NOTES TO USERS

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not represent the official flood hazards of the United States, and regulatory agencies and any secondary user should not rely upon it. This map is based on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) series of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Except as noted, all data were current as of the date of map delivery. Users of this map should be aware that the accuracy and reliability of the underlying data vary. Where special flood hazards are unknown or undetermined, this report should be utilized in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management. In the event of a conflict between the data on this map and the underlying data, the original data should be used.

Data Base

Topographic data were obtained from the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and used for the purposes of the flood studies made by the Mississippi Embayment Collaborative Research Center at Mississippi State University and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These data include the Digital Orthophoto Quadrangle (DOQ) series and the Digital Elevation Model (DEM) series for the State Plane Mississippi East Coordinate System (FIPS 965000) in the 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16.

The floodplain was established using a 1% annual chance floodplain. The 1% annual chance floodplain was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and describes the area subject to a 1% annual chance floodplain. Areas of Special Flood Hazard included Zones C, D, A, and AE. These maps were prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi District.

Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may be protected by special flood risk management practices, including flood hazard mitigation practices that have been voluntarily adopted by the community. Information about the location of floodprone areas and floodplain management practices that may be in effect in the community is available at the Community Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) website at http://www.msc.fema.gov.

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The data used in the preparation of this map were last updated on 02/07/2012. The data on this map were prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MSAC, 1200 Camp Shelby Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530. The map was prepared under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is intended to be used in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management. If you have any questions about this map or questions concerning the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call 1-877-FEMA-FM (1-877-3362336) or visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at http://www.fema.gov.

Legend

Zones A, B, and C represent areas subject to special flood hazards by the 1% annual chance flood. The following codes and symbols represent the flood hazards as shown on the FIRM:

ZONE A: Areas in Special Flood Hazard Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE B: Areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE C: Areas subject to inundation by the 2% annual chance flood.

ZONE V: Areas subject to inundation by the 2% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE AE: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE AB: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood or areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE AO: Areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE A99: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE A99C: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

ZONE A99V: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 2% annual chance flood.

ZONE A99E: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Special Flood Hazard Areas formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by certain features (e.g., levees, dikes, floodwalls) as determined from the previous flood studies are shown on the previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. The floodplains and floodways that were transferred from the previous FIRM may have been adjusted to conform to these new flood hazards. If the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in the height of the protective features, the floodplain and floodway boundaries are not shown on the current FIRM. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.

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LEGEND

Special Flood Hazard Areas Subject to Inundation by the 1% Annual Chance Flood

Zone A: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood.

Zone B: Areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Zone C: Areas subject to inundation by the 2% annual chance flood.

Zone V: Areas subject to inundation by the 2% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Zone AE: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood and areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Zone AB: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood or areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Zone AO: Areas subject to inundation by the 0.2% annual chance flood.

Zone A99: Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood.

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OTHER AREAS

LIMITED INFORMATION AREAS

Other Flood Areas

Other Flood Areas are shown on the FIRM for purposes of flood insurance rating only. The insurance rate for a structure located in these areas is not affected by the flood elevations shown on the FIRM.

OTHER PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)

Other Protected Areas (OPAs) are shown on the FIRM for purposes of flood insurance rating only. The insurance rate for a structure located in these areas is not affected by the flood elevations shown on the FIRM.

LIMIT OF MODERATE WAVE ACTION (LWMA)

The Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LWMA) has been determined for the 0.2% annual chance floodplain in accordance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) standards. The LWMA represents the higher elevation limit, above which there is no significant wave action. The LWMA should be used in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management.

BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS

Base Flood Elevations determined, and floodplains and floodways that were transferred from the previous FIRM may have been adjusted to conform to these new flood hazards. If the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in the height of the protective features, the floodplain and floodway boundaries are not shown on the current FIRM. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.

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METERS

Meters are included for areas that may be affected by tides, waves, or wind. Meters are provided as an approximation of the elevation of the 1% annual chance floodplain for the purposes of this map. Meters are not meant to be used as a basis for determining whether or not a structure is in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

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