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RE: Draft Permit
Sisk Rock Pit
NPDES Permit Number AL0084470
Jackson County (071)

Dear Mr. Sisk:

Transmitted herein is a draft of the above referenced permit. Please review the enclosed draft permit carefully. If previously permitted, the draft may contain additions/revisions to the language in your current permit. Please submit any comments on the draft permit to the Department within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Since the Department has made a tentative decision to issue the above referenced permit, ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.21 requires a public notice of the draft permit followed by a period of at least 30 days for public comment before the permit can be issued. The United States Environmental Protection Agency will also receive the draft permit for review during the 30-day public comment period.

Any mining, processing, construction, land disturbance, or other regulated activity proposed to be authorized by this draft permit is prohibited prior to the effective date of the formal permit. Any mining or processing activity within the drainage basin associated with each permitted outfall which is conducted prior to Departmental receipt of certification from a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Alabama, that the Pollution Abatement/Prevention Plan was implemented according to the design plan, or notification from the Alabama Surface Mining Commission that the sediment control structures have been certified, is prohibited.

This permit requires Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) to be submitted utilizing the Department's web-based electronic reporting system. Please read Part I.D of the permit carefully and visit <https://aepacs.adem.alabama.gov/nviro/ncore/external/home>.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Clint Dear at (334) 274-4238 or clint.dear@adem.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

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Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Alabama Historical Commission
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Alabama Department of Labor





NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

PERMITTEE: Ralph Sisk
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 Estillfork, AL 35745

FACILITY LOCATION: Sisk Rock Pit
 CR 111
 Fackler, AL 35746
 Jackson County
 T2S, R5E, S36

PERMIT NUMBER: AL0084470

DSN & RECEIVING STREAM: 001 – 1 Unnamed Tributary to Mud Creek (Houston Hollow) (Groundwater)
 002 – 1 Unnamed Tributary to Mud Creek (Houston Hollow)(Groundwater)

In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§1251-1388 (the "FWPCA"), the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 22-22-1 to 22-22-14 (the "AWPCA"), the Alabama Environmental Management Act, as amended, Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, and subject further to the terms and conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to discharge into the above-named receiving waters.

ISSUANCE DATE:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

EXPIRATION DATE:

Draft

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCE SECTION
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT**

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PART I DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS

A. DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning on the effective date of this Permit and lasting through the expiration date of this Permit, the Permittee is authorized to discharge from each point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application, if the outfalls have been constructed and certified. Discharges shall be limited and monitored by the Permittee as specified below:

Parameter	Discharge Limitations			Monitoring Requirements	
	Daily Minimum	Monthly Average	Daily Maximum	Sample Type	Measurement Frequency ¹
pH 00400	6.0 s.u.	-----	9.0 s.u.	Grab	2/Month
Solids, Total Suspended 00530	-----	25.0 mg/L	45.0 mg/L	Grab	2/Month
Flow, In Conduit or Thru Treatment Plant ² 50050	-----	Report MGD	Report MGD	Instantaneous	2/Month

B. REQUIREMENTS TO ACTIVATE A PROPOSED MINING OUTFALL

1. Discharge from any point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit which is a proposed outfall is not authorized by this Permit until the outfall has been constructed and certification received by the Department from a professional engineer, registered in the State of Alabama, certifying that such facility has been constructed according to good engineering practices and in accordance with the Pollution Abatement and/or Prevention (PAP) Plan.
2. Certification required by Part I.B.1. shall be submitted on a completed ADEM Form 432. The certification shall include the latitude and longitude of the constructed and certified outfall.
3. Discharge monitoring and Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) reporting requirements described in Part I.C. of this Permit do not apply to point sources that have not been constructed and certified.
4. Upon submittal of the certification required by Part I.B.1. to the Department, all monitoring and DMR submittal requirements shall apply to the constructed and certified outfall.

C. DISCHARGE MONITORING AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

1. **Sampling Schedule and Frequency**
 - a. The Permittee shall collect at least one grab sample of the discharge to surface waters from each constructed and certified point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application twice per month at a rate of at least every other week if a discharge occurs at any time during the two week period, but need not collect more than two samples per calendar month. Each sample collected shall be analyzed for each parameter specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.

¹ See Part I.C.2. for further measurement frequency requirements.

² Flow must be determined at the time of sample collection by direct measurement, calculation, or other method acceptable to the Department.

- b. If the final effluent is pumped in order to discharge (e.g. from incised ponds, old highwall cuts, old pit areas or depressions, etc.), the Permittee shall collect at least one grab sample of the discharge from each point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application each quarterly (three month) monitoring period if a discharge occurs at any time during the quarterly monitoring period which results from direct pumped drainage. Each sample collected shall be analyzed for each parameter specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.
- c. The Permittee may increase the frequency of sampling listed in Parts I.C.1.a and I.C.1.b; however, all sampling results must be reported to the Department and included in any calculated results submitted to the Department in accordance with this Permit.

2. Measurement Frequency

Measurement frequency requirements found in Part I.A. shall mean:

- a. A measurement frequency of one day per week shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs every calendar week.
- b. A measurement frequency of two days per month shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs every other week, but need not exceed two sample days per month.
- c. A measurement frequency of one day per month shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs during each calendar month.
- d. A measurement frequency of one day per quarter shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs during each calendar quarter.
- e. A measurement frequency of one day per six months shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs during the period of January through June and during the period of July through December.
- f. A measurement frequency of one day per year shall mean sample collection on any day of discharge which occurs during each calendar year.

