# Proposed Modification - Mine Permit I-002170 Egeria Mine PUBLIC HEARING



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### **Proposed Modification Egeria Mine**

**Mine Operating Permit Application I-002170** 

**Dorchester County** 

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

























# Agenda

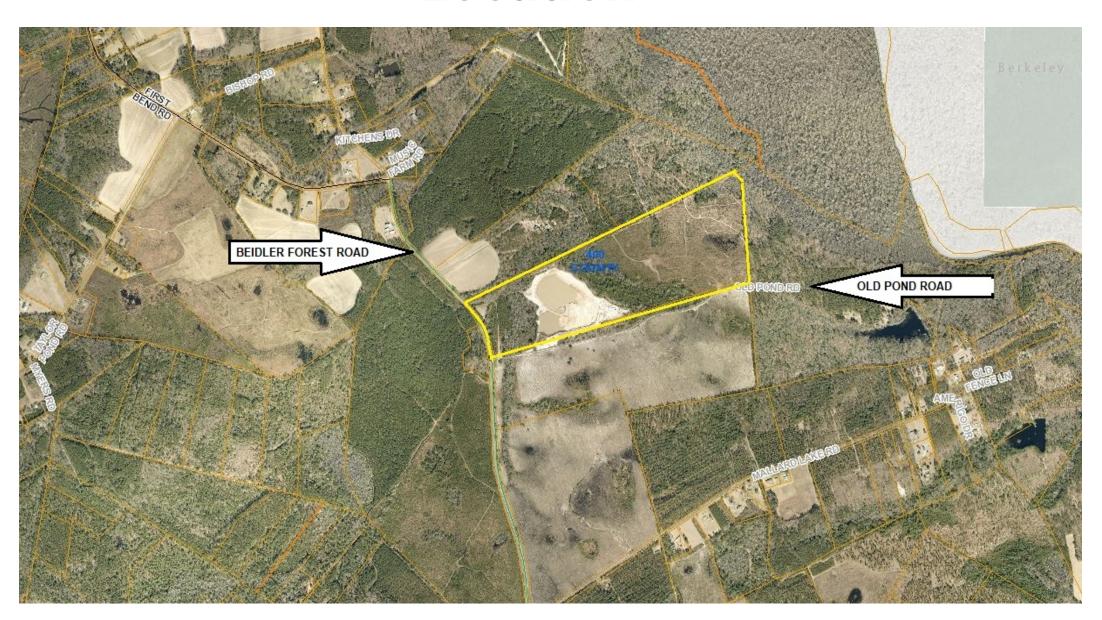
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- Opening Remarks
- DHEC Presentation
- Public Comments
- Closing Remarks
- Hearing Adjourned



