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KAY IVEY
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Utilities Board for the City of Bayou La Batre
Mobile County

SRF Project No. FS010552-01

December 24, 2025

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made **\$4,000,000** in financial assistance available to **The Utilities Board for the City of Bayou La Batre** using funds from the Drinking Water Investment and Infrastructure Jobs Act Fund (DWIJA) 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 potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The Utilities Board for the City of Bayou La Batre proposes to construct a replacement of an abandoned deep-water production well with a new deep-water well and refurbishment of an existing treatment building. This is to replace a 500 GPM production well that was taken out of service due to failures in the below ground infrastructure. The improvements associated with this project are the construction of a new deep-water production well and associated iron-treatment system.

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 Mr. John Laney, SRF Branch, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of this CE. 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.

Edward F. Poolos
Director

EFP/DKB/JWL
Attachment



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Birmingham, AL 35209-4702
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Coastal Office
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Mobile, AL 36605
(251) 450-3400
(251) 479-2593 (FAX)

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:
 - 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.



Appendix A

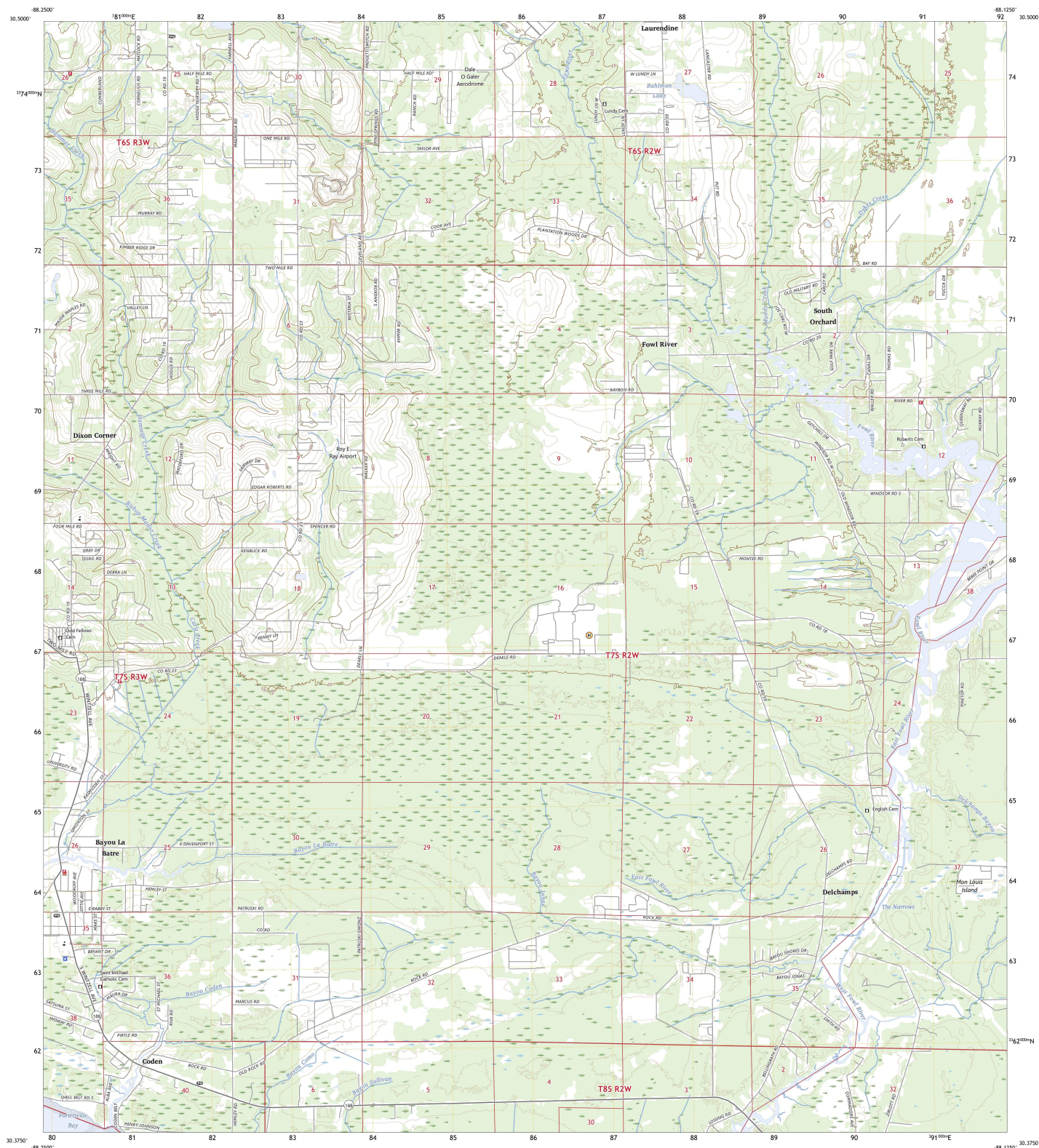
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



