



Memorandum

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Jeremy E. Eddy, P.G., Section Manager
Mining & Reclamation Section
Division of Mining & Solid Waste Management

RE: Notice of Approval of Application and Reclamation Plan
Notice of Modification of Mine Operating Permit I-000601 (Mod 19-2)
Haile Gold Mine, Lancaster County

South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has completed the review of information submitted for the modification of mine operating permit I-000601 (Mod 19-2) for Haile Gold Mine, requested by Haile Gold Mine, Inc. (Operator). This review process included information submitted by the Operator; comments from governmental agencies, including a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and DHEC as cooperating agencies; and other interested parties.

You are receiving this memorandum as an interested member of the public that requested to be notified. With this approval and receipt of the required financial assurance, DHEC is modifying the Mine Operating Permit I-000601 for the Haile Gold Mine. The approved permit, maps, reclamation plan, and a response to comments (Chapter 10 of the SEIS) can be viewed and downloaded at the following web address:

<https://scdhec.gov/HaileMine>

Additionally, past, present, and future permitting decisions from DHEC's Bureau of Water and Bureau of Air Quality can also be found at the webpage above.

Any affected parties who wish to appeal this decision may file a request for final review. Procedures for DHEC Board review of permit decisions are available at the following webpage: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/BoardofDirectors/GuidetoBoardReview/>. Additional information regarding appeal procedures is available from SC DHEC's Clerk of the Board at the below SC DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3309. Pursuant to SC Code Section 44-1-60(E)(2), "[t]he staff decision becomes the final agency decision fifteen calendar days after notice of the staff decision has been mailed to the applicant, unless a written request for final review accompanied by filing fee is filed with the department by the applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person."

The Bureau of Land and Waste Management would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in this permit. All comments received throughout this process have been duly considered and helped form the final permit. If you need assistance accessing the Mine Operating and associated documents, or have questions or concerns, or would like a hard copy of these documents mailed to you, please contact me at eddyje@dhec.sc.gov or (803) 898-7609.