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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Moundville  
Hale County

SRF Project No. FS010015-02

September 10, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made **\$2,384,600** in financial assistance available to **The City of Moundville** using funds from the FY 2020 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

**The City of Moundville** proposes construction of a new 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank with an onsite 400 gallons per minute booster pump station, upgrades to existing SCADA system, and removal of two existing water storage tanks. Completion of this project will provide additional storage capacity for emergency situations.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mrs. Chavon R. Jones, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of the public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Lance R. LeFleur  
Director

LRL/EJR/CRJ/kbh

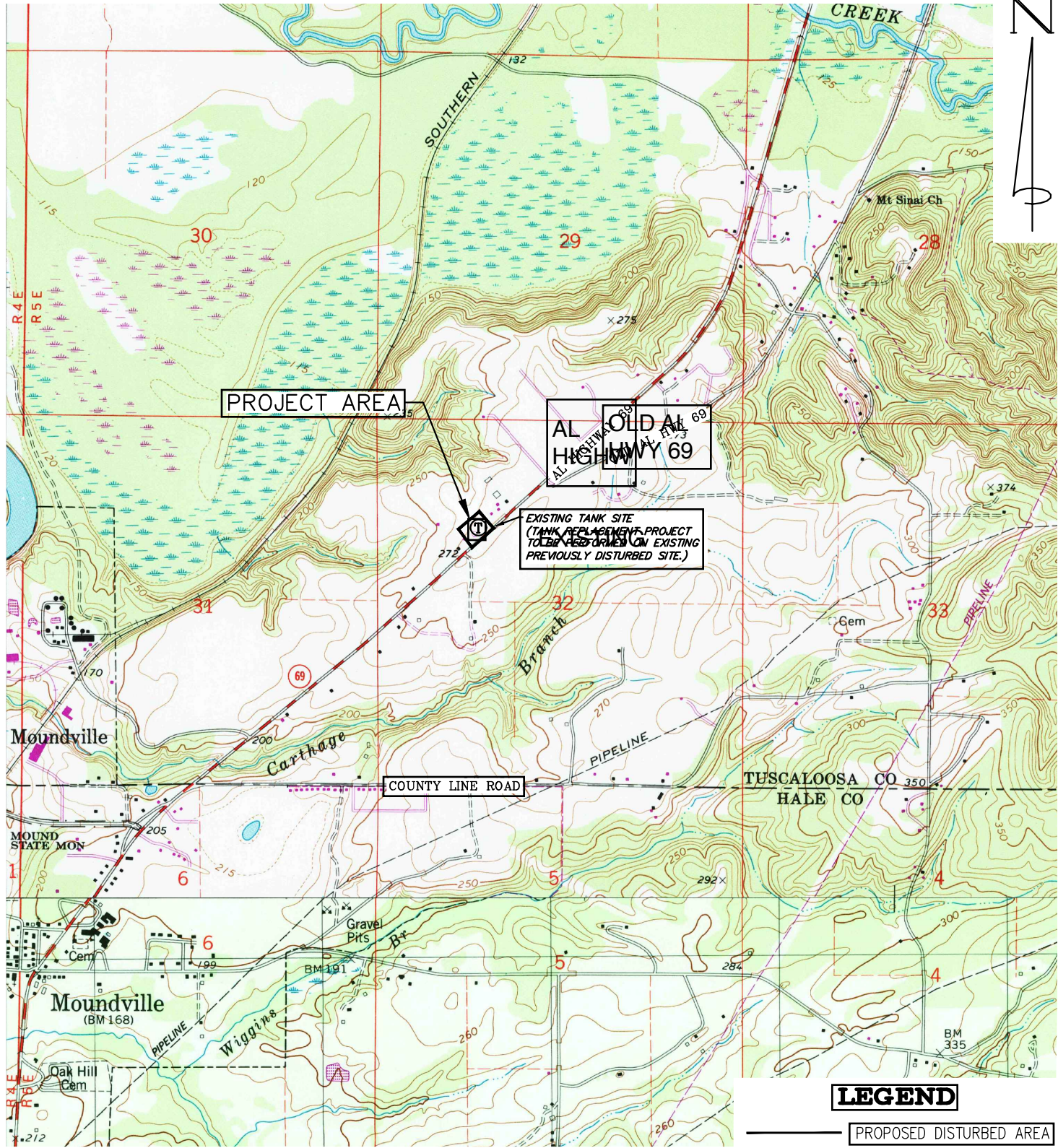


City of Moundville  
SRF# FS010015-02

The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
  - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
  - b. Minor construction, including:
    - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
    - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
    - (3) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
    - (4) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
    - (5) Construction of water tanks;
    - (6) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
  - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
3.
  - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
    - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
    - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
    - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
  - b. The action is not cost effective.
  - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
  - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.