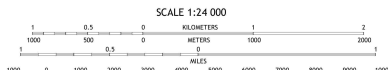
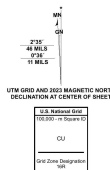
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ALABAMA - MOBILE COUNTY
7.5-MINUTE SERIES



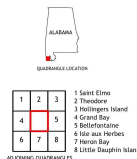
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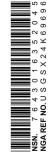
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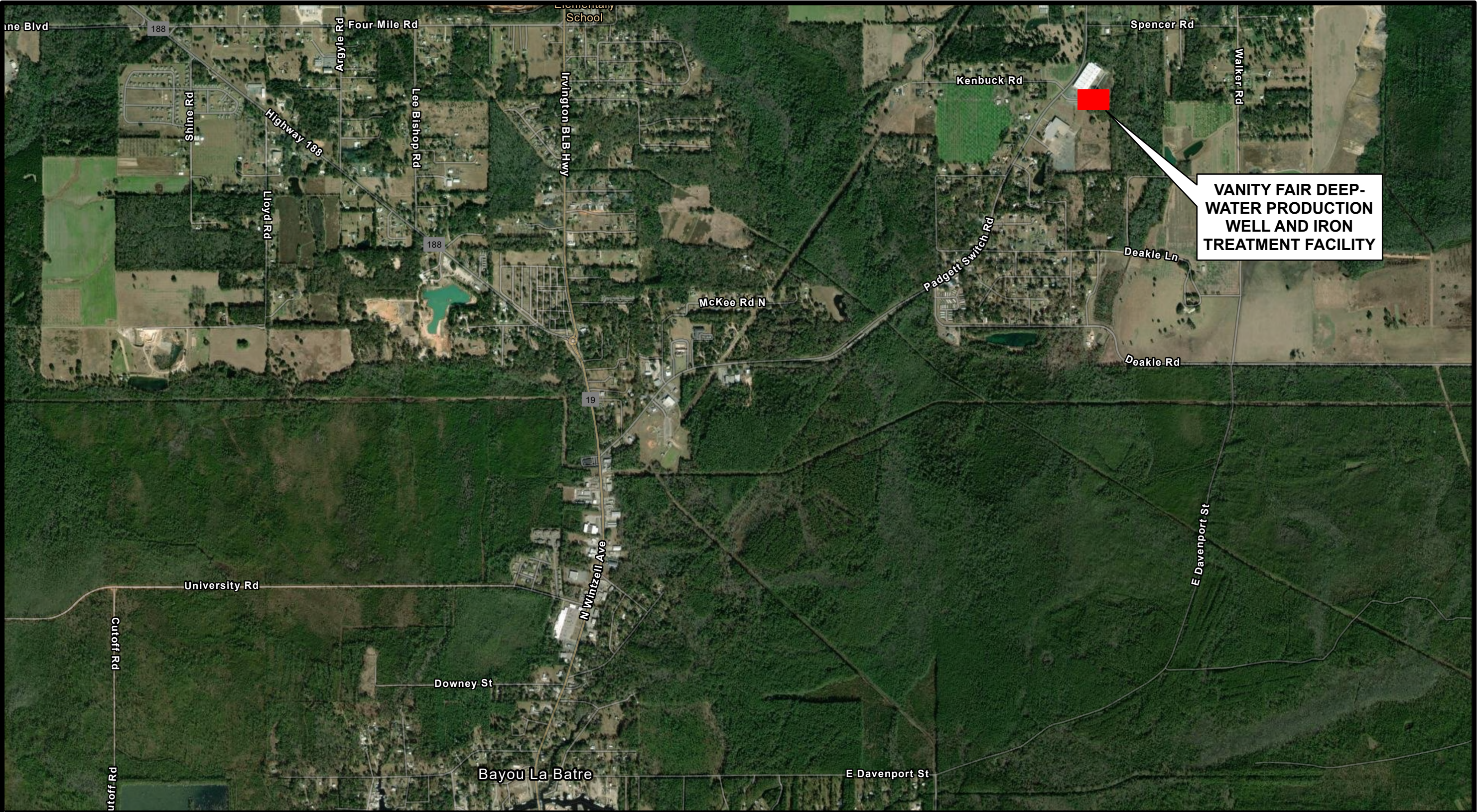
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Appendix B

