

SMALL MINING GENERAL PERMIT

LESS THAN 5 ACRES

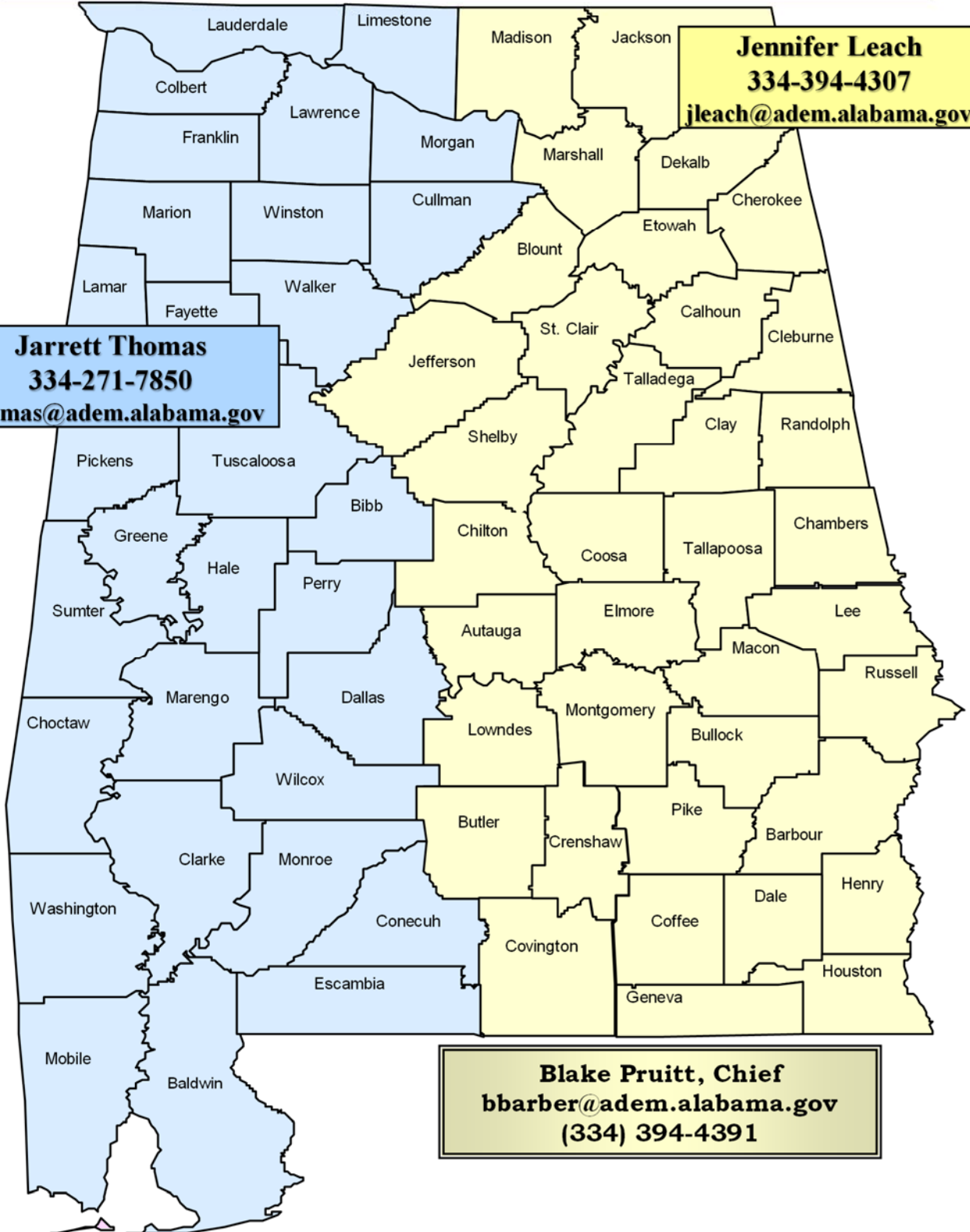
Permitting

- Small Mining operations less than 5 acres are covered under General Permit ALG89000
- Federal and State regulations require all owners/operators to apply and obtain NPDES permit coverage for stormwater discharges prior to operation of small noncoal, nonmetallic mining sites and associated disturbances
- A Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan must be prepared by a qualified credentialed professional. The BMP Plan must be submitted with the application for sites that discharge to a waterbody listed on 303(d) list, a TMDL, Outstanding Alabama Water, or special designation in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-10-.10.
- The NOI and fee must be submitted electronically using the Department's eNOI system; <https://app.adem.alabama.gov/eNOI/>

Compliance

- Small mining sites must post and maintain facility identification
- Effective erosion and sediment controls as outlined in BMP must be installed and maintained
- Final stabilization must be implemented immediately on areas where excavations have permanently ceased
- Pollution prevention measures must be designed and implemented to minimize discharge of pollutants
- The BMP plan must be prepared and certified by a QCP prior to commencement of mining
- The BMP plan shall be implemented and maintained during the life of the site
- A Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan must be prepared and properly implemented for all applicable onsite petroleum storage tanks
- The Permittee will ensure a QCP or onsite employee is certified as a QCI to perform required inspections
- A pre-mining inspection conducted prior to placement of any BMPs or land disturbing activities
- Weekly inspections of active mining/disturbance areas
- Monthly inspections or following any qualifying rain event are completed by a QCI, QCP, or qualified person under direct supervision of a QCP
- Permittee shall measure and record all precipitation occurring at the mining site
- Permittee must re-apply 90 days prior to expiration of current permit
- Permittee must submit Notice of Termination to properly terminate/close out permit

**Special Services Unit Area Assignment Map
Stormwater Management Branch
Water Division
(<5 Acre Mining Operations and Pesticide Applications)**



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