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Mr. Ray Aycock
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Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Aycock:

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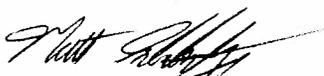
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**Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project,
City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi**

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Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

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Mobile, AL 36602

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

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Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
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Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

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May 8, 2008

Mr. Don Underwood
Executive Director
Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

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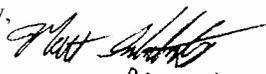
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July 29, 2008

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Historic Preservation Division
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Sincerely,



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FEMA-1604-DR-MS



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July 29, 2008

Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39305

**Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School
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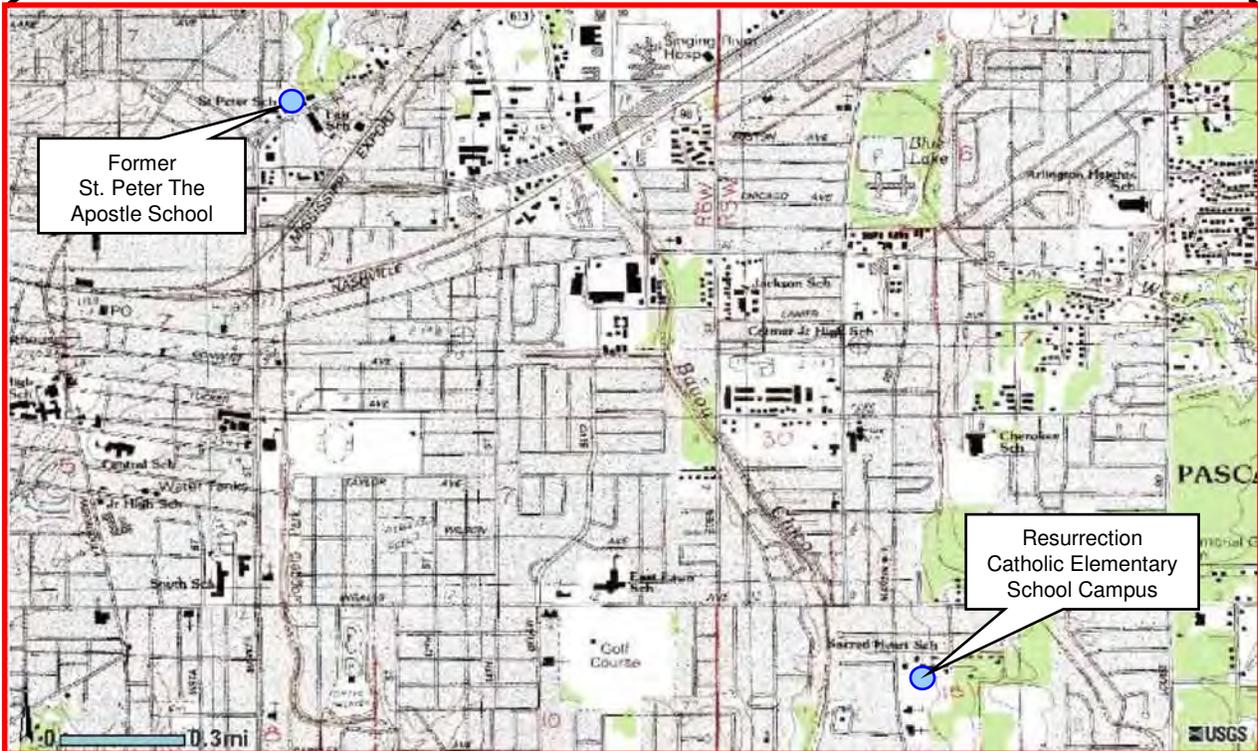
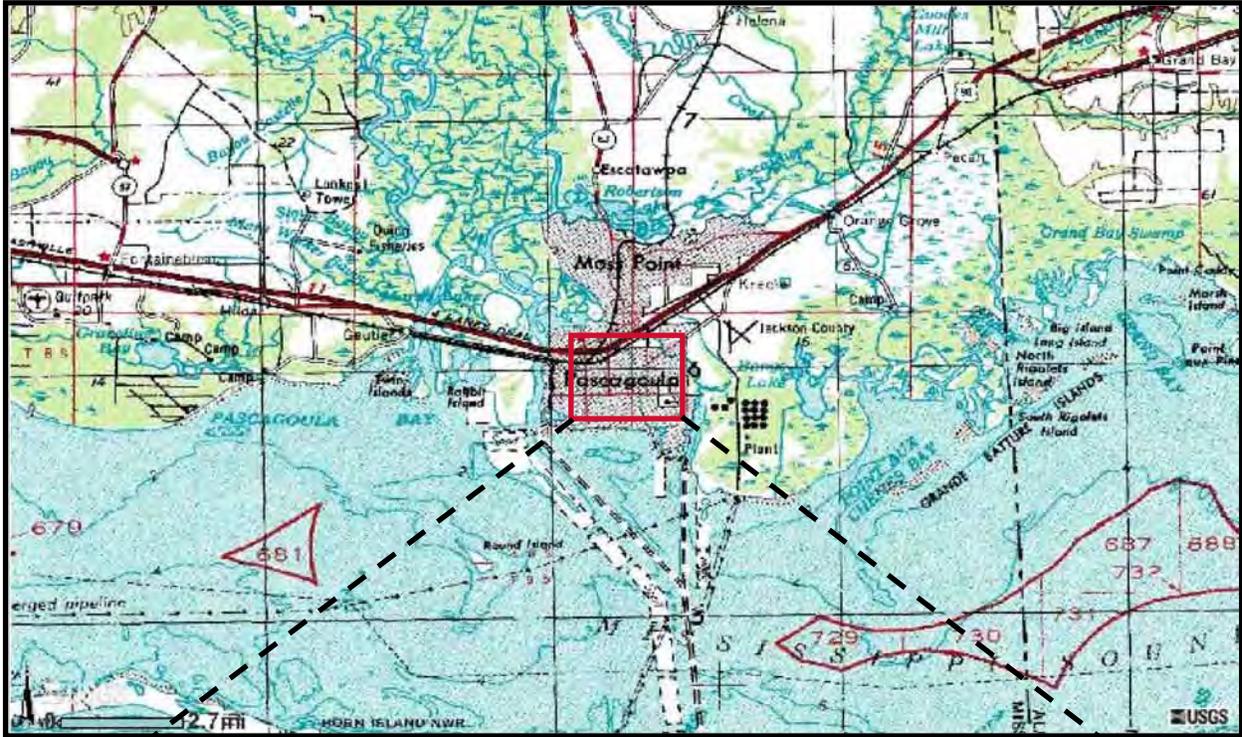
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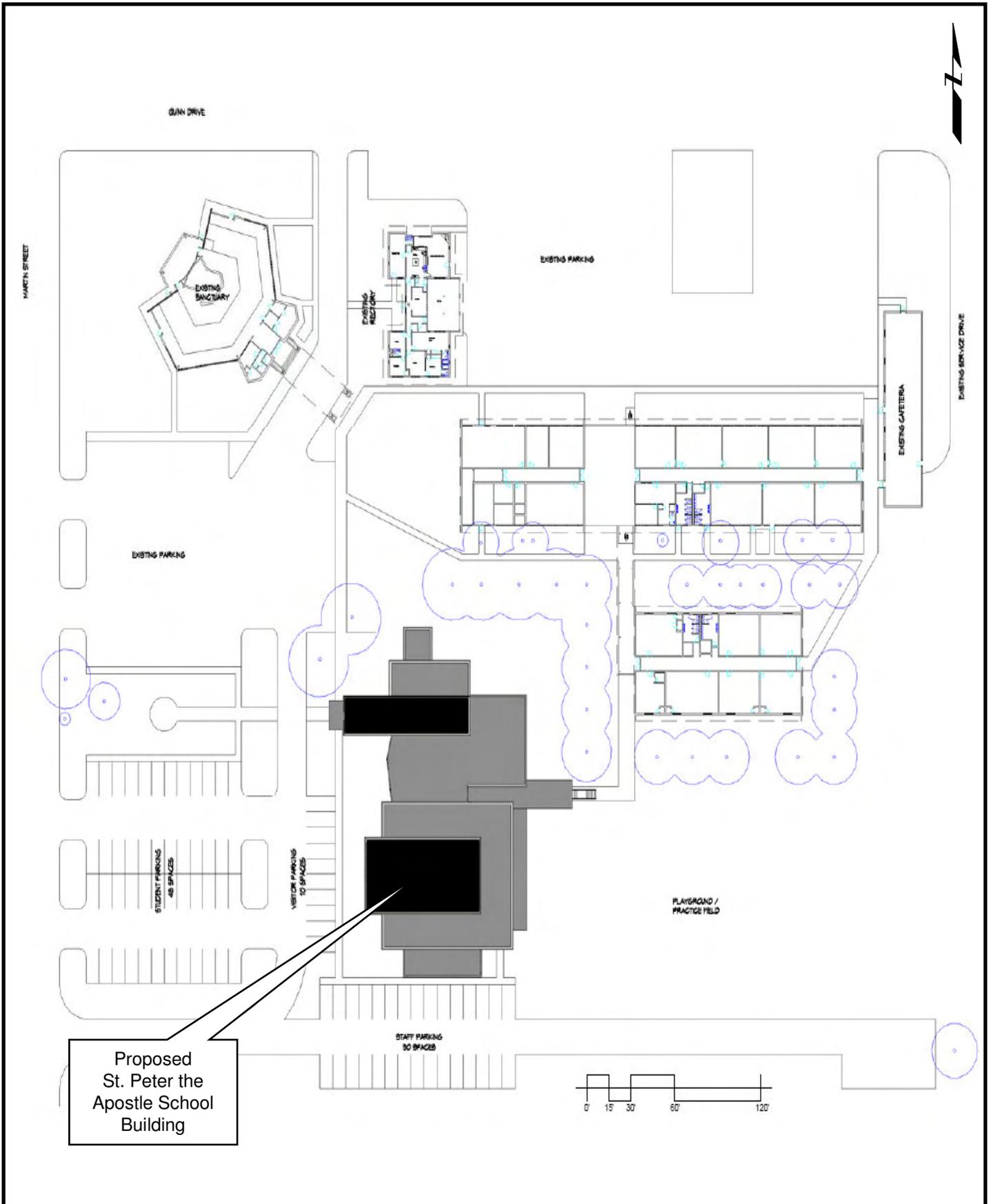
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Proposed
St. Peter the
Apostle School
Building