3. Monitoring Schedule

The Permittee shall conduct the monitoring required by Part I.A. in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. MONITORING REQUIRED MORE FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY AND MONTHLY shall be conducted during the first full month following the effective date of coverage under this Permit and every month thereafter. More frequently than monthly and monthly monitoring may be done anytime during the month, unless restricted elsewhere in this Permit, but the results should be reported on the last Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) due for the quarter (i.e., with the March, June, September, and December DMRs).
- b. QUARTERLY MONITORING shall be conducted at least once during each calendar quarter. Calendar quarters are the periods of January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. The Permittee shall conduct the quarterly monitoring during the first complete calendar quarter following the effective date of this Permit and is then required to monitor once during each quarter thereafter. Quarterly monitoring may be done anytime during the quarter, unless restricted elsewhere in this

Permit, but the results should be reported on the last DMR due for the quarter (i.e., with the March, June, September, and December DMRs).

- c. SEMIANNUAL MONITORING shall be conducted at least once during the period of January through June and at least once during the period of July through December. The Permittee shall conduct the semiannual monitoring during the first complete semiannual calendar period following the effective date of this Permit and is then required to monitor once during each semiannual period thereafter. Semiannual monitoring may be done anytime during the semiannual period, unless restricted elsewhere in this Permit, but it should be reported on the last DMR due for the month of the semiannual period (i.e., with the June and December DMRs).
- d. ANNUAL MONITORING shall be conducted at least once during the period of January through December. The Permittee shall conduct the annual monitoring during the first complete calendar annual period following the effective date of this Permit and is then required to monitor once during each annual period thereafter. Annual monitoring may be done anytime during the year, unless restricted elsewhere in this Permit, but it should be reported on the December DMR.

4. Sampling Location

Unless restricted elsewhere in this Permit, samples collected to comply with the monitoring requirements specified in Part I.A. shall be collected at the nearest accessible location just prior to discharge and after final treatment, or at an alternate location approved in writing by the Department.

5. Representative Sampling

Sample collection and measurement actions taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge and shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Permit.

6. Test Procedures

For the purpose of reporting and compliance, Permittees shall use one of the following procedures:

- a. For parameters with an EPA established Minimum Level (ML), report the measured value if the analytical result is at or above the ML and report "0" for values below the ML. Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to 40 CFR Part 136, guidelines published pursuant to Section 304(h) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. Section 1314(h), and ADEM Standard Operating Procedures. If more than one method for analysis of a substance is approved for use, a method having a minimum level lower than the permit limit shall be used. If the minimum level of all methods is higher than the permit limit, the method having the lowest minimum level shall be used and a report of less than the minimum level shall be reported as zero and will constitute compliance, however should EPA approve a method with a lower minimum level during the term of this Permit the Permittee shall use the newly approved method.
- b. For pollutant parameters without an established ML, an interim ML may be utilized. The interim ML shall be calculated as 3.18 times the Method Detection Level (MDL) calculated pursuant to 40 CFR Part 136, Appendix B.

Permittees may develop an effluent matrix-specific ML, where an effluent matrix prevents attainment of the established ML. However, a matrix specific ML shall be based upon proper laboratory method and technique. Matrix-specific MLs must be approved by the

Department, and may be developed by the Permittee during permit issuance, reissuance, modification, or during compliance schedule.

In either case the measured value should be reported if the analytical result is at or above the ML and "0" reported for values below the ML.

- c. For parameters without an EPA established ML, interim ML, or matrix-specific ML, a report of less than the detection limit shall constitute compliance if the detection limit of all analytical methods is higher than the permit limit using the most sensitive EPA approved method. For the purpose of calculating a monthly average, "0" shall be used for values reported less than the detection limit.

The Minimum Level utilized for procedures identified in Parts I.C.6.a. and b. shall be reported on the Permittee's DMR. When an EPA approved test procedure for analysis of a pollutant does not exist, the Director shall approve the procedure to be used.

7. Recording of Results

For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this Permit, the Permittee shall record the following information:

- a. The facility name and location, point source number, date, time, and exact place of sampling or measurements;
- b. The name(s) of person(s) who obtained the samples or measurements;
- c. The dates and times the analyses were performed;
- d. The name(s) of the person(s) who performed the analyses;
- e. The analytical techniques or methods used including source of method and method number; and
- f. The results of all required analyses.

8. Routine Inspection by Permittee

- a. The Permittee shall inspect all point sources identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application and all treatment or control facilities or systems used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit at least as often as the applicable sampling frequency specified in Part I.C.1 of this Permit.
- b. If required by the Director, the Permittee shall maintain a written log for each point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application in which the Permittee shall record the following information:
 - (1) The date and time the point source and any associated treatment or control facilities or systems were inspected by the Permittee;
 - (2) Whether there was a discharge from the point source at the time of inspection by the Permittee;
 - (3) Whether a sample of the discharge from the point source was collected at the time of inspection by the Permittee;

- (4) Whether all associated treatment or control facilities or systems appeared to be in good working order and operating as efficiently as possible, and if not, a description of the problems or deficiencies; and
- (5) The name and signature of the person performing the inspection of the point source and associated treatment or control facilities or systems.

9. Records Retention and Production

- a. The Permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Permit, and records of all data used to complete the above reports or the application for this Permit, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample collection, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended by request of the Director at any time. If litigation or other enforcement action, under the AWPCA, AEMA, and/or the FWPCA, is ongoing which involves any of the above records, the records shall be kept until the litigation is resolved. Upon the written request of the Director, the Permittee shall provide the Director with a copy of any record required to be retained by this paragraph. Copies of these records should not be submitted unless requested.
- b. All records required to be kept for a period of three (3) years shall be kept at the permitted facility or an alternate location approved by the Department in writing and shall be available for inspection.

10. Monitoring Equipment and Instrumentation

All equipment and instrumentation used to determine compliance with the requirements of this Permit shall be installed, maintained, and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or, in the absence of manufacturer's instructions, in accordance with accepted practices. The Permittee shall develop and maintain quality assurance procedures to ensure proper operation and maintenance of all equipment and instrumentation. The quality assurance procedures shall include the proper use, maintenance, and installation, when appropriate, of monitoring equipment at the plant site.

