

Good evening. My name is Pam Hunt and I manage the group that regulates permitting and enforcement activities for quarries for the Air Division of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. I am here to present a statement on behalf of the Department concerning the proposed issuance of Air Permit number 206-0051-X001 to CreekWood Resources, LLC.

The Department exercises authority under the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act and the Alabama Environmental Management Act, to administer and enforce Alabama's air pollution control regulations. The Department also has the authority to implement federal air pollution control regulations.

CreekWood Resources, LLC is proposing to construct a facility that would involve the crushing, screening, and conveying of granite. These processes contain equipment that would be subject to federal New Source Performance Standards. These regulations were developed by the US Environmental Protection Agency, and are uniformly applicable across the country. The Department administers these regulations in Alabama.

These regulations limit emissions of dust from crusher, screen, and conveyor transfer points. Dust from these processes would be controlled by wet suppression systems. The wet suppression systems that have been proposed for installation at this facility would be capable of meeting or exceeding all federal and State requirements found under these regulations. In addition, wet suppression systems would be used to

minimize dust generated from vehicle traffic within the site.

Any dust generated from the facility's operation would be in quantities that would define the facility as a minor source under the State and federal Air Pollution Permitting Programs.

Based upon our review of the permit application for this facility, the Department has proposed the issuance of an Air Permit developed in accordance with applicable State and federal requirements. While the Department understands that there are concerns surrounding the siting of a facility such as this, including traffic, noise, property values and others, the Department does not exercise zoning authority and may consider only comments relating to air quality in its final decision on this request for an Air Permit.

The Department has made a preliminary determination that compliance by CreekWood Resources, LLC with the conditions of the proposed Air Permit will not result in violations of applicable air quality standards designed to protect human health and the environment. This preliminary determination will be reconsidered after all comments are received and reviewed.

Thank you.