



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MEMPHIS DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Subject: Initial Section 408 assessment for Port Of Cates Landing Rail Loop Project

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Dear Mr. Rhodes:

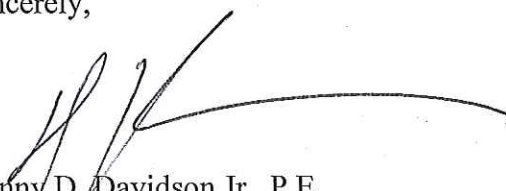
This letter is in reference to your request for initial assessment of Forcum Lannom Contractors, LLC's concept plan to construct a rail loop track at the Port of Cates Landing in Lake County, Tennessee. The Memphis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) preliminary assessment resulted in no concerns being noted that would prevent the project from proceeding although Section 408 permissions will be required prior to final project approval. The final layout within the levee Right of Way must be designed to ensure the integrity of the levee and will require USACE review in accordance with Engineer Circular (EC) 1165-2-216.

Specific project locations that will require USACE Section 408 permissions review and coordination:

- The loop track crossing the existing levee and the secondary levee abutting the landside of the existing levee.
- The rail extension to the east that crosses the levee.
- The existing revetment within the harbor.

Please note that Section 408 permissions must be acquired based on the final plans. Also, once Forcum Lannom Contractors, LLC has obtained all necessary permits, USACE must be notified prior to beginning construction on portions of the project near the levee. For any questions regarding the Section 408 process, please contact Tanya Wells, Inspection of Completed Works Manager/408 Coordinator, at 901-544-0897 or Tanya.L.Wells@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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