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**CITY OF MOUNDVILLE**  
**2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**  
**2020 HIGHWAY 69 TANK SITE**

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SEC. 32 , T 24 N, R 5 E ALABAMA

**AREA MAP**

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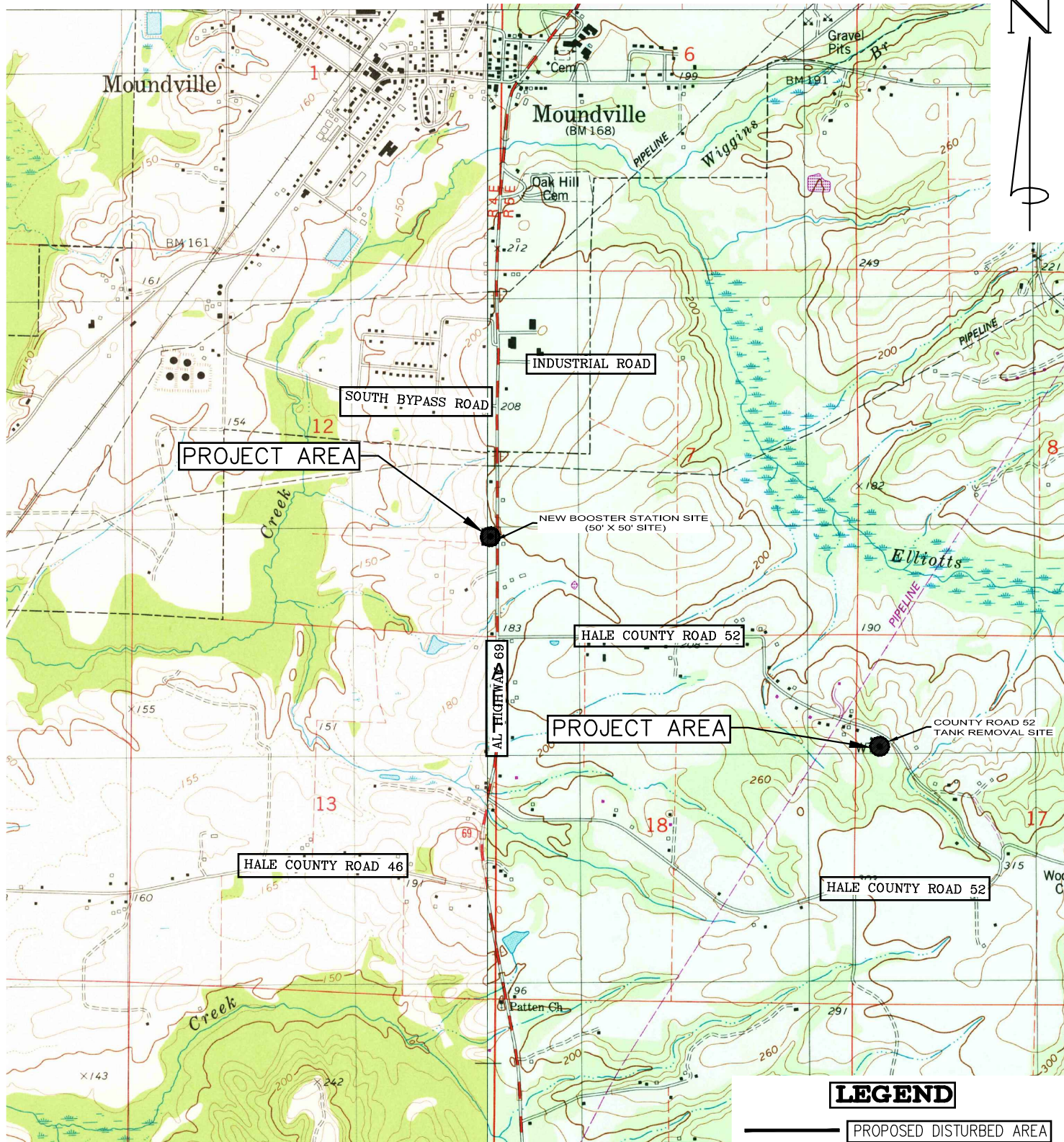
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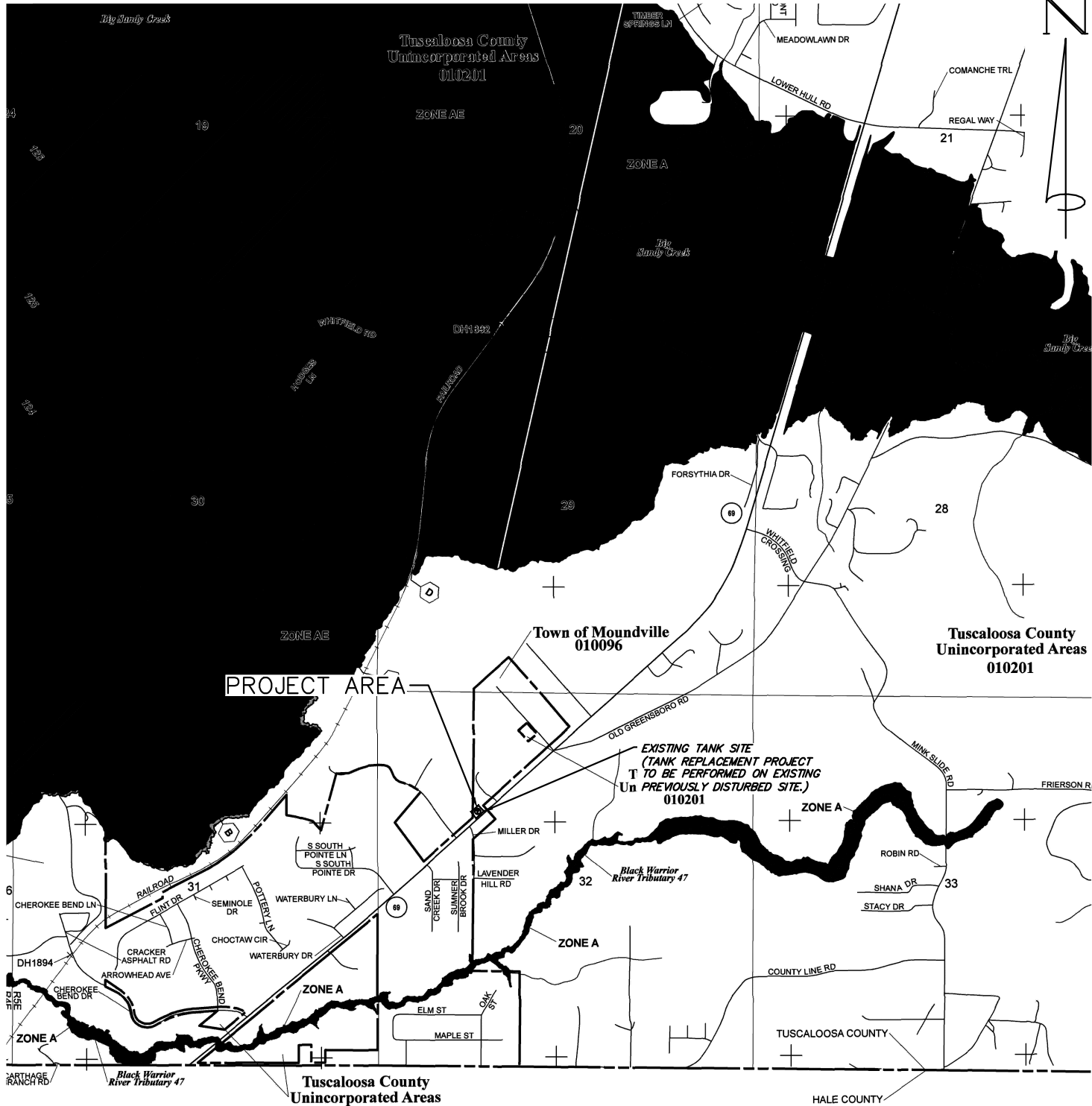
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<b>CITY OF MOUNDVILLE</b>		
2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS HIGHWAY 69 BOOSTER STATION & COUNTY ROAD 52 TANK REMOVAL PROJECT SITE		
HALE COUNTY	SEC'S. 7 & 17, T 23 N, R 5 E	ALABAMA
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— PROPOSED DISTURBED AREA