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



<p>VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)</p> <p>The Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre</p> <p>Mobile County, AL</p>	 <p>THREE NOTCH GROUP</p>	<p>100 North Gay Street, Suite 350 Auburn, AL 36830 (334) 446-9431 www.3notch.com</p>	<p>N</p>  <p>Sheet No. 1</p>	<p>0 0.25 0.5 Miles</p> <p>Date: May 2025</p>
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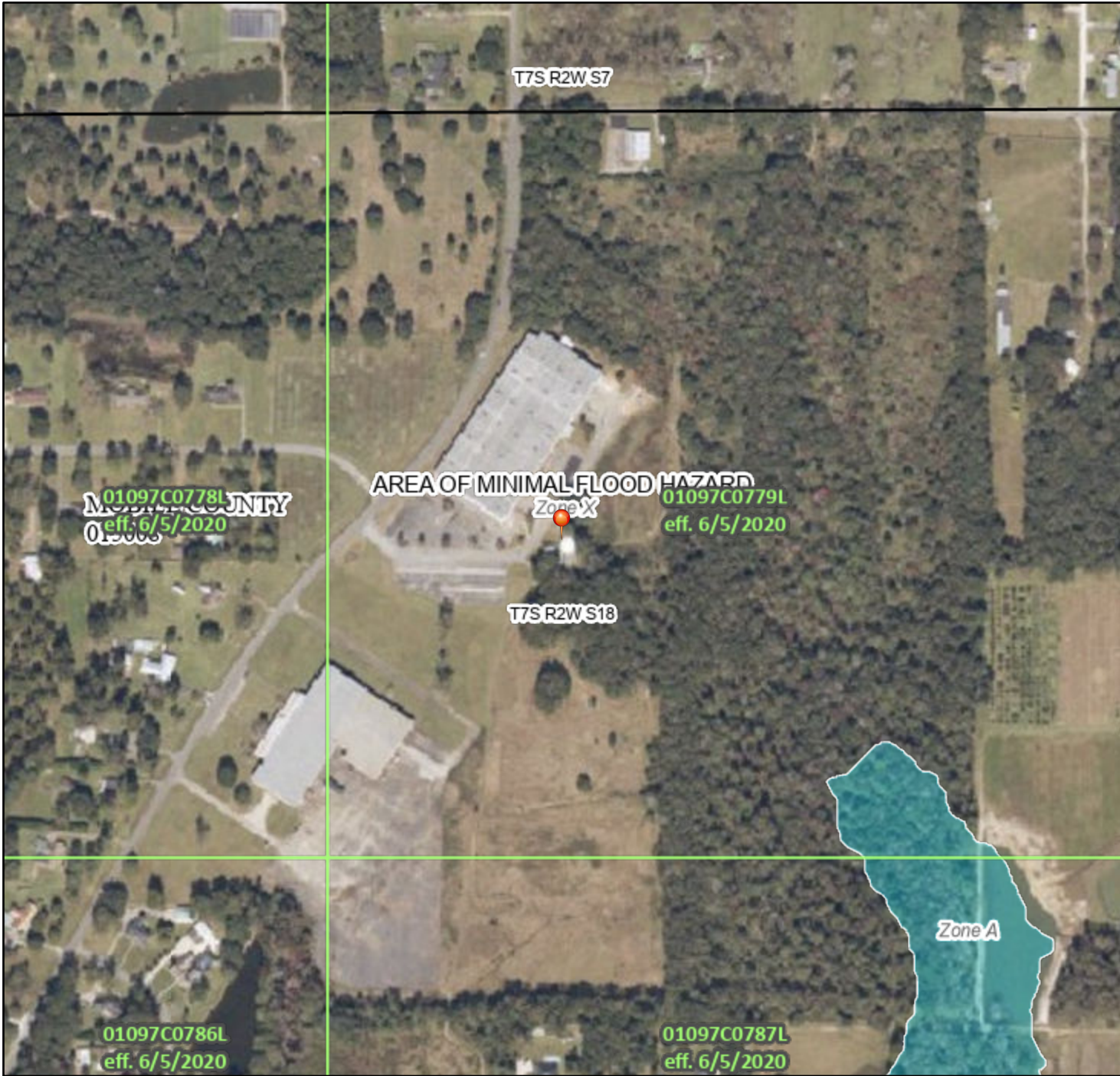
Appendix D