D. DISCHARGE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Requirements for Reporting of Monitoring

- a. Monitoring results obtained during the previous three (3) months shall be summarized for each month on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Form approved by the Department, and submitted to the Department so that it is received by the Director no later than the 28th day of the month following the quarterly reporting period (i.e., on the 28th day of January, April, July, and October of each year).
- b. The Department utilizes a web-based electronic reporting system for submittal of DMRs. **Except as allowed by Part I.D.1.c. or d., the Permittee shall submit all DMRs required by Part I.D.1.a. by utilizing the Department's current electronic reporting system.** The Department's current reporting system, Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System (AEPACS), can be found online at <https://aepacs.adem.alabama.gov/nviro/ncore/external/home>.

- c. If the electronic reporting system is down (i.e. electronic submittal of DMR data is unable to be completed due to technical problems originating with the Department's system; this could include entry/submittal issues with an entire set of DMRs or individual parameters), permittees are not relieved of their obligation to submit DMR data to the Department by the required submittal date. However, if the electronic reporting system is down on the 28th day of the month or is down for an extended period of time as determined by the Department when a DMR is required to be submitted, the facility may submit the data in an alternate manner and format acceptable to the Department. Preapproved alternate acceptable methods include faxing, e-mailing, mailing, or hand-delivery of data such that they are received by the required reporting date. Within five calendar days of the electronic reporting system resuming operation, the Permittee shall enter the data into the reporting system unless an alternate timeframe is approved by the Department. An attachment should be included with the electronic DMR submittal verifying the original submittal date (date of the fax, copy of dated e-mail, or hand-delivery stamped date).
- d. The permittee may submit a request to the Department for a temporary electronic reporting waiver for DMR submittals. The waiver request should include the permit number; permittee name; facility/site name; facility address; name, address, and contact information for the responsible official or duly authorized representative; a detailed statement regarding the basis for requesting such a waiver; and the duration for which the waiver is requested. Approved electronic reporting waivers are not transferrable. Permittees with an approved electronic reporting waiver for DMRs may submit hard copy DMRs for the period that the approved electronic reporting waiver request is effective. The Permittee shall submit the Department-approved DMR forms to the address listed in Part I.D.1.i.
- e. If the Permittee, using approved analytical methods as specified in Part I.C.6., monitors any discharge from a point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and describe more fully in the Permittee's application more frequently than required by this Permit; the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of values on the DMR Form, and the increased frequency shall be indicated on the DMR Form.
- f. In the event no discharge from a point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application occurs during a monitoring period, the Permittee shall report "No Discharge" for such period on the appropriate DMR Form.
- g. Each DMR Form submitted by the Permittee to the Department in accordance with Part I.D.1. must be legible and bear an original signature or electronic signature. Photo and electronic copies of the signature are not acceptable and shall not satisfy the reporting requirements of this Permit.
- h. All reports and forms required to be submitted by this Permit, the AWPCA, and the Department's rules and regulations, shall be signed by a "responsible official" of the Permittee as defined in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.09 or a "duly authorized representative" of such official as defined in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.09 and shall bear the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

- i. All DMRs, reports, and forms required to be submitted by this Permit, the AWPCA and the Department's rules and regulations, shall be submitted through the Department's electronic reporting system, AEPACS, or, if in hardcopy, shall be addressed to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Water Division, Mining and Natural Resource Section
Post Office Box 301463
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

Certified and Registered Mail shall be addressed to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Water Division, Mining and Natural Resource Section
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2059

- j. Unless authorized in writing by the Department, approved reporting forms required by this Permit or the Department are not to be altered, and if copied or reproduced, must be consistent in format and identical in content to the ADEM approved form. Unauthorized alteration, falsification, or use of incorrectly reproduced forms constitutes noncompliance with the requirements of this Permit and may significantly delay processing of any request, result in denial of the request, result in permit termination, revocation, suspension, modification, or denial of a permit renewal application, or result in other enforcement action.
- k. If this Permit is a reissuance, then the Permittee shall continue to submit DMRs in accordance with the requirements of their previous permit until such time as DMRs are due as discussed in Part I.D.1.

2. Noncompliance Notification

- a. The Permittee must notify the Department if, for any reason, the Permittee's discharge:
- (1) Potentially threatens human health or welfare;
 - (2) Potentially threatens fish or aquatic life;
 - (3) Causes an in-stream water quality criterion to be exceeded;
 - (4) Does not comply with an applicable toxic pollutant effluent standard or prohibition established under Section 307(a) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1317(a);
 - (5) Contains a quantity of a hazardous substance which has been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare under Section 311(b)(4) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1321(b)(4); or
 - (6) Exceeds any discharge limitation for an effluent parameter as a result of an unanticipated bypass or upset.

The Permittee shall orally or electronically report any of the above occurrences, describing the circumstances and potential effects of such discharge to the Director within 24-hours after the Permittee becomes aware of the occurrence of such discharge. In addition to the oral or electronic report, the Permittee shall submit to the Director a written report as

provided in Part I.D.2.c., no later than five (5) days after becoming aware of the occurrence of such discharge.

- b. If for any reason, the Permittee's discharge does not comply with any limitation of this Permit, the Permittee shall submit a written report to the Director as provided in Part I.D.2.c. This report must be submitted with the next Discharge Monitoring Report required to be submitted by Part I.D.1. of this Permit after becoming aware of the occurrence of such noncompliance.
- c. Any written report required to be submitted to the Director in accordance with Parts I.D.2.a. and b. shall be submitted using a Noncompliance Notification Form (ADEM Form 421) available on the Department's website (<http://adem.alabama.gov/DeptForms/Form421.pdf>) and include the following information:
 - (1) A description of the discharge and cause of noncompliance;
 - (2) The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, or if not corrected, the anticipated time the noncompliance is expected to continue; and
 - (3) A description of the steps taken and/or being taken to reduce or eliminate the noncomplying discharge and to prevent its recurrence.

