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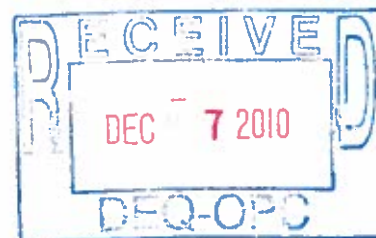
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December 6, 2010

Via FedEx

Chief, Environmental Permits Division
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control
515 East Amite Street
Jackson, MS 39201

**Re: Large Construction Notice of Intent (LCNOI)
Emergency Parking Area
MS State Port Authority
Gulfport, MS
CCE Project No. 9397.08**



Gentlemen:

Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC (CCE), on behalf of the Mississippi State Port Authority, is pleased to submit the enclosed permit application for coverage of the subject construction project under MDEQ's Large Construction Storm Water General Permit for land disturbing activities of greater than five (5) acres. The submitted material includes:

1. Permit Application signed by Mr. John Webb, P.E., Deputy Director, Engineering, Mississippi State Port Authority;
2. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) governing the construction of the proposed facilities, including applicable construction drawings and inspection and monitoring forms; and
3. Applicable sections of the technical specifications governing the construction of the project.

The Mississippi State Port Authority is proposing to construct an approximately 25-acre, limestone parking area for emergency parking of containers, vehicles and equipment in case the main port facilities are threatened by a major storm. The proposed site is located approximately 2 miles inland from the port.

As shown, the drainage from the limestone parking lot will be collected in ditches in the parking area, directed to a collection ditch along the northern edge of the parking area through culverts, then to a sediment/detention pond where the stormwater runoff will be slowly discharged through an outfall structure to the undeveloped area north of the sediment/detention pond. The sediment/detention pond will not only control the volume of water being released from the site due to the improvements, but will also allow any sediment to settle out in the sediment/detention pond before the stormwater is released.

The Mississippi State Port Authority is hoping to get this project permitted and constructed before the start of hurricane season 2011. Your assistance in reviewing and approving this permit application will be greatly appreciated. If you desire to visit the site, we will be glad to schedule a

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time for such a visit. Additionally, be aware that the contractor who will construct the parking lot has not been selected, yet. Once the contractor is selected and under contract, we will submit all required paperwork identifying the contractor whose responsibility will be to implement the enclosed storm water requirements.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. If you require any additional information, please contact me at 228-396-0487 or e-mail at szabo@covingtonassociates.net.

Yours very truly,
COVINGTON CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Szabo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John F. Szabo, P.E.
Managing Principal

ENCLOSURES

CC: John Webb, P.E., Mississippi State Port Authority
Brad Frischhertz, P.E., Lanier & Associates