



MEDIA ALERT

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**ADEM to Hold Public Hearing Thursday
on Proposed Lee County Quarry**

Special social distancing requirements will be in effect

OPELIKA, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will hold a public hearing Thursday, May 20, in Opelika to allow citizens to comment on draft air and water permits for a proposed granite quarry in Lee County.

The hearing will be at 6 p.m. at the Opelika Municipal Court, 300 Martin Luther King Blvd., Opelika, Ala. 36081.

Creekwood Resources, LLC, has applied for an air permit for the construction and operation of a granite crushing, screening and conveying circuit with wet suppression, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (water) permit for discharges of treated drainage from a wet and dry preparation granite quarry and associated areas to Halawakee Creek and an unnamed tributary to Halawakee Creek.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested parties to make oral and written comments into the hearing record. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the draft permits.

Special social distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be in place for the public hearing. All attendees will be required to wear masks and will be subject to temperature screening prior to entering the hearing location. Space inside the hearing room will be restricted, and speakers will be assigned a time slot. ADEM will call one registered speaker into the hearing room at a time. There will not be a general audience in the hearing room.

Each speaker will be allowed no more than seven minutes to speak. Speakers are encouraged to provide lengthy statements in writing, and to present a summary of their statement during their testimony.

ADEM encouraged preregistration for those who wish to speak. However, people can also register on site. Those who preregistered will be called to speak first.

In addition to speaking at the hearing, the public can also mail or email comments directly to ADEM during the comment period. **The comment period ends at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 27.**

The hearing proceedings will be video-recorded and placed on the department's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDwu2w3FpjGgT4ZOjkh6ZOw/featured> within approximately 24 hours of the conclusion of the hearing.

All comments will be considered, and ADEM will provide responses to issues raised.

For more information, including how to submit written comments, go online to <http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/notices/apr21/4opelika.html>.

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