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Ms. Egoroff:

On behalf of Fort Moore, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, Planning Branch, is submitting the attached information regarding the proposed project titled "Dexter Elementary School Replacement, Fort Moore, GA," located at 295-419 Zuckerman Ave., Fort Moore, GA, 31905. Following a comprehensive field assessment of the project area and a thorough review of all relevant data, we have determined that the proposed activities are not subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

The project, as described below, is located outside of the Waters of the United States. The project consists of building the new elementary school complex on the 14-acre Zuckerman Ave. site. The project would construct a new two-story building that is a maximum of 116,500 square feet. The school will have a design population of 600 students for pre-K through 5th grade. The project site improvements will include 120 parking spaces and a new outdoor play area for the students. The school improvements will include two playgrounds, hardcourts for basketball, a bicycle trail, and open grassed field area. Construction for this project is expected to occur from September 2026 to September 2028. As part of the construction design at the Zuckerman Ave. site, the design will avoid impacts to the existing intermittent stream by utilizing a 25-foot buffer. In order to determine the boundaries of the stream, a stream delineation assessment marked the boundaries of the aquatic resources using the ordinary high water mark assessment method. The 25-foot buffer was added to the edge of the boundary to ensure that no impacts to the stream or the buffer would occur during potential construction of the new school.

We respectfully request that the USACE, Savannah District, Regulatory Branch, review our assessment and confirm that no Department of the Army permit is required for this project under Section 404 of the CWA.

Enclosed with this letter, please find detailed documentation supporting our assessment, including relevant maps, wetland data forms, and project drawings. We are available to provide any additional information or clarification that may be required. We look forward to your review and concurrence on this matter.

Please provide determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter to myself, at suzanne.hill@usace.army.mil. Please reach out should you have any questions at 912-423- 2324.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. 35% Landscape Plan Design Drawings
2. OHWM Form and Accompanying Pictures
3. SAS Appendix 1 Form
4. National Wetlands Inventory Map