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PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: FEMA		Site Location: St. Peter/Resurrection Elementary School 3704 Quinn Drive, Pascagoula, MS	Project No. 43002003
Photo No. 1	Date:		
Direction Photo Taken: North			
Description: View of the grass-covered, undeveloped proposed project site and the existing RCES buildings behind.			

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Direction Photo Taken: East			
Description: One of two drainage ditches on the proposed project site. Both ditches run east to west and drain out to Martin Street.			



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May 12, 2008

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MAY 15 2008

By MS Field Office

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 – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project,
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No federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species present

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mississippi Field Office

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Jackson, MS 39213

Log # 04-534 Date 5/15/08
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MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

May 22, 2008

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RE: DMR-080696

Dear Ms. Dougherty:

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 a request to review a proposal for the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi to relocate St. Peter the Apostle School facilities and students to the Resurrection Catholic Elementary School campus in Jackson County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Rebekah Turner with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4104 or rebekah.turner@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa J. Brantley", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Willa J. Brantley
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

WJB/rrt



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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TRUDY D. FISHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 9, 2008

Ms. Sara N. Dougherty, Geologist
NISTAC
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Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Dear Ms. Dougherty:

Re: Environmental Review
St. Peter the Apostle School
Relocation and Replacement
Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

We have reviewed the information submitted on the referenced proposed project. The project is for relocation and replacement of the St. Peter the Apostle School from Telephone Road to the Resurrection Catholic Elementary School campus about 3 miles away at 3704 Quinn Drive in the City of Pascagoula. From the information reviewed, we know of no adverse environmental impact from this type project.

