



Memorandum

Date: September 17, 2020

To: Interested Public

From: Joseph M. Koon, Manager JK
Mining and Reclamation Section
DHEC Bureau of Land and Waste Management

Subject: Approval of Application and Reclamation Plan for a Mine Operating Permit
Issuance of Mine Operating Permit I-002242
King Tract LLC, Southern Mine – King Tract
Charleston County, South Carolina

Thank you for your interest and/or comments concerning the proposed Southern Mine – King Tract. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) received the permit application for the proposed Southern Mine – King Tract in September of 2018. DHEC's Bureau of Land and Waste Management (BLWM) placed the mine operating permit application on public notice in March 2019. DHEC held a public hearing to receive comments on the mine operating permit application on October 10, 2019. On July 7, 2019 a Draft Mine Operating Permit was provided for a 15-day public review and comment period ending on July 22, 2019.

After careful consideration of all information presented, The BLWM has completed review of all public comments received, as well as additional information provided by the applicant. Pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act, DHEC has approved the requested application for a Mine Operating Permit. DHEC received your comments and concerns between March 1, 2019 and July 22, 2020 and a Summary Response to Comments is provided. The Mine Operating Permit, Summary Response to Comments, and other information relevant to Southern Mine – King Tract can be viewed on DHEC's website at:

<https://www.scdhec.gov/environment/ongoing-projects-updates/southern-mine-king-tract>

Any affected party has the right to request a final review of this permit decision. This request must be made in writing to the Clerk of the DHEC Board. Procedures for requesting this review are enclosed and more information can be viewed on DHEC's website at:

<https://scdhec.gov/about-dhec/sc-board-health-and-environmental-control/guide-board-review>

Should there be any questions or if DHEC may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the project manager, Haley Smarr, at 803-898-3887 or by e-mail at smarrha@dhec.sc.gov