3. Reduction, Suspension, or Termination of Monitoring and/or Reporting

- a. The Director may, with respect to any point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application, authorize the Permittee to reduce, suspend, or terminate the monitoring and/or reporting required by this Permit upon the submission of a written request for such reduction, suspension, or termination by the Permittee provided:
 - (1) All mining, processing, or disturbance in the drainage basin(s) associated with the discharge has ceased and site access is adequately restricted or controlled to preclude unpermitted and unauthorized mining, processing, transportation, or associated operations/activity;
 - (2) Permanent, perennial vegetation has been re-established on all areas mined or disturbed for at least one year since mining has ceased in the drainage basin(s) associated with the surface discharge, or all areas have been permanently graded such that all drainage is directed back into the mined pit to preclude all surface discharges;
 - (3) Unless waived in writing by the Department, the Permittee has been granted, in writing, a 100% Bond Release, if applicable, by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations and, if applicable, by the Surface Mining Commission for all areas mined or disturbed in the drainage basin(s) associated with the discharge;
 - (4) Unless waived in writing by the Department, the Permittee has submitted inspection reports prepared and certified by a Professional Engineer (PE) registered in the State of Alabama or a qualified professional under the PE's direction which certify that the facility has been fully reclaimed or that water quality remediation has been achieved. The first inspection must be conducted approximately one year prior to and the second inspection must be conducted within thirty days of the Permittee's request for termination of monitoring and reporting requirements;

- (5) All surface effects of the mining activity such as fuel or chemical tanks, preparation plants or equipment, old tools or equipment, junk or debris, etc., must be removed and disposed of according to applicable state and federal regulations;
 - (6) The Permittee's request for termination of monitoring and reporting requirements contained in this Permit has been supported by monitoring data covering a period of at least six consecutive months or such longer period as is necessary to assure that the data reflect discharges occurring during varying seasonal climatological conditions;
 - (7) The Permittee has stated in its request that the samples collected and reported in the monitoring data submitted in support of the Permittee's request for monitoring termination or suspension are representative of the discharge and were collected in accordance with all Permit terms and conditions respecting sampling times (e.g., rainfall events) and methods and were analyzed in accordance with all Permit terms and conditions respecting analytical methods and procedures;
 - (8) The Permittee has certified that during the entire period covered by the monitoring data submitted, no chemical treatment of the discharge was provided;
 - (9) The Permittee's request has included the certification required by Part I.D.1.e. of this Permit; and
 - (10) The Permittee has certified to the Director in writing as part of the request, its compliance with (1) through (9) above.
- b. It remains the responsibility of the Permittee to comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements of this Permit until written authorization to reduce, suspend, or terminate such monitoring and/or reporting is received by the Permittee from the Director.

E. OTHER REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Anticipated Noncompliance

The Permittee shall give the Director written advance notice of any planned changes or other circumstances regarding a facility which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

2. Termination of Discharge

The Permittee shall notify the Director, in writing, when all discharges from any point source(s) identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application have permanently ceased.

3. Updating Information

- a. The Permittee shall inform the Director of any change in the Permittee's mailing address or telephone number or in the Permittee's designation of a facility contact or officer(s) having the authority and responsibility to prevent and abate violations of the AWPCA, the AEMA, the Department's rules and regulations, and the terms and conditions of this Permit, in writing, no later than ten (10) days after such change. Upon request of the Director, the

Permittee shall furnish the Director with an update of any information provided in the permit application.

- b. If the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Director, it shall promptly submit such facts or information with a written explanation for the mistake and/or omission.

4. Duty to Provide Information

- a. The Permittee shall furnish to the Director, within a reasonable time, any information which the Director may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, suspending, terminating, or revoking and reissuing this Permit, in whole or in part, or to determine compliance with this Permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Director upon request, copies of records required to be maintained by this Permit.
- b. The Permittee shall furnish to the Director upon request, within a reasonable time, available information (name, phone number, address, and site location) which identifies offsite sources of material or natural resources (mineral, ore, or other material such as iron, coal, coke, dirt, chert, shale, clay, sand, gravel, bauxite, rock, stone, etc.) used in its operation or stored at the facility.

F. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The Permittee shall achieve compliance with the discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit in accordance with the following schedule:

Compliance must be achieved by the effective date of this Permit.

PART II OTHER REQUIREMENTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES

A. OPERATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Facilities Operation and Management

The Permittee shall at all times operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Permit.

2. Pollution Abatement and/or Prevention Plan

The Pollution Abatement and/or Prevention (PAP) Plan shall be prepared and certified by a registered Professional Engineer (PE), licensed to practice in the State of Alabama, and shall include at a minimum, the information indicated in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-9-.03 and ADEM Admin. Code ch. 335-6-9 Appendices A and B. The PAP Plan shall become a part of this Permit and all requirements of the PAP Plan shall become requirements of this Permit pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-9-.05(2).

