South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE

Sassafras Timber, LLC
Sassafras Mine
Dorchester County, South Carolina
(DHEC Application I-002310)

Date: March 17, 2021

Sassafras Timber, LLC has applied to DHEC for a permit to mine sand, sand/clay, and topsoil at a site in Dorchester County, Specifically the site is located 3.75 miles southeast of the intersection of SC Primary Highways 165 (Delemar Highway) and 61 (Ashely River Road). The site is located within a 2660 acre tract of forested land located 8.6 miles south of Summerville, SC. (TMS # 178-00-00-001). A proposed reclamation plan to restore the site to a pond, grasslands and woodlands has been submitted with the application. The mine permit application and related documents are available for review on DHEC's website at https://www.scdhec.gov/environmental-public-notices.

DHEC is currently conducting a technical review of the application and related documents and will accept written comments through April 8, 2021. Public comments may impact DHEC's permit decision by giving staff additional information to consider and could also be used when determining specific terms and conditions the company must follow if a permit is issued. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public meeting. If the public meeting cannot be held in person due to the COVID-19 guidelines restricting in-person gatherings, the public meeting will be held using an alternative method that provides the public the ability to participate remotely.

For questions, additional information, to submit written comments, or to be added to DHEC's mailing list for this site please contact the Project Manager:

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DHEC is also conducting a Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC) review due to the proposed mining project's location within the S.C. Coastal Zone. For questions or additional information about the CZC review, please contact Holli Dawn Martin at 843-953-0860, or by e-mail at martinhd@dhec.sc.gov.

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you know who may be interested in this matter.