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Dept of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control

Re: Request for Project Review – North Port Property Development Site, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Vinson:

The Mississippi State Port Authority (MSPA) has applied for federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the development of an inland container terminal to be used as a storage site for overflow containers and as an evacuation terminal for the Port of Gulfport. The proposed project is located at the corner of 33rd Street and 34th Avenue in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Mississippi, damaging MSPA's Storage Warehouse (Shed 15) at the Port. MSPA's Shed 15, now demolished, was located at 3002 Highway 90 at 30th Street, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and served as a bulk, break-bulk and container seaport. Shed 15 was located within the 100-year floodplain.

MSPA proposes to construct an inland container terminal at 33rd Street in Gulfport, approximately 2 miles from the Port of Gulfport (see Figures 1 and 2). The property includes approximately 35 acres of a 150-acre parcel. The Gulfport Fertilizer Company formerly operated a super-phosphate fertilizer operation at the proposed project site. The northeastern portion of the site has been capped and fenced off due to arsenic and lead contamination in soil and groundwater. The proposed project site is now vacant, undeveloped, and wooded, with the exception of some cleared portions along 33rd Street and 34th Avenue (see Photographs 1 and 2). The proposed project site is located outside the 100-year floodplain. Jurisdictional wetlands are located on site but will not be directly impacted by the proposed project. The proposed project site is bound on the west by 34th Avenue and on the south by 33rd Street. Residential properties are to the north and west, and commercial and light industrial properties are to the east and south. Access would be provided via 33rd Street.

Project activities would include removal of debris, addition of topsoil, sodding, grubbing of obstructions, excavation of detention pond and drainage ditches, and addition of fill material. Drainage improvements would include pipe culverts, ditch grading, topsoil, and riprap slope protection at all culvert inlets, outlets, and outfall structures. Limestone pavement, asphalt pavement, and geotextile fabric would be placed at the site. A security fence and gates would be installed. Silt fencing, baled hay, and other erosion control measures would be implemented. There are no utilities currently on site; 480V power would be supplied to the site. A switch rack, lighting contactors, photocell, lighting panel, and floodlights on poles would be installed (see Figure 3).

NISTAC has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, NISTAC requests that your agency review the proposed project and provide comments and any available information or resources under your agency's jurisdiction within the project area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone at 973-576-9687, electronic mail at sdougherty@dewberry.com, or U.S. mail at 600 Parsippany Road, Suite 301, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Sincerely,