3. Best Management Practices (BMPs)

- a. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director, the Permittee shall provide a means of subsurface withdrawal for any discharge from each point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application. Notwithstanding the above provision, a means of subsurface withdrawal need not be provided for any discharge caused by a 24-hour precipitation event greater than a 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event.
- b. Dilution water shall not be added to achieve compliance with discharge limitations except when the Director has granted prior written authorization for dilution to meet water quality requirements.
- c. The Permittee shall minimize the contact of water with overburden, including but not limited to stabilizing disturbed areas through grading, diverting runoff, achieving quick growing stands of temporary vegetation, sealing acid-forming and toxic-forming materials, and maximizing placement of waste materials in back-fill areas.
- d. The Permittee shall prepare, submit to the Department for approval, and implement a Best Management Practices (BMPs) Plan for containment of any or all process liquids or solids, in a manner such that these materials do not present a potential for discharge, if so required by the Director. When submitted and approved, the BMP Plan shall become a part of this Permit and all requirements of the BMP Plan shall become requirements of this Permit.
- e. Spill Prevention, Control, and Management

The Permittee shall prepare, implement, and maintain a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan acceptable to the Department that is prepared and certified by a Professional Engineer (PE), registered in the State of Alabama, for all onsite petroleum product or other pollutant storage tanks or containers as provided by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.08(j)5. The Plan shall describe and the Permittee shall implement appropriate structural and/or non-structural spill prevention, control, and/or management pursuant to

ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.12 (r) sufficient to prevent any spills of pollutants from entering a ground or surface water of the State or a publicly or privately owned treatment works. The Plan shall include at a minimum, the engineering requirements provided in 40 C.F.R. §§112.1. Any containment system used to implement this requirement shall be constructed of materials compatible with the substance(s) contained and shall prevent the contamination of groundwater. Such containment systems shall be capable of retaining a volume equal to 110 percent of the capacity of the largest tank for which containment is provided. The Plan shall list any materials which the Permittee may utilize to contain and to absorb fuel and chemical spills and leaks. The Permittee shall maintain sufficient amounts of such materials onsite or have sufficient amounts of such materials readily available to contain and/or absorb fuel and chemical spills and leaks. Soil contaminated by chemical spills, oil spills, etc., must be immediately cleaned up or be removed and disposed of in a manner consistent with all State and federal regulations.

- f. All surface drainage and storm water runoff which originate within or enters the Permittee's premises and which contains any pollutants or other wastes shall be discharged, if at all, from a point source identified on Page 1 of this Permit and described more fully in the Permittee's application.
- g. The Permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent any surface drainage or storm water runoff which originates outside the Permittee's premises and which contains any pollutants or other wastes from entering the Permittee's premises. At no time shall the Permittee discharge any such surface drainage or storm water runoff which enters the Permittee's premises if, either alone or in combination with the Permittee's effluent, the discharge would exceed any applicable discharge limitation specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.

4. Biocide Additives

- a. The Permittee shall notify the Director in writing not later than sixty (60) days prior to instituting the use of any biocide corrosion inhibitor or chemical additive in any cooling or boiler system(s) regulated by this Permit. Notification is not required for additives that should not reasonably be expected to cause the cooling water or boiler water to exhibit toxicity as determined by analysis of manufacturer's data or testing by the Permittee. Such notification shall include:
 - (a) Name and general composition of biocide or chemical;
 - (b) 96-hour median tolerance limit data for organisms representative of the biota of the water(s) which the discharge(s) enter(s);
 - (c) Quantities to be used;
 - (d) Frequencies of use;
 - (e) Proposed discharge concentrations; and
 - (f) EPA registration number, if applicable.
- b. The use of any biocide or chemical additive containing tributyl tin, tributyl tin oxide, zinc, chromium, or related compounds in any cooling or boiler system(s) regulated by the Permit is prohibited except as exempted below. The use of a biocide or additive containing zinc, chromium or related compounds may be used in special circumstances if (1) the permit contains limits for these substances, or (2) the applicant demonstrates during the application process that the use of zinc, chromium or related compounds as a biocide or

additive will not pose a reasonable potential to violate the applicable State water quality standards for these substances. The use of any additive, not identified in this Permit or in the application for this Permit or not exempted from notification under this Permit is prohibited, prior to a determination by the Department that permit modification to control discharge of the additive is not required or prior to issuance of a permit modification controlling discharge of the additive.

5. Facility Identification

The Permittee shall clearly display prior to commencement of any regulated activity and until permit coverage is properly terminated, the name of the Permittee, entire NPDES permit number, facility or site name, and other descriptive information deemed appropriate by the Permittee at an easily accessible location(s) to adequately identify the site, unless approved otherwise in writing by the Department. The Permittee shall repair or replace the sign(s) as necessary upon becoming aware that the identification is missing or is unreadable due to age, vandalism, theft, weather, or other reason.

6. Removed Substances

Solids, sludges, filter backwash, or any other pollutants or other wastes removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters shall be disposed of in a manner that complies with all applicable Department rules and regulations.

7. Loss or Failure of Treatment Facilities

Upon the loss or failure of any treatment facility, including but not limited to the loss or failure of the primary source of power of the treatment facility, the Permittee shall, where necessary to maintain compliance with the discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit or any other terms or conditions of this Permit, cease, reduce, or otherwise control production and/or discharges until treatment is restored.

8. Duty to Mitigate

The Permittee shall promptly take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any violation of this Permit or to mitigate and minimize any adverse impact to waters resulting from noncompliance with any discharge limitation specified in Part I.A. of this Permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring of the discharge and/or the receiving waterbody as is necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncomplying discharge.