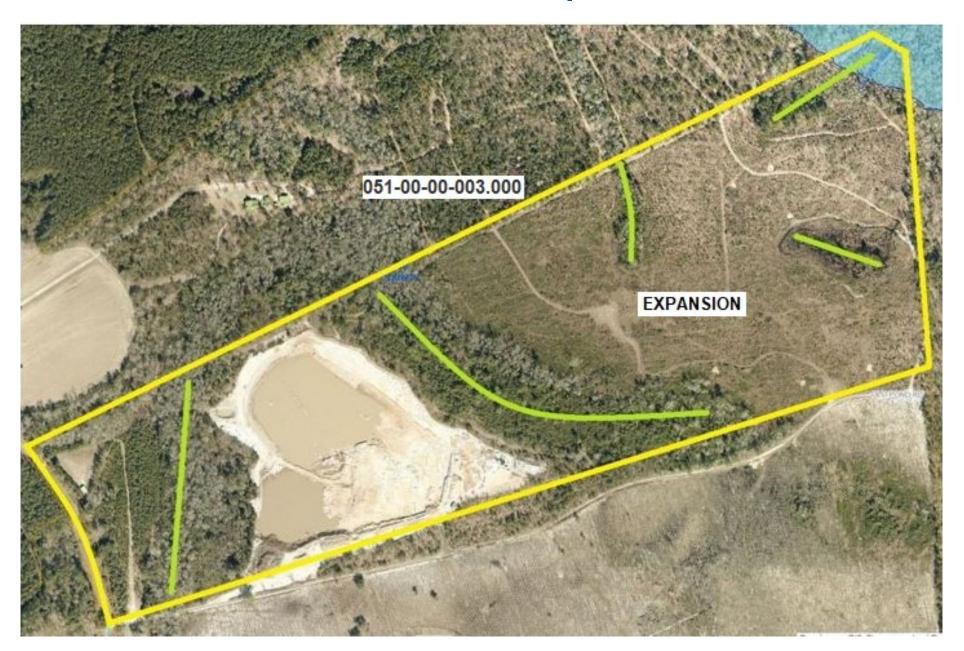
# **Egeria Mine**

- History of the Egeria Mine
  - Coverage under the General Mine Operating Permit GP1-001844
  - Transfer of GP1-001844
  - Issuance of Individual Mine Operating Permit I-002170
- Current modification request
- Reclamation of the mine operation
- Public concerns
- Final review of comments
- Decision process/ Notification

# Location



#### TMS# 051-00-00-003.000 | 117 acres





# **History of Mine Site**

#### **April 25, 2008**:

- Site was granted coverage under the General Mine Operating Permit
- GP1-001844 issued to Risher Mining and Trucking, Inc.

#### **September 26, 2016:**

GP1-001844 transferred to Dorchester Logistics, Inc. (DLI)

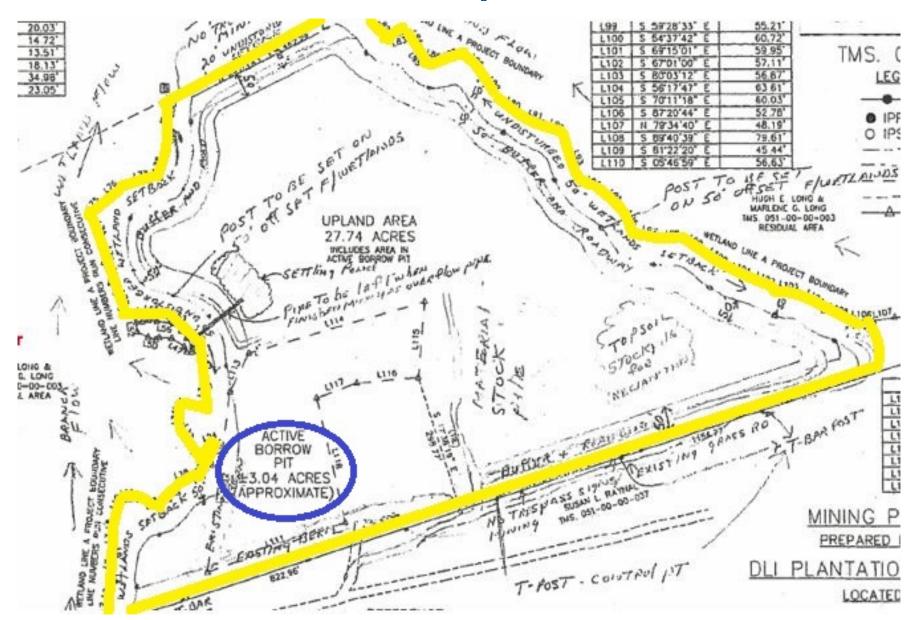
#### **February 9, 2018:**

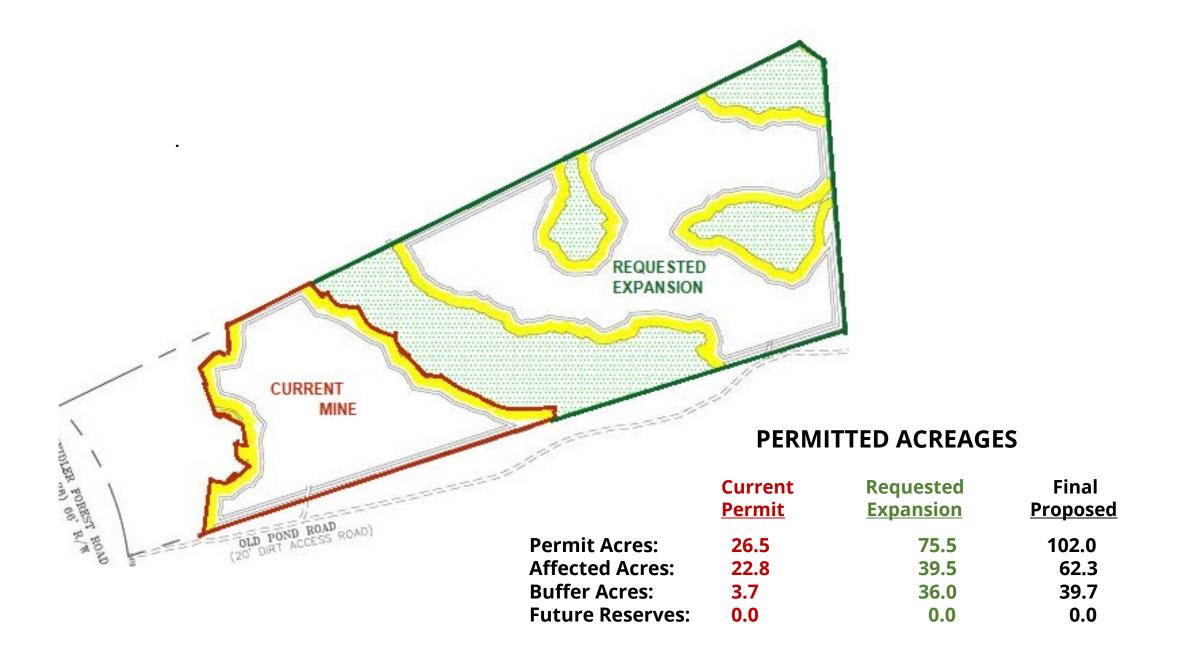
- Mine Permit I-002170 issued to DLI
- Expanded the general permit to 27.7 acres
- Cancelled GP1-001844

