

Bureau of Land and Waste Management

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2023

TO: Interested Public

Jeremy Eddy, PG, Manager FROM:

Mining and Reclamation Section

Division of Mining and Solid Waste Management

SUBJECT: Approval of Application and Reclamation Plan for a Mine Operating Permit

Issuance of Permit I-002310, Sassafras Mine, Sassafras Timber, LLC

Dorchester County, TMS # 178-00-001.000 (portion)

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Bureau of Land and Waste Management, has completed review of the application and Reclamation Plan submitted by Sassafras Timber, LLC for the Sassafras Mine.

After careful consideration of all comments and information received from concerned citizens and local, state and federal agencies, DHEC has determined that the Sassafras Mine can comply with the South Carolina Mining Act and applicable mining regulations. Having made this determination, and being in receipt of the required reclamation bond, DHEC has approved the application and is issuing Mine Operating Permit 1-002310 for the Sassafras Mine.

The final mine permit, maps, reclamation plan, and a summary response to comments can be viewed and downloaded on DHEC's website at: www.scdhec.gov/SassafrasMine.

Please find enclosed a DHEC Guide to Board Review. This guide provides information on how to request a final review by the DHEC Board. This process is sometimes referred to as an appeal. Additional information about requesting a final review of the decision is available at: www.scdhec.gov/BoardReview.

Thank you for your interest, engagement and/or comments regarding the application for the Sassafras Mine. If you have trouble accessing the mine operating permit and related documents on our website, or if you have any other questions or concerns about the Sassafras Mine, please contact me at (803) 898-7609 or by email at eddyje@dhec.sc.gov.