



## Memorandum

Date: October 8, 2020

To: Interested Public

From: Mason Brandes, Project Manager *MB*  
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-002279  
Sandridge Road Holdings, LLC, Pineland Mine  
Dorchester County, South Carolina

Thank you for your interest and/or comments concerning the proposed Pineland Mine. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) received the permit application for the proposed Pineland Mine in September of 2019. DHEC's Bureau of Land and Waste Management (BLWM) placed the mine operating permit application on public notice in February 27, 2020. DHEC held a public hearing to receive comments on the mine operating permit application on July 23, 2020.

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 comments and concerns between February 27, 2020 and August 7, 2020 and a Summary Response to Comments is provided. The Mine Operating Permit, Summary Response to Comments, and other information relevant to Pineland Mine can be viewed on DHEC's website at:

<https://scdhec.gov/environment/environmental-sites-projects-permits-interest/pineland-mine>

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, Mason Brandes, at 803-898-1369 or by e-mail at [brandemd@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:brandemd@dhec.sc.gov)