TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Williams Mobile Bay Producer Services, LLC  
Attention: Mr. Alan Jones  
1 Williams Center, WRC3-NE  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172

AGENT: Perennial Environmental Services, LLC  
Attention: Ms. Amy Butler  
13100 Northwest Freeway #150  
Houston, Texas 77040

LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed project is located within an area that drains to both the East Fowl River and Jonas Bayou, and is at 6000 Rock Road, in Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 2 West; near Latitude 30.400965° North, Longitude 88.175299° West; in Coden, Mobile County, Alabama.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The overall purpose of the project is to construct additional facilities that would allow the applicant to increase the capacity of their Coden Gas Plant and enable that facility to process additional natural gas streams from new off-shore drilling development that is anticipated to begin in 2019.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to modify their existing Coden Gas Plant by installing a new slug catcher and associated ancillary components at the plant and adjacent Compressor Station 82. The proposed ancillary components of this project include a
stabilizer system, two recompressors, heat medium system, condensate storage and condensate shipping two-bay truck loading rack, two chillers, product surge drums, product pipeline pumps, two power distribution center buildings, and piping tie-ins.

The Project would utilize 36.92 acres of workspace, the majority of which is located within heavily modified industrial areas with crushed aggregate surfaces. Of that, 2.85 acres would result in the permanent conversion of currently undeveloped vegetated areas to unvegetated industrial use consistent with the existing plant processing areas. The remaining 34.07 acres of temporary workspace would be returned to preconstruction conditions following the completion of Project activities.

All permanent impacts to waters of the United States caused by this project would be due to construction of a new slug catcher, which the applicant would locate adjacent to an existing slug catcher. The new slug catcher would require excavation, fill, and grading, and to facilitate its placement, the applicant would need to permanently impact approximately 1.11 acres of wetlands. Approximately 1,262 cubic yards of fill would be permanently placed into waters of the United States for construction of this project, and an additional 0.04 acre of wetlands would be temporarily impacted.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** The applicant was limited from consideration of off-site alternatives as well as alternative onsite configurations due to engineering constraints dictated by strict and precise flow distribution modeling which require placement of the new equipment adjacent to their existing slug catcher. However, the applicant has provided plans that utilize several measures to minimize the project’s impact on waters of the United States. They plan to implement structural erosion controls as well as measures outlined in a prepared Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) plan in order to control the loss of sediment and other pollutants into waters of the United States. Also, hydrology of the adjacent waters would be maintained by designing proper stormwater conveyances, and temporary impacts to wetlands would be minimized by measures such as the use of timber mats or the placement of crushed aggregate with underlying geotextile material when working in those areas. The USACE, Mobile District has not verified the adequacy of the applicant’s avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through purchase of the appropriate amount of in-kind mitigation credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved mitigation bank.

**WATER QUALITY:** The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES/CULTURAL RESOURCES:** In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within
the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of the this undertaking are also being considered. In addition to the provided comments from the State Historic Preservation Officer (the Alabama Historical Commission), we are seeking comments from federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. The USACE, Mobile District has not yet made a determination of potential effects the project would have on cultural or historic resources.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: The following species, listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being either threatened or endangered, are found within Mobile County, and may be located within the watershed of the project’s location: Florida Manatee (E) (*Trichechus manatus*), Wood Stork (E) (*Mycteria americana*), Eastern Indigo snake (T) (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), and Alabama red-belly turtle (E) (*Pseudemys alabamensis*).

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will have no effect on any species currently listed as endangered or threatened within Mobile County. This determination is being coordinated with the USFWS via this Public Notice.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and serves to solicit comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes and other interested parties, in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based.

Any comments received will be considered by the USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.
The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2016-01485-SBC and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Attention: Regulatory Division, South Alabama Branch, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile Alabama 36608.

All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, Mr. S. Brad Crosson at (251) 694-3664 or via e-mail at steven.b.crosson@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number.

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