If this project will be disturbing 1 acre or more of land, coverage under a General Permit for control of erosion and sediment will be required in accordance with the Storm Water Regulations. Please contact Mr. Jim Morris, Chief of the General Permits Branch with the Environmental Permits Division of the Office of Pollution Control for more information at 601-961-5151 or Jim_Morris@deq.state.ms.us.

This letter should not be interpreted as equivalent to any approval or permit that may be required by pollution control laws. We would remind you that the plans and specification for work on a wastewater system must be submitted to our office prior to construction.

If you have any questions, call us at 601-961-5159.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Glenn L. Odom in black ink.

Glenn L. Odom, PE, BCEE, Chief
Program Support Branch
Surface Water Division

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June 13, 2008

Sara N. Dougherty
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200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
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Dear Ms. Dougherty:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to relocate St. Peter the Apostle School facilities, Jackson County, Mississippi.

The new site is on an existing school campus in the city. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has no concerns due to this project.

Sincerely,

 *David Brunson* Acting

Homer L. Wilkes
State Conservationist

cc: Kim Harris, State Conservation Engineer, NRCS, Jackson, MS
Wesley Kerr, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Hattiesburg, MS
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May 12, 2008

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*Tom - coordinate
reply w/ RD
30-day suspense*

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved Project, City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Rees:

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi has applied for federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an improved project to relocate St. Peter the Apostle School (SPAS) facilities and students to the Resurrection Catholic Elementary School (RCES) campus about 3 miles away. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Mississippi, inundating the SPAS campus with 8 to 12 feet of water, which resulted in damages in excess of the 50% repair/replacement ratio, meeting FEMA's criteria for demolition and replacement of the SPAS campus. The SPAS campus, located at 1703 Telephone Road in Pascagoula, included a main academic building, a combination cafeteria and gymnasium, a metal classroom building, and a storage shed. The SPAS provided private K-6th grade education with a capacity of 180 students. The majority of the SPAS campus was located outside the 100-year floodplain (Flood Zones C and B) and the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Zone, with the exception of the northeastern corner of the site (Flood Zone A6).

To more effectively serve the community, the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi proposes to relocate SPAS facilities and students to the RCES campus located at 3704 Quinn Drive in Pascagoula (see Figures 1 and 2). The proposed project site is within the 100-year floodplain with a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 14 feet and the portion of the campus to be used for the construction of the new SPAS is located within the ABFE. There are no practicable alternatives to building within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project site consists of mowed grass. There are 2 drainage ditches that occur on the property (see attached Photographic Log). It is bound on the west by Martin Street, on the north and east by RCES buildings and grounds, and on the south by private residences. Access would be provided via Martin Street and Quinn Drive. The new facility will tie into existing municipal water, electric, sewer, and telephone utilities on the RCES campus.

The new facility would be a 15,131-square-foot building containing 5 new classrooms with a combined student capacity of 150 students, as well as a multi-use gymnasium/cafeteria/stage, office space, and restroom facilities (see Figure 3). In addition, office space in RCES Building A would be converted to a single, large classroom with a 30-student capacity. The student capacity of RCES will be increased by 180 students, which was the former capacity of SPAS. The proposed project site is within the 100-year floodplain Zone AE and the ABFE, but outside the coastal high hazard zone. Therefore, the new facility would be constructed on an elevated concrete slab supported by a system of concrete piers, footings, and grade beams to an elevation of 14 + 1 feet based on the BFE.

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 973-739-9400 x 3211, electronic mail at sdougherty@dewberry.com, or U.S. mail at 600 Parsippany Road, Third Floor, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Sincerely,

NISTAC

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Cc: Brian Mehok, NISTAC
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A Department of the Army permit will not be required for your project as proposed

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*Site is
uplands
no wetlands*



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RE: Proposed St. Peter the Apostle/Resurrection Elementary School Improved
Project, City of Pascagoula, MDAH Project Log #07-238-08, Jackson County

Dear Mike:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resource assessment, dated July 29, 2008, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, we concur with FEMA's assessment the proposed project will have no effect to historic resources. Therefore, we have no objection with the proposed undertaking.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

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