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# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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P.O. Box 300900  
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334-242-3184 / Fax: 334-240-3477

Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 29, 2020

Daniel Fowler  
P.O. Box 98  
Moundville, AL 35474

Re: AHC 20-0772  
2020 Water System Improvements-City of Moundville  
Hale County

Dear Mr. Fowler:

We concur with the placement of the two new water tanks as they will be constructed in areas which have been previously surveyed for cultural resources with negative results. For the demolition of the tank constructed in 197 located on County Road 52, we concur with demolition activities provided all activities are confined to areas of previous ground disturbance.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama* 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to ensure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or [Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov). Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/amh



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Site Design  
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Construction Contract Administration

April 1, 2020

Mr. William J. Pierson  
United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
1208-B Main Street  
Daphne, AL 36526

Re: City of Moundville  
Proposed Improvements  
FY 2020 SRF Loan Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence as notification that the City of Moundville has been approved for a loan through the SRF program. As part of the loan process, the system is required to request your agency's concurrence. Multiple projects are to be funded with this loan. The projects are: A New Highway 69 Elevated Water Supply Tank and Removal of the Existing Ground Storage Tank (all work will be performed on the previously disturbed City of Moundville Tank Site), the Highway 69 Water Booster Station (which will be a new site adjacent to Highway 69 Right of Way) and Removal of the County Road 52 Water Tank (all work will be performed on the previously disturbed City of Moundville Tank Site). These projects will provide improved service to the system's customers. Maps are enclosed showing the locations of each project.

