

October 22, 2012

Mr. Joe Turnham Macon County Economic Development Authority 608 Dibble Street Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

SUBJECT: Beck's Turf Farm No. 5, Tuskegee, Alabama BioResources Project No. WL12-221

Dear Mr. Turnham:

In May 2012, Waters of the U.S. (wetlands or streams under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)) were identified and delineated at the Beck's Turf Farm No. 5 site. Six wetlands were identified on the site and the wetland borders were marked with pink 'Wetland Delineation' flagging tape. Seven streams, including Uphapee Creek and Red Creek, were identified on the site. These wetland boundaries and stream corridors have not been located by professional land surveyors.

I have included a Preliminary Wetland and Stream Evaluation Map that shows the approximate location of these jurisdictional landscape features. All of the features are located within the 100 year floodplain of Uphapee Creek and Red Creek and do not occur within the farmed area of the project site.

In May 2012, while wetlands and streams were being identified, the site was also evaluated for the presence of threatened and endangered species. No species of concern and no appropriate habitat were identified within the project area. However, Uphapee Creek (upstream of Highway 199) is designated as critical habitat for three species of aquatic mussels. Since no development will take place within the forested floodplain of Uphapee Creek, the floodplain will serve as a buffer between the developed area and designated critical habitat.

On August 31, 2012 a Protected Species Report was submitted to the USWFS. In this report, the project site was confined to the farmed areas of the Beck's Turf Farm No. 5 property. On September 11, 2012 (with this restriction) the USFWS responded with a concurrence letter stating that "No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area".

I hope that this information is helpful. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Doug Dallas Certified Wildlife Biologist President

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August 31, 2012

Mr. William J. Pearson U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Alabama Ecological Services Field Office 1208-B Main Street Daphne, Alabama 36526 2012 - TA - 0676

SUBJECT: Protected Species Evaluation Beck's Turf Farm No. 5 Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama BioResources Project No. WL12-221

Dear Mr. Pearson:

BioResources, LLC has conducted a Protected Species Evaluation for a proposed industrial development site at the site of the current Beck's Turf Farm No. 5 in Macon County, Alabama. The Project Area was evaluated for the presence or absence of appropriate habitat for federally listed species; conclusions are detailed in the enclosed report. No listed species and no appropriate habitat were observed in the Project Area.

On behalf of the Macon County Economic Development Authority, we respectfully request your concurrence with the findings of the report in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

I greatly appreciate your assistance with this request. If you have any questions, or if you require more information, please contact me at (334) 821-5707.

Sincerely,

Doug Dállas Certified Wildlife Biologist President



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No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. SITE MAY CONTAIN WETLANDS. Contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a jurisdictional wetlands determination. We recommend the use of best management practices specific to your project (See http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html).

Alliam J. Pearson, Field Supervisor Date #4

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Joe Turnham, Macon County Economic Development Authority