B. BYPASS AND UPSET

1. Bypass

- a. Any bypass is prohibited except as provided in Parts II.B.1.b. and c.
- b. A bypass is not prohibited if:
 - (1) It does not cause any applicable discharge limitation specified in Part I.A. of this Permit to be exceeded;
 - (2) The discharge resulting from such bypass enters the same receiving water as the discharge from the permitted outfall;

- (3) It is necessary for essential maintenance of a treatment or control facility or system to assure efficient operation of such facility or system; and
 - (4) The Permittee monitors the discharge resulting from such bypass at a frequency, at least daily, sufficient to prove compliance with the discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.
- c. A bypass is not prohibited and need not meet the discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit if:
- (1) It is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - (2) There are no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if the Permittee could have installed adequate backup equipment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 - (3) The Permittee submits a written request for authorization to bypass to the Director at least ten (10) days, if possible, prior to the anticipated bypass or within 24 hours of an unanticipated bypass, the Permittee is granted such authorization, and Permittee complies with any conditions imposed by the Director to minimize any adverse impact to waters resulting from the bypass.
- d. The Permittee has the burden of establishing that each of the conditions of Parts II.B.1.b. or c. have been met to qualify for an exception to the general prohibition against bypassing contained in Part II.B.1.a. and an exemption, where applicable, from the discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.

2. Upset

- a. The Permittee may seek to demonstrate that noncompliance with technology-based effluent limits occurred as a result of an upset if the conditions of Part II.B.2.b are met and if the Permittee complies with the conditions provided in Part II.B.2.c.
- b. If the Permittee wishes to establish the affirmative defense of an upset for technology-based effluent limit noncompliance, the Permittee must demonstrate through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - (1) An upset occurred and that the Permittee can identify the specific cause(s) of the upset;
 - (2) The wastewater treatment facility was at the time being properly operated in accordance with Part II.B.d.
 - (3) The Permittee submitted notice of the noncompliance during the upset as required by Part II.B.2.c; and
 - (4) The Permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Part II.A.7. of this Permit.
- c. If the Permittee wishes to establish the affirmative defense of an upset for technology-based effluent limit noncompliance, the Permittee shall:

- (1) No later than 24-hours after becoming aware of the occurrence of the upset, orally report the occurrence and circumstances of the upset to the Director in accordance with Part I.G.2.; and
 - (2) No later than five (5) days after becoming aware of the occurrence of the upset, furnish the Director with evidence, including properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, design drawings, construction certification, maintenance records, weir flow measurements, dated photographs, rain gauge measurements, or other relevant evidence, demonstrating that:
 - (i) An upset occurred;
 - (ii) The Permittee can identify the specific cause(s) of the upset;
 - (iii) The Permittee's treatment facility was being properly operated at the time of the upset; and
 - (iv) The Permittee promptly took all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to waters resulting from the upset.
- d. A discharge which is an overflow from a treatment facility or system, or an excess discharge from a point source associated with a treatment facility or system and which results from a 24-hour precipitation event larger than a 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event is not eligible to be considered as a result of an upset unless:
- (1) The treatment facility or system is designed, constructed, and maintained to contain the maximum volume of wastewater which would be generated by the facility during a 24-hour period without an increase in volume from precipitation and the maximum volume of wastewater resulting from a 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event or to treat the maximum flow associated with these volumes. In computing the maximum volume of wastewater which would result from a 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event, the volume which would result from all areas contributing runoff to the individual treatment facility must be included (i.e., all runoff that is not diverted from the mining area and runoff which is not diverted from the preparation plant area); and
 - (2) The Permittee takes all reasonable steps to maintain treatment of the wastewater and minimize the amount of overflow or excess discharge.
- e. The Permittee has the burden of proof in defense of any enforcement action as a result of noncompliance of technology-based effluent limits the Permittee proposes to attribute to an upset.

C. PERMIT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. Prohibition against Discharge from Facilities Not Certified

- a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Permit, if the permitted facility has not obtained or is not required to obtain a permit from the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, any discharge(s) from any point or nonpoint source(s) from the permitted facility which was not certified to the Department on a form approved by the Department by a professional engineer, registered in the State of Alabama, as being designed,

constructed, and in accordance with plans and specifications reviewed by the Department is prohibited; or

- b. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Permit, if the permitted facility has obtained or is required to obtain a permit from the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, any discharge(s) from any point or nonpoint source(s) from the permitted facility which is associated with a treatment facility which was not constructed and certified to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission pursuant to applicable provisions of said Commission's regulations, is prohibited until the Permittee submits to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, certification by a professional engineer, registered in the State of Alabama, certifying that such facility has been constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Alabama Surface Mining Commission. This requirement shall not apply to pumped discharges from the underground works of underground coal mines where no surface structure is required by the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, provided the Department is notified in writing of the completion or installation of such facilities, and the pumped discharges will meet permit effluent limits without treatment.

2. Permit Modification, Suspension, Termination, and Revocation

- a. This Permit may be modified, suspended, terminated, or revoked and reissued, in whole or in part, during its term for cause, including but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) The violation of any term or condition of this Permit;
 - (2) The obtaining of this Permit by misrepresentation or the failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
 - (3) The submission of materially false or inaccurate statements or information in the permit application or reports required by the Permit;
 - (4) The need for a change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge;
 - (5) The existence of any typographical or clerical errors or of any errors in the calculation of discharge limitations;
 - (6) The existence of material and substantial alterations or additions to the facility or activity generating wastewater which occurred after permit issuance which justify the application of permit conditions that are different or absent in the existing permit;
 - (7) The threat of the Permittee's discharge on human health or welfare; or
 - (8) Any other cause allowed by ADEM Admin. Code ch. 335-6-6.
- b. The filing of a request by the Permittee for modification, suspension, termination, or revocation and reissuance of this Permit, in whole or in part, does not stay any Permit term or condition of this Permit.