The system respectfully requests a letter of concurrence (and any relevant comments) from your agency regarding these projects. The SRF loan program for these projects requires a full application to be completed and submitted by May 1, 2020 and also places strict timetables on both ADEM and the SRF loan recipients to begin construction on the projects as soon as possible. As a result, your agency's prompt response to this request for concurrence is very much appreciated.

Please return your response to my attention.

Sincerely,

McGIFFERT AND ASSOCIATES, LLC

Darrell A. Hobson, PE

DAH/tj

Enclosure

CC: City of Moundville

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1208-B Main Street Daphne Alabama 36526  
Phone 251-441-5181 Fax 251-441-6222

No federally listed species critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>).

WILLIAM PEARSON

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222  
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

June 4, 2020

North Branch  
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Approved Jurisdictional Determination, File Number SAM-2020-00444-KMN, City of Moundville, Water System Improvements, Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama

City of Moundville  
c/o McGiffert and Associates, LLC  
Attention: Mr. Darrell Hobson  
Post Office Box 20559  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35402

Transmitted electronically to [dhobson@mcgiffert.com](mailto:dhobson@mcgiffert.com)

Dear Mr. Dobson:

Reference is made to your request for a Department of the Army (DA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) review of proposed water system improvements at three proposed locations within Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties in the City of Moundville, Alabama (Site 1 - Latitude 33° 00' 52.36" N; Longitude 87° 36' 11.29" W, Site 2 - Latitude 32° 58' 45.82" N; Longitude 87° 37' 29.18" W, Site 3 - Latitude 32° 58' 15.72" N; Longitude 87° 36' 23.81" W). This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2020-00444-KMN**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

Based on our review of the project information you submitted, and our review of the water system improvement activities, as proposed, a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 **will not be required at this time** for Sites 1 and 3 designated in the attached location maps. Both of these sites would include work in non-jurisdictional areas at existing developed infrastructure locations. Work located outside waters of the United States does not require a DA permit.



In addition, based on our review of the project information submitted and mapping resources available to our office, we have determined that the proposed water system improvements at Site 2, which is a new construction location will occur on non-jurisdictional uplands or dry lands. This determination is based primarily on information provided by you regarding the specific project location, scope of work, and environmental setting.

The proposed project was reviewed pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which requires that a DA permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into "waters of the United States", including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344). For regulatory purposes, the USACE defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) for your subject site. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under USACE regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the USACE, South Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

Administrative Appeals Review Officer  
Attention: Mr. Philip Shannin  
Telephone: (404) 562-5137, Fax: (404) 562-5138  
60 Forsyth Street Southwest, Room 10M15  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8801

In order for an RFA form to be accepted by the USACE, the USACE must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the District Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address **by August 3, 2020**. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

This approved JD is based on current policy and regulation and is valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter. If after the five-year period the proposed work has not been implemented this JD has not been specifically revalidated by the USACE, it shall automatically expire.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property nor shall it be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect proposed work at this site. Furthermore, this determination has been conducted to identify the limits of the USACE Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in this request. This determination may not

be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the FSA of 1985, as amended. If you are a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participant, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service prior to starting work.

If you intend to sell property that is part of a project that requires DA authorization, it may be subject to the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act. The Property Report, required by Housing and Urban Development Regulation, must state whether or not a permit for the development has been applied for, issued or denied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), (Part 320.3(h) of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations).

Based on our findings regarding the proposed activities, a DA permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act **will not be required at this time** to implement the project as currently proposed.

We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. If the project location or scope of work changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

You may contact me at [Kaaren.M.Neumann@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kaaren.M.Neumann@usace.army.mil), if you have questions concerning this matter. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our website at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx). Also, while you are there please take a moment to complete our regulatory customer survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,

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Biologist  
Regulatory Division

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Attachments

# West Alabama Regional Commission

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April 7, 2020

McGiffert and Associates, LLC  
P O Box 20559  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35402  
Attn: Darrell Hobson

Re: FY20 SRF City of Moundville

Dear Mr. Hobson:

We have received your request for review of the proposed improvements for the City of Moundville to remove the Hwy 69 ground storage tank and replace with an elevated supply tank; construct a new water booster station on Hwy 69; and, remove the County Road 52 water tank.

The West Alabama Regional Commission concurs with the project as proposed.

With best regards,



Cory Johnson  
Director of Community and Economic Development