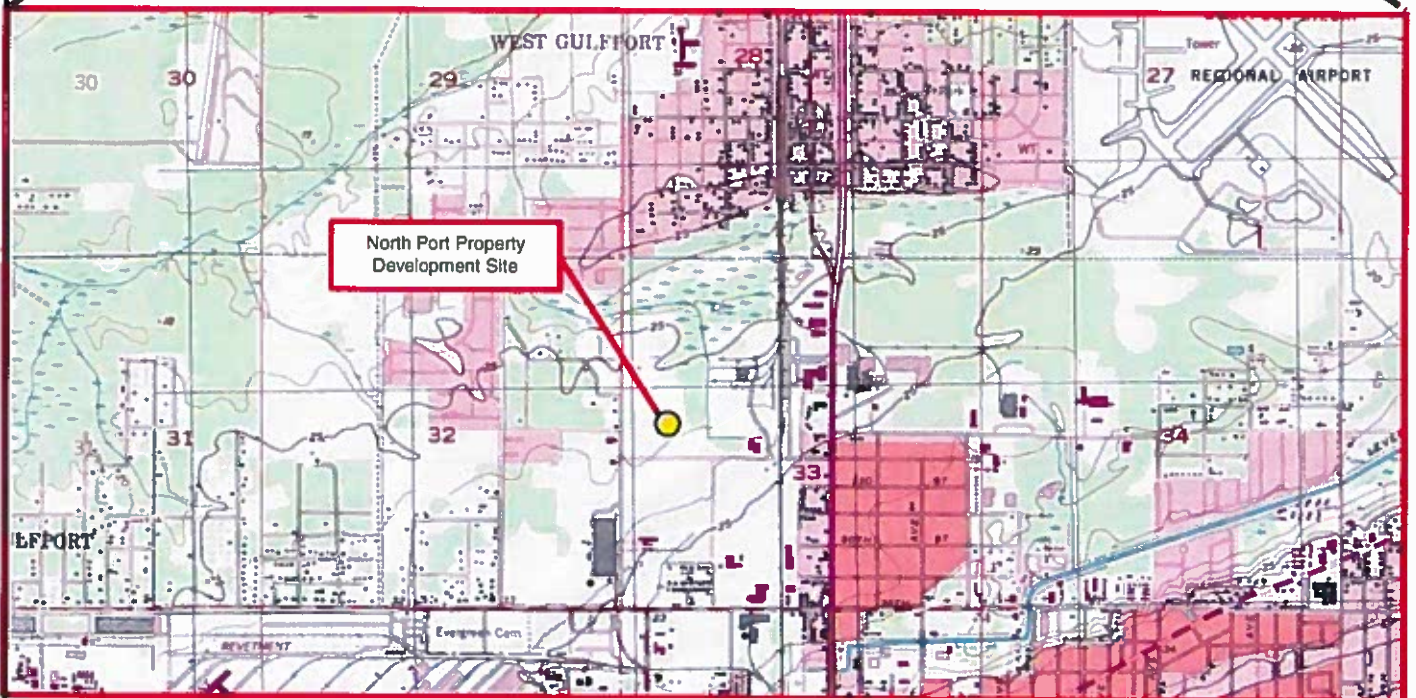
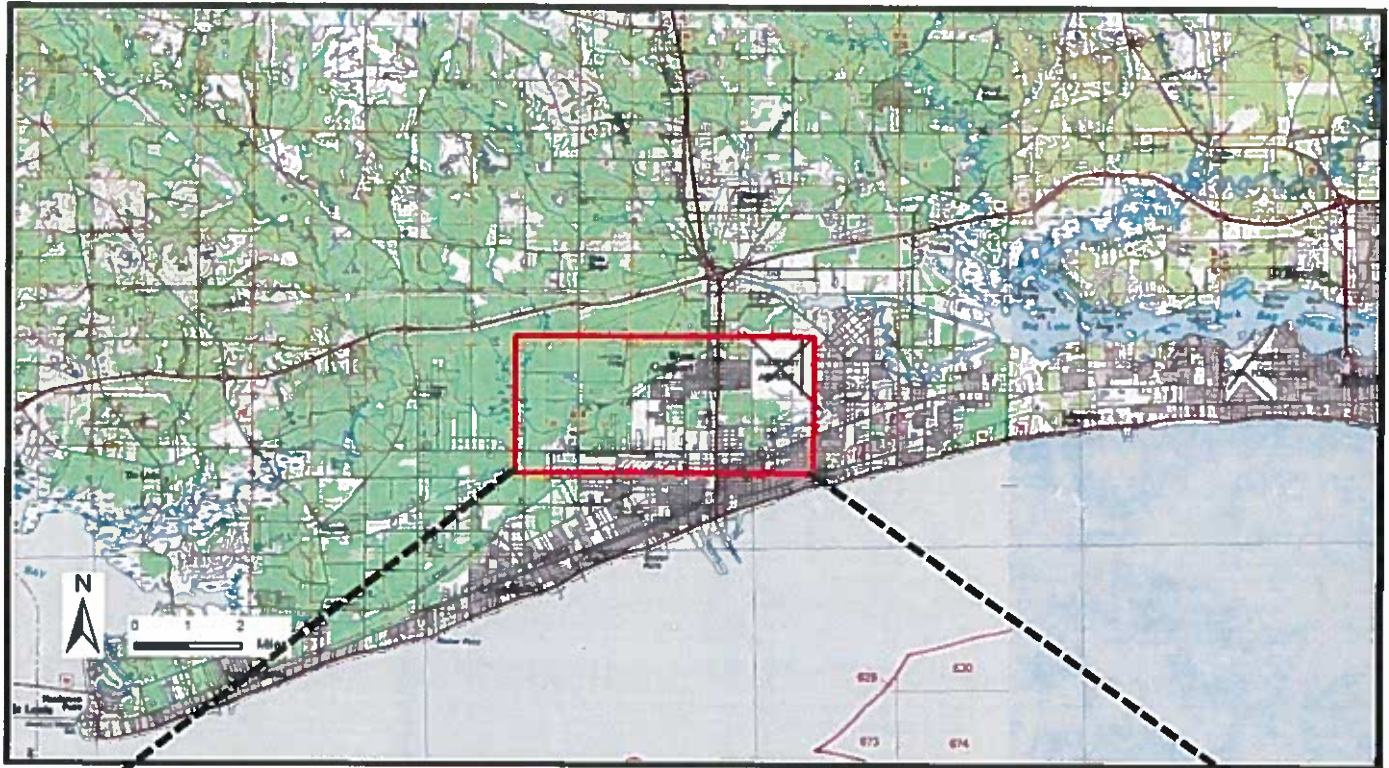
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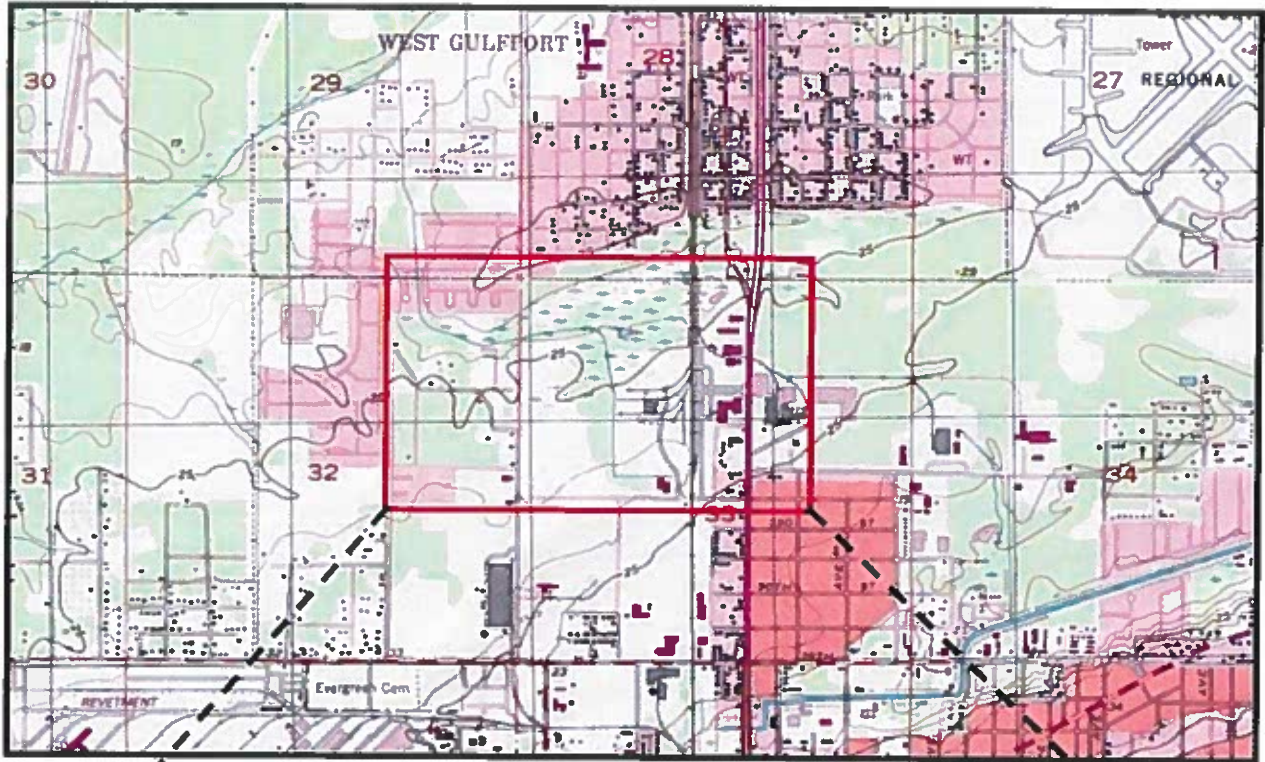
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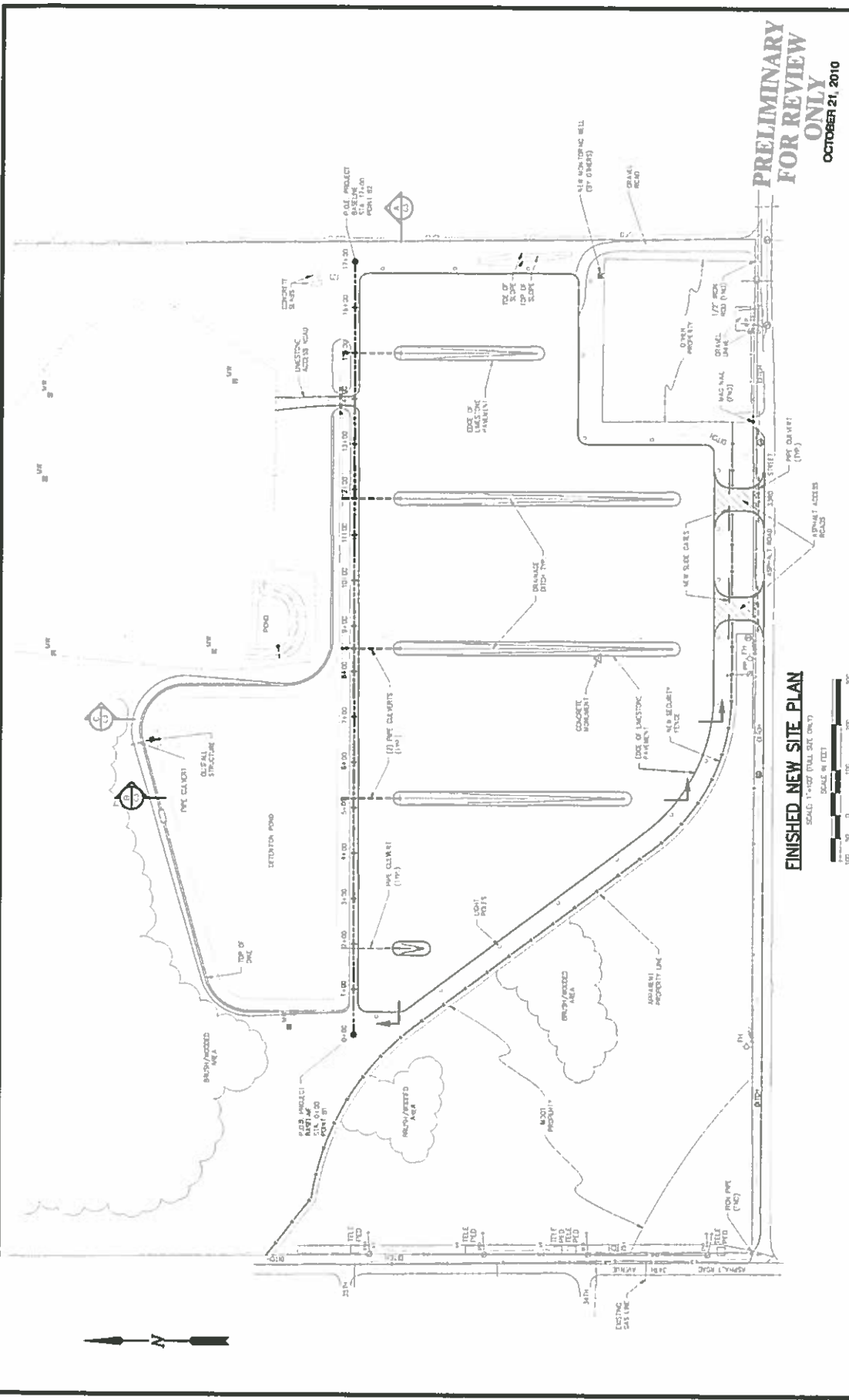
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PROJ	North Port Property Development Project		
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TITLE	PROJECT AREA	
		PROJNO 43002003
		FIGURE 1



CLIENT Mississippi State Port Authority			TITLE	
PROJ North Port Property Development Project			PROJECT LOCATION	
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REV.	DATE	BY	CHK'D BY	DESCRIPTION
1	10/27/10	PL	PL	REVISED FOR REVIEW
2	10/27/10	PL	PL	REVISED FOR REVIEW

THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED UNDER MY CLOSE PERSONAL SUPERVISION TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT COMPLES WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.

MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY
 NORTH PORT PROPERTY
 SITE DEVELOPMENT
 FINISHED NEW SITE PLAN

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 OCTOBER 21, 2010

CLIENT Mississippi State Port Authority		TITLE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN	
PROJ North Port Property Development Project	DESBY	PROJNO 43002003	FIGURE 3
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PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: FEMA	Site Location: North Port Property Development Project 33 rd Street and 34 th Avenue, Gulfport, MS	Project No. 43002003
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Photo No. 1	Date:
Direction Photo Taken: North	

Description:

View of wetland on northern portion of the proposed project site from southwestern corner of fenced area.



Photo No. 2	Date:
Direction Photo Taken: West	

Description:

View from the eastern boundary of the property.