#### October 7, 2020:

Modification submitted to expand the mine operation

#### GP1-001844 | I-002170





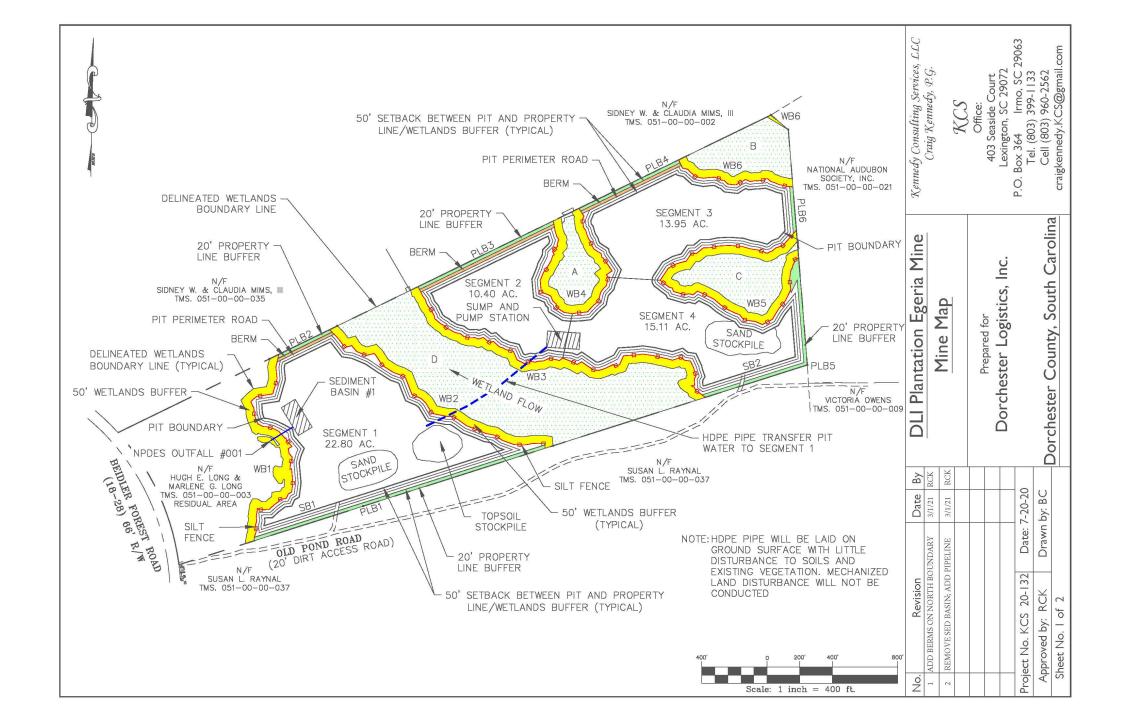


#### **Public Notice**

#### **November 4, 2020**

Request to modify the permit was public noticed:

- Adjacent Landowners
- General Public advertisement in *The Post and Courier*
- State and Federal Agencies:
  - SC Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
  - SC Department of Archives and History (A&H)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (F&W)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)