FLOOD INSURANCE MAP

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



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88°12'41"W 30°26'9"N

Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance
		17.5 Water Surface Elevation
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped



The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 6/10/2025 at 9:44 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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Appendix E

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION CONCURRENCE LETTER



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

Tel: 334-242-3184
Fax: 334-242-1083

June 17, 2025

JD Holt
2245 Broad Street Suite 201
Gadsden, AL 35901

Re: AHC 25-0813
Vanity Fair well replacement and filtration
Mobile County

Dear Mr. Holt:

Upon review of the above referenced project, we concur that project activities will have no effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the determination of no effect to historic properties.

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 Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Hewett
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAH/EDS/lah

May 19th, 2025

Ms. Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy SHPO
Historic Preservation Division Director
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Attn: Section 106
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

**Re: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE
VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)
THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Dear Ms. Wofford,

The Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre (BLBU) has requested funding from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the capital improvements to be constructed which includes the replacement of an abandoned deep-water production well with a new deep-water production well and refurbishment of an existing treatment building.

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If there are any questions or additional supporting documents required, please contact this office, or send an email to jd.holt@3notch.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this project.

Sincerely,
Three Notch Group, Inc.

JD Holt, E.I.
Utilities Engineer II

Enclosure





Appendix F

USFWS CONCURRENCE LETTER



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526

JUN 09 2025



2025-0098531

Mr. JD Holt, E.I.
Three Notch Group, Inc.
224 Broad Street, Suite 201
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Dear Mr. Holt:

Thank you for your letter dated May 19, 2025, in which you requested comments on behalf of the Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre (BLBU) for the proposed Vanity Fair well replacement and filtration project (FS01055-01). The location of this project will be located on property currently owned by BLBU along Padgett Switch Road in Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama. We understand that the project consists of improvements to an existing 500 GPM production well and include construction of a new deep-water production well and associated iron-treatment system. The following comments are provided in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Federally Listed Species

According to our records, the following Federally listed species may occur in your project area:

- Tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) – Proposed Endangered

On September 13, 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal to list the tricolored bat as endangered under the ESA. The bat faces extinction due to the impacts of white-nose syndrome, a deadly disease affecting cave-dwelling bats across the continent. The tricolored bat's status is currently under range-wide review and could be listed in the future. While there are generally no section 7 requirements for proposed species, we encourage all agencies to take advantage of any opportunity they may have to help conserve the species.

Suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat may be present in the site. Based on the best scientific information available at this time, suitable tricolored bat habitat consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields, and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing trees with potential roost substrate (i.e., live and dead leaf clusters of live and recently dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss, and beard lichen, as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. Occasional summer roosts also include clusters of dead pine needles of large live pines, eastern red cedar, abandoned gray squirrel nests, and under exfoliating birch bark. Tricolored bats will roost in a

