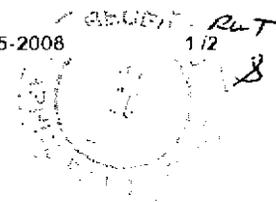


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November 6, 2008

William J. Pearson
Field Survey
U.S. Department of Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
Daphne ES Field Office
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526

RE: **Reed Minerals, Inc.**
No. 5 Mine

Dear Mr. William J. Pearson:

We are in the process of applying for a mining permit for the area described below and would like to request comments from your office in order to proceed with this project.

Reed Minerals, Inc. has existing mining operations in Blount County, Alabama and wants to mine 506 acres at the project site located in Section 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 & 22, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, on the Goodsprings, Alabama U.S.G.S Quadrangle as found in Walker County, Alabama. The proposed site location is shown on the attached 2000' scale project area map attachment "B".

The proposed project consists of 506 acres all of which a habitat survey was conducted on November 1, 2008. In the study it states that no evidence was found for the possible presence of the listed threatened and endangered species and that suitable habitat for these species do not exist on or adjacent to the project site. I have attached a copy of this study in attachment "C".

Therefore based on the previous findings in the attached habitat study would you concur that the project activities will have no adverse effect on any endangered and threatened species and that no further consultation will be required.

I would like to thank you for your co-operation concerning this matter and would appreciate your comments at your earliest convenience. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Based upon our records and the information provided in your letter, we agree with your findings that no federally listed species/critical habitat occur in the project area. If project design changes are made, please submit new plans for review.

William J. Pearson
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor
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Sincerely,

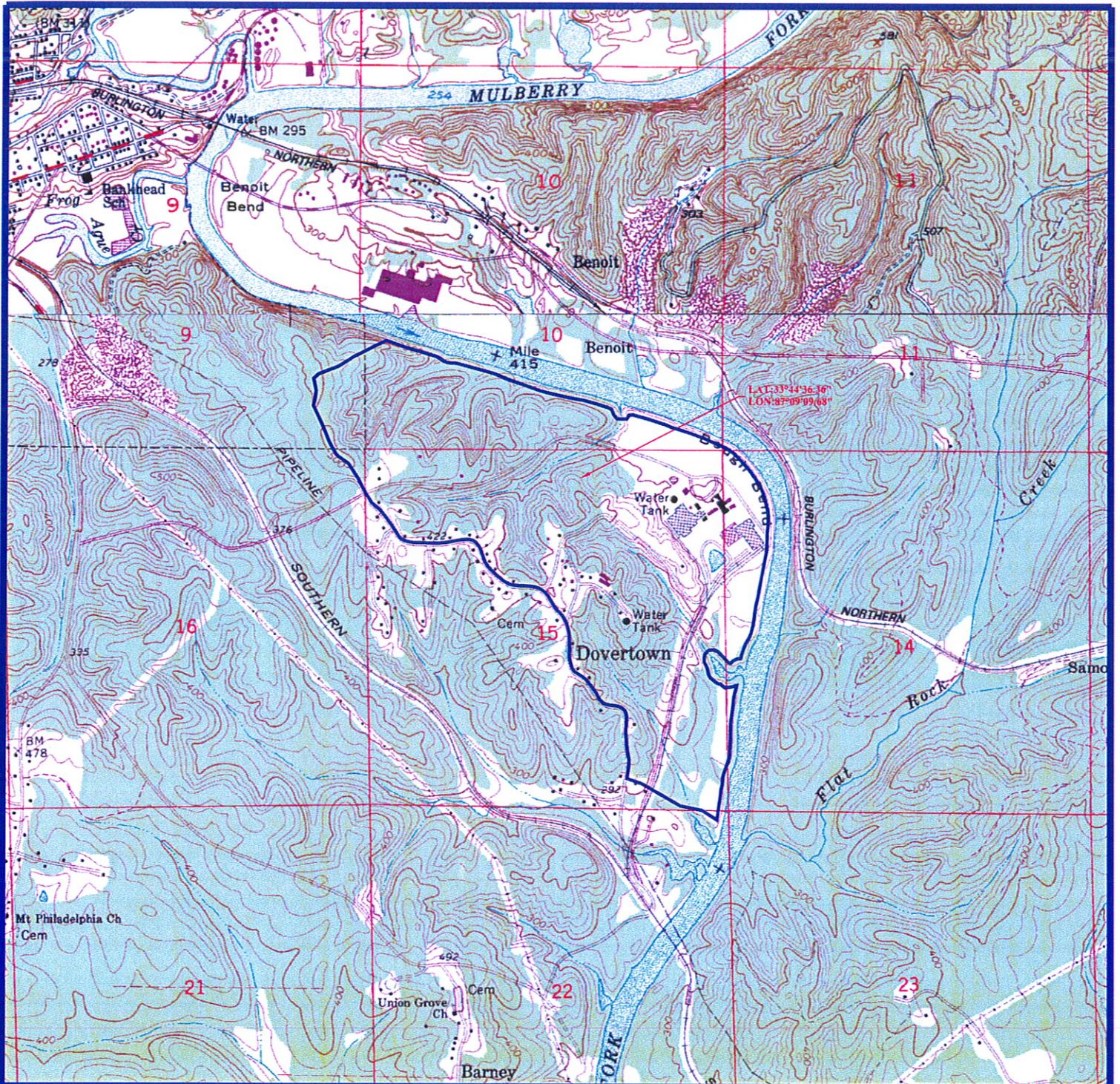
McGehee Engineering Corp.

Kaylen Jones

Kaylen Jones
Project Manager.

Enclosure:

- (A) Project Notification Summary*
- (B) Project Area Map 2000 Scale*
- (C) Habitat Survey - November 2008*



REED MINERALS, INC.
 NO. 5 MINE
 (APPROXIMATELY 506 ACRES TOTAL)

PROJECT AREA MAP

SECTIONS 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, & 22,
 TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST,
 ALL IN WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
 AS FOUND ON THE GOODSPRINGS USGS QUAD.



SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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 PROJECT BOUNDARY

Latitude: 33°44'36"
 Longitude: 87°09'09"