3. Automatic Expiration of Permits for New or Increased Discharges

- a. Except as provided by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.02(h) and 335-6-6-.05, if this Permit was issued for a new discharger or new source, it shall expire eighteen months after the issuance date if construction has not begun during that eighteen month period.
- b. Except as provided by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.02(h) and 335-6-6-.05, if any portion of this Permit was issued or modified to authorize the discharge of increased quantities of pollutants to accommodate the modification of an existing facility, that portion of this Permit shall expire eighteen months after this Permit's issuance if construction of the modification has not begun within eighteen month period.
- c. Construction has begun when the owner or operator has:
 - (1) Begun, or caused to begin as part of a continuous on-site construction program:
 - (i) Any placement, assembly, or installation of facilities or equipment; or
 - (ii) Significant site preparation work including clearing, excavation, or removal of existing buildings, structures, or facilities which is necessary for the placement, assembly, or installation of new source facilities or equipment; or
 - (2) Entered into a binding contractual obligation for the purpose of placement, assembly, or installation of facilities or equipment which are intended to be used in its operation within a reasonable time. Options to purchase or contracts which can be terminated or modified without substantial loss, and contracts for feasibility, engineering, and design studies do not constitute a contractual obligation under the paragraph. The entering into a lease with the State of Alabama for exploration and production of hydrocarbons shall also be considered beginning construction.
- d. The automatic expiration of this Permit for new or increased discharges if construction has not begun within the eighteen month period after the issuance of this Permit may be tolled by administrative or judicial stay.

4. Transfer of Permit

This Permit may not be transferred or the name of the Permittee changed without notice to the Director and subsequent modification or revocation and reissuance of this Permit to identify the new Permittee and to incorporate any other changes as may be required under the FWPCA or AWPCA. In the case of a change in name, ownership, or control of the Permittee's premises only, a request for permit modification in a format acceptable to the Director is required at least 30 days prior to the change. In the case of a change in name, ownership, or control of the Permittee's premises accompanied by a change or proposed change in effluent characteristics, a complete permit application is required to be submitted to the Director at least 180 days prior to the change. Whenever the Director is notified of a change in name, ownership, or control, he may decide not to modify the existing Permit and require the submission of a new permit application.

5. Groundwater

Unless authorized on page 1 of this Permit, this Permit does not authorize any discharge to groundwater. Should a threat of groundwater contamination occur, the Director may require groundwater monitoring to properly assess the degree of the problem, and the Director may require that the Permittee undertake measures to abate any such discharge and/or contamination.

6. Property and Other Rights

This Permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, trespass, or any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, nor does it authorize or approve the construction of any physical structures or facilities or the undertaking of any work in any waters of the State or of the United States.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Duty to Comply

- a. The Permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of this Permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the AWPCA, AEMA, and the FWPCA and is grounds for enforcement action, for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, suspension, modification, or denial of a permit renewal application.
- b. The Permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the FWPCA for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if this Permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the effluent standard, prohibition or requirement.
- c. For any violation(s) of this Permit, the Permittee is subject to a civil penalty as authorized by the AWPCA, the AEMA, the FWPCA, and Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-22A-1 et. seq., as amended, and/or a criminal penalty as authorized by Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-1 et. seq., as amended.
- d. The necessity to halt or reduce production or other activities in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Permit shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action.
- e. Nothing in this Permit shall be construed to preclude or negate the Permittee's responsibility or liability to apply for, obtain, or comply with other ADEM, federal, state, or local government permits, certifications, licenses, or other approvals.
- f. The discharge of a pollutant from a source not specifically identified in the permit application for this Permit and not specifically included in the description of an outfall in this Permit is not authorized and shall constitute noncompliance with this Permit.
- g. The Permittee shall take all reasonable steps, including cessation of production or other activities, to minimize or prevent any violation of this Permit or to minimize or prevent any adverse impact of any permit violation.

2. Change in Discharge

- a. The Permittee shall apply for a permit modification at least 180 days in advance of any facility expansion, production increase, process change, or other action that could result in the discharge of additional pollutants, increase the quantity of a discharged pollutant, or that could result in an additional discharge point. This requirement also applies to pollutants that are not subject to discharge limitations in this Permit. No new or increased discharge may begin until the Director has authorized it by issuance of a permit modification or a reissued permit.
- b. The Permittee shall notify the Director as soon as it knows or has reason to believe that it has begun or expects to begin to discharge any pollutant listed as a toxic pollutant pursuant

to Section 307(a) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1317(a), any substance designated as a hazardous substance pursuant to Section 311(b)(2) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1321(b)(2), any waste listed as a hazardous waste pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §22-30-10, or any other pollutants or other wastes which is not subject to any discharge limitations specified in Part I.A. of this Permit and was not reported in the Permittee's application, was reported in the Permittee's application in concentrations or mass rates lower than that which the Permittee expects to begin to be discharged, or has reason to believe has begun to be discharged.

3. Compliance with Toxic or Other Pollutant Effluent Standard or Prohibition

If any applicable effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Sections 301(b)(2)(C),(D),(E) and (F) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1311(b)(2)(C),(D),(E), and (F); 304(b)(2) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1314(b)(2); or 307(a) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1317(a), for a toxic or other pollutant discharged by the Permittee, and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any discharge limitation on the pollutant specified in Part I.A. of this Permit or controls a pollutant not limited in Part I.A. of this Permit, this Permit shall be modified to conform to the toxic or other pollutant effluent standard or prohibition and the Permittee shall be notified of such modification. If this Permit has not been modified to conform to the toxic or other pollutant effluent standard or prohibition before the effective date of such standard or prohibition, the authorization to discharge in this Permit shall be void to the extent that any discharge limitation on such pollutant in Part I.A. of this Permit exceeds or is inconsistent with the established toxic or other pollutant effluent standard or prohibition.