variety of tree species, especially oaks (*Quercus* spp.), and often select roosts in tall, large diameter trees, but will roost in smaller diameter trees when potential roost substrate is present (e.g., 4-inch dbh). Tricolored bats commonly roost in the mid to upper canopy of trees although males will occasionally roost in dead leaves at lower heights (e.g., < 16 feet from the ground) and females will occasionally roost in Spanish moss of understory trees. They seem to prefer foraging along forested edges of larger forest openings, along edges of riparian areas, and over water and avoid foraging in dense, unbroken forests, and narrow road cuts through forests. Tricolored bats also roost in human-made structures, such as bridges and culverts, and occasionally in barns or the underside of open-sided shelters (e.g., porches, pavilions); therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. This species occupies similar forest habitats in the spring, summer, and fall (i.e., non-hibernating seasons) but in the southern portion of the range, where they exhibit shorter torpor bouts and remain active and feed year-round, they may roost in culverts, bridges, cavities in live trees, live and dead leaf clusters, and/or Spanish moss during the winter. Tricolored bats may roost and forage in forested areas near anthropogenic structures and buildings (e.g., suburban neighborhoods, parks, etc.). However, highly developed urbanized areas generally devoid of native vegetation (including isolated trees surrounded by expansive anthropogenic development) are considered unsuitable habitat (e.g., parking lots, industrial buildings, shopping centers). If the site contains possible tricolored bat summer habitat, we recommend tree clearing should occur from July 16 to April 30.

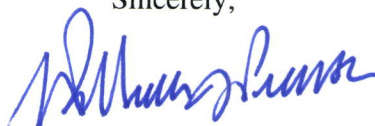
It is unclear if any tree clearing is required for this project. If tree clearing is required, these recommendations are acceptable, and the tricolored bat becomes listed prior to site construction, no further consultation will be necessary for the tricolored bat. If this timing is not achievable, the tricolored bat becomes a listed species, and no other measures to avoid adverse effects are possible, then we recommend that the project proponent proceed to acoustic and/or mist-netting surveys to determine presence or probable absence of tricolored bats at the project site as outlined in the 2024 Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines:

<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>

Please note, if the proposed work is not carried out in the next six months, it would be prudent to contact this office to determine if any changes have occurred to the status of the species and/or avoidance guidance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Erin Sasser of my staff at (251) 298-4226 or via email at erin_sasser@fws.gov. Please refer to the reference number located at the top of this letter in future phone calls or written correspondence.

Sincerely,



William J. Pearson
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

May 19th, 2025

Mr. Bill Pearson
Field Supervisor
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
1208 Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

**Re: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE
VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)
THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Dear Mr. Pearson,

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Thank you for your time and consideration for this project.

Sincerely,
Three Notch Group, Inc.

JD Holt, E.I.
Utilities Engineer II

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Appendix G

**U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CONCURRENCE LETTER**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

June 24, 2025

South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2025-00378-MDJ, City of Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama

Three Notch Group
Attention: Mr. JD Holt
Email Address: jd.holt@3notch.com
224 Broad Street, Suite 201
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Dear Ms. Holt:

Reference is made to your request on behalf of the City of Ashford for Department of the Army (DA) concurrence with the determination that no permit is required for the proposed construction of a new deep-water production well and associated iron-treatment system in Bayou La Batre, Alabama. This project has been assigned Number **SAM-2025-00378-MDJ**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office. The project is located on Padget Switch Road, within Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 3 West; at Latitude 30.440025 North, Longitude -88.216739 West; Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama.

A review of the information submitted indicates a Department of the Army 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** for the following activities as described in your correspondence: Construction of a new deep-water production well, pressure filters, filter building, backwash recycling system, well building refurbishment, associated piping, SCADA system, electrical improvements, and standby generator repair.

This determination is based on the proposed activities, as described in your initial letter request received May 19, 2025, the work plan provided and depicted in the attached aerial maps. Any proposed modifications to the project location or scope of work may change the determination and must be coordinated with our office prior to commencing the activity.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (251) 979-3977 or email me at michael.d.jacobs@usace.army.mil. Please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx for additional information about our Regulatory Program. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Derek Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "J".

