

Mining Stakeholder Discussion Notes

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Compliance & Enforcement

- Fees
 - Self-sufficient fees increased to fund FTEs
 - Only go towards a mining fund account
 - Other enforcement besides fines was requested
- Fines
 - Raised as deterrent to keep mines in compliance

Environmental Concerns

- Buffers & Setbacks for schools, wetlands, nature preserves, and adjacent properties
 - Unlikely to get a “one size fits all”
 - Safety
- Infrastructure
 - Road maintenance/requirements
 - Fencing
- Downstream Analysis
 - Flooding issues because lack of knowledge of when to pump water

Community Transparency

- Mine intentions are not widely known to communities
- Communities do not know General Permit (GP) process
- Knowledge of the difference between Public Hearing vs Public Notice
- Newspaper notice not as effective – sign on property or other high-volume highways

Permits / ePermitting

- ePermitting received good feedback
- Tutorials or continued education?
- Engineers should understand the process (spend long hours on permits)
- Possibly public meeting before the draft permit instead of before the draft application
- Obtaining approval from town/county zoning prior to submitting application to DHEC
- GP's vs Individual permits – accountability/clarity for future of a GP

Standardization of Laws

- Update of the only current notification required via Newspaper about mines
 - Road signs near the mine?
 - Template created or DHEC distributes?
- Processes that are like other states
 - Potential back track for SC

Reclamation

- Clemson can test soils
- DNR can not do private land recommendations
- Possibly more specific details for reclamation

Additional Stakeholders

- BOW, OCRM, BOA, Vulcan, In-stream Sand Mines