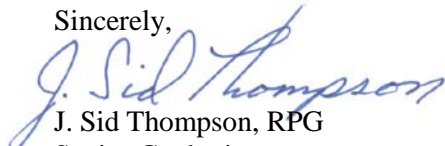
Dear Ms. Bass:

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Andy Sanderson, Coordinator
Mississippi Natural Heritage Program
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
2148 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS 39202

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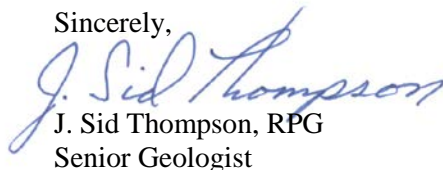
Dear Mr. Sanderson:

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Ms. Willa Brantley
Wetlands Permitting Bureau
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101
Biloxi, MS 39530

RE: Comments on Wetland/Floodplain Impacts
Project #23282.03
Proposed George County Lakes Project
George County, Mississippi

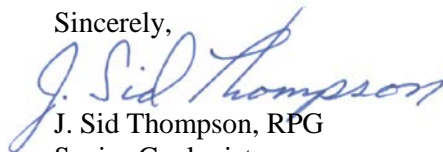
Dear Ms. Brantley:

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Nancy Smith
George County Floodplain Coordinator's Office
355 Cox Street
Lucedale, MS 39452

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George County, Mississippi

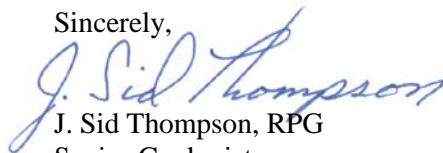
Dear Ms. Smith:

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