M. Derek Jacobs
Project Manager
South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

Attachments

May 19th, 2025

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Regulatory Division/N2

Mobile District – Birmingham Field Office

600 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 203

Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35216

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Appendix H

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCURRENCE LETTER



South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

William S. Stimpson, Chairman • Charles H. Murphy, Vice-Chairman
James R. Staff, Secretary - Treasurer • John F. Rhodes, Executive Director

May 22, 2025

JD Holt, EI
THREE NOTCH GROUP
224 Broad Street, Suite 201
Gadsden, AL 35901

**RE: VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01) THE
UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Internal SARPC Project Review Control No. 25-2

Dear Mr. Holt:

In response to the request for a review of this project, attached please find the completed review sheet. This review sheet need not be included in the project application packet (i.e., the Standard Form 424 with supporting documentation).

If you have any questions in this regard or require additional information, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

John F. Rhodes
Executive Director

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SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET

INTERNAL SARPC PROJECT CONTROL NO.: 25-2

REQUESTING AGENCY: THREE NOTCH GROUP

**PROJECT: VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)
THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Internal SARPC Project Review Control No. 25-2

COMMENTS: (Check one)

Does Not Apply

Concur

No Objection

Concur Contingent Upon (Explain Below)

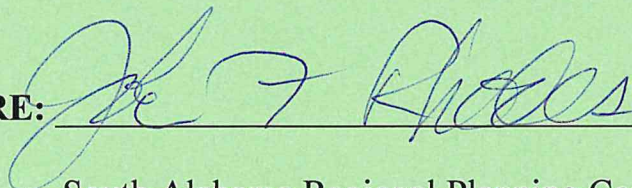
Need More Information (Explain Below)

Cannot Concur (Explain Below)

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EXPLANATION:

REVIEWER SIGNATURE:



South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, AL 36633

May 19th, 2025

Mr. John F. Rhodes
Executive Director

SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

P.O. Box 1665

Mobile, Alabama 36633-1665

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Appendix I

ADECA OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES CONCURRENCE LETTER

KAY IVEY
GOVERNOR



KENNETH W. BOSWELL
DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA

May 22, 2025

JD Holt, E. I.
Utilities Engineer II
Three Notch Group
224 Broad Street, Suite 201
Auburn, AL 36831

RE: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE
VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)
THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Dear Mr. Holt

We have reviewed your letter dated May 19, 2025 concerning the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project for capital improvements for the Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre. We concur with the proposed project.

Be aware, however, that one condition of the Certificate of Use (COU # 8) that was issued to the Bayou La Batre Utilities Board by our office on January 2, 2018, requires any change to the withdrawal infrastructure (i.e., the addition of a new well or a change in pump capacity) will require a modification to that COU.

We will be glad to assist with the modification process if needed. By law, we cannot issue the modification until the well is within 90 days of being in operation. Please contact our office at that time and we will help initiate the modification process.

Let us know if you have any questions. The staff for water management issues can be reached at (334) 242-5499 or via e-mail at water@adeca.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike J. Harper".

Michael J. Harper
Alabama Water Use Reporting Program Coordinator
ADECA Office of Water Resources

May 19th, 2025

Mr. Tom Littlepage

Division Chief

Office of Water Resources Division

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

401 Adams Avenue, Suite 434

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE

VANITY FAIR WELL REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION (FS01055-01)

THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Dear Mr. Littlepage,

The Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre (BLBU) has requested funding from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the capital improvements to be constructed which includes the replacement of an abandoned deep-water production well with a new deep-water production well and refurbishment of an existing treatment building.

BLBU had an existing 500 GPM production well, which was taken out of service due to failures in the below ground infrastructure. Attempts were made to rectify the issues, but the well was eventually taken out of service. The improvements associated with this project are the construction of a new deep-water production well and associated iron-treatment system. Included in this project will be the drilling, testing and approval of a 500 – 700 GPM production well, pressure filters, filter building, backwash recycling system, well building refurbishment, piping, SCADA, electrical improvements, and stand by generator for emergency repair.

The location of this project will be located on property currently owned by BLBU along Padget Switch Road in Bayou La Batre, Alabama (Mobile County).

If there are any questions or additional supporting documents required, please contact this office, or send an email to jd.holt@3notch.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this project.

Sincerely,
Three Notch Group, Inc.

JD Holt, E.I.
Utilities Engineer II

Enclosures;