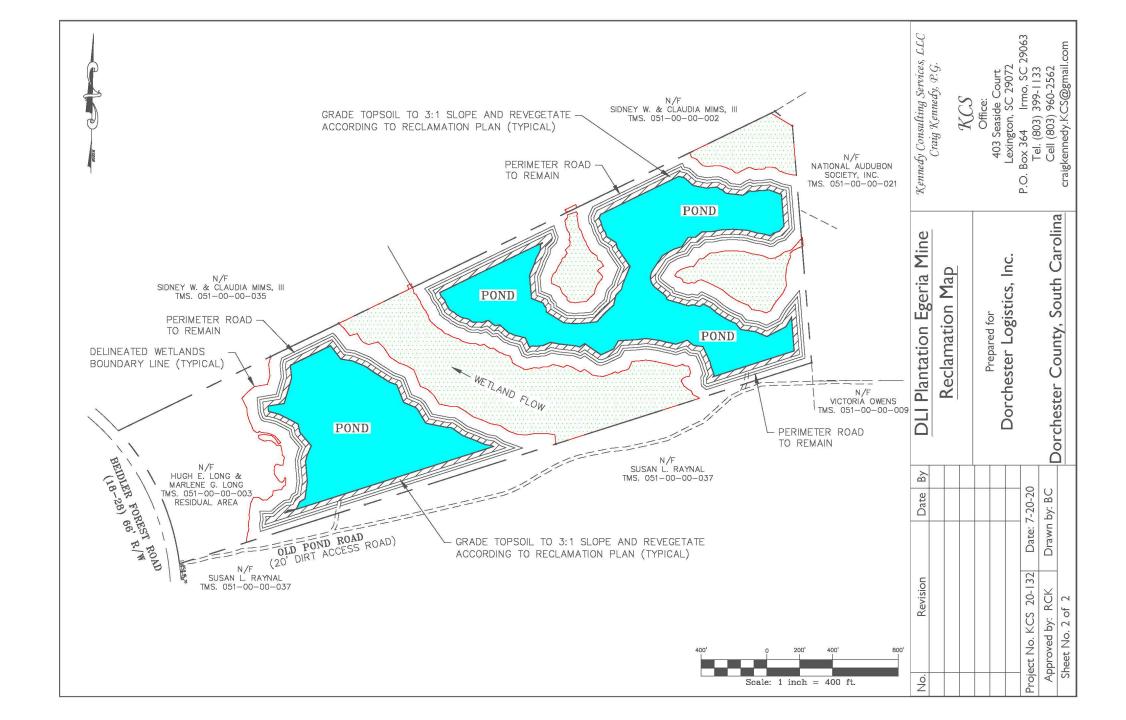
#### Reclamation

Reclamation is the process of restoring the mined land to a useful purpose to ensure safety and to protect the natural resources of the surrounding area.

Mine operators are required to post and maintain a bond to ensure reclamation is completed at the mine.

DLI proposes to reclaim the Egeria Mine as a series of ponds:

- minimum of 4 feet of water over 50% of the surface area
- banks graded to a maximum 3H:1V slope
- permanent vegetation established





#### **Public Concerns**

The SC Mining Act (Act) and regulations do not give DHEC the authority to address certain concerns about mine operations, including:

#### **Location:**

- Local governments are best to determine compatible land use
- The Act does not supersede zoning jurisdictions

#### **Impacts/Use of Public Roads:**

- DHEC can only evaluate impacts to public roads when caused by the mine operation (e.g., undermining)
- Concerns with use of or damage to public roads are under the jurisdiction of SC
   Department of Transportation or Dorchester County Department of Public Works
- Complaints with illegal activities (e.g., speeding, hazardous driving) need to be reported to local law enforcement



#### **Final Review**

#### Comments will be accepted through June 15, 2021.

#### At that time, DHEC will:

- assess all comments received
- request any additional information from DLI
- finalize the technical review of the modification

#### Make determination if the project meets the requirements of:

- Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC)
- NPDES Discharge Permit
- the SC Mining Act and regulations



#### **Final Decision**

- If the modification is found to meet the standards of the CZC and NPDES programs, the Mining Program will make a final decision as outlined by the SC Mining Act and regulations.
- All attendees and commentors will be notified of the final decision
- Notification will include:
  - a summary of all concerns and how they were addressed
  - information on appealing the final decision

Final decision date begins 15-day appeal period.



#### **How to Comment**

Submit comments by mail or email through

June 15, 2021

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Additional information can be found at:

www.scdhec.gov/egeriamine



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