4. Compliance with Water Quality Standards and Other Provisions

- a. On the basis of the Permittee's application, plans, or other available information, the Department has determined that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit will assure compliance with applicable water quality standards. However, this Permit does not relieve the Permittee from compliance with applicable State water quality standards established in ADEM Admin. Code ch. 335-6-10, and does not preclude the Department from taking action as appropriate to address the potential for contravention of applicable State water quality standards which could result from discharges of pollutants from the permitted facility.
- b. Compliance with Permit terms and conditions notwithstanding, if the Permittee's discharge(s) from point source(s) identified on Page 1 of this Permit cause(s) or contribute(s) to a condition in contravention of State water quality standards, the Department may require abatement action to be taken by the Permittee, modify the Permit pursuant to the Department's rules and regulations, or both.
- c. If the Department determines, on the basis of a notice provided pursuant to Part II.C.2. of this Permit or any investigation, inspection, or sampling, that a modification of this Permit is necessary to assure maintenance of water quality standards or compliance with other provisions of the AWPCA or FWPCA, the Department may require such modification and, in cases of emergency, the Director may prohibit the noticed act until the Permit has been modified.

5. Compliance with Statutes and Rules

- a. This Permit has been issued under ADEM Admin. Code div. 335-6. All provisions of this division, that are applicable to this Permit, are hereby made a part of this Permit. A copy of this division may be obtained for a small charge from the Office of General Counsel,

Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 1400 Coliseum Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36110-2059.

- b. This Permit does not authorize the noncompliance with or violation of any Laws of the State of Alabama or the United States of America or any regulations or rules implementing such laws. FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. Section 1319, and Code of Alabama 1975, Section 22-22-14.

6. Right of Entry and Inspection

The Permittee shall allow the Director, or an authorized representative, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law to:

- a. Enter upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of the Permit;
- b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Permit;
- c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Permit; and
- d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring Permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the AWPCA, any substances or parameters at any location.

7. Duty to Reapply or Notify of Intent to Cease Discharge

- a. If the Permittee intends to continue to discharge beyond the expiration date of this Permit, the Permittee shall file with the Department a complete permit application for reissuance of this Permit at least 180 days prior to its expiration. **Applications must be submitted electronically via the Department's current electronic permitting system. The Department's current online permitting system, Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System (AEPACS), can be found online at <https://aepacs.adem.alabama.gov/nviro/ncore/external/home>.**
- b. If the Permittee does not desire to continue the discharge(s) allowed by this Permit, the Permittee shall notify the Department at least 180 days prior to expiration of this Permit of the Permittee's intention not to request reissuance of this Permit. This notification must include the information required in Part I.D.4.a. and be signed by an individual meeting the signatory requirements for a permit application as set forth in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.09.
- c. Failure of the Permittee to submit to the Department a complete application for reissuance of this Permit at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of this Permit will void the automatic continuation of this Permit provided by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.06; and should this Permit not be reissued for any reason, any discharge after the expiration of this Permit will be an unpermitted discharge.

PART III ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, CONDITIONS, AND LIMITATIONS

A. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY

1. Tampering

Any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained or performed under this Permit shall, upon conviction, be subject to penalties and/or imprisonment as provided by the AWPCA and/or the AEMA.

2. False Statements

Any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this Permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by applicable State and Federal law.

3. Permit Enforcement

This NPDES Permit is a Permit for the purpose of the AWPCA, the AEMA, and the FWPCA, and as such all terms, conditions, or limitations of this Permit are enforceable under State and Federal law.

4. Relief From Liability

Except as provided in Part II.B.1. (Bypass) and Part II.B.2. (Upset), nothing in this Permit shall be construed to relieve the Permittee of civil or criminal liability under the AWPCA, AEMA, or FWPCA for noncompliance with any term or condition of this Permit.

B. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE LIABILITY

Nothing in this Permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the Permittee is or may be subject to under Section 311 of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1321.

C. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS

Except for data determined to be confidential under Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-9(c), all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this Permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department. Effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement in any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1319, and Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-14.

D. DEFINITIONS

1. Alabama Environmental Management Act (AEMA) - means Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-22A-1 et. seq., as amended.
2. Alabama Water Pollution Control Act (AWPCA) - means Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-22-1 et. seq., as amended.
3. Average monthly discharge limitation - means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar

month divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that month (zero discharge days shall not be included in the number of "daily discharges" measured and a less than detectable test result shall be treated as a concentration of zero if the most sensitive EPA approved method was used).

4. Arithmetic Mean - means the summation of the individual values of any set of values divided by the number of individual values.
5. BOD - means the five-day measure of the pollutant parameter biochemical oxygen demand
6. Bypass - means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
7. CBOD - means the five-day measure of the pollutant parameter carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand.
8. Controlled Surface Mine Drainage – means any surface mine drainage that is pumped or siphoned from the active mining area.
9. Crushed stone mine - means an area on or beneath land which is mined, quarried, or otherwise disturbed in activity related to the extraction, removal, or recovery of stone from natural or artificial deposits, including active mining, reclamation, and mineral storage areas, for production of crushed stone.
10. Daily discharge - means the discharge of a pollutant measured during any consecutive 24-hour period in accordance with the sample type and analytical methodology specified by the discharge permit.
11. Daily maximum - means the highest value of any individual sample result obtained during a day.
12. Daily minimum - means the lowest value of any individual sample result obtained during a day.
13. Day - means any consecutive 24-hour period.
14. Department - means the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
15. Director - means the Director of the Department or his authorized representative or designee.
16. Discharge - means "[t]he addition, introduction, leaking, spilling or emitting of any sewage, industrial waste, pollutant or other waste into waters of the state." Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-1(b)(8).
17. Discharge monitoring report (DMR) - means the form approved by the Director to accomplish monitoring report requirements of an NPDES Permit.
18. DO - means dissolved oxygen.
19. E. coli – means the pollutant parameter Escherichia coli.
20. 8HC - means 8-hour composite sample, including any of the following:
 - a. The mixing of at least 5 equal volume samples collected at constant time intervals of not more than 2 hours over a period of not less than 8 hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If the sampling period exceeds 8 hours, sampling may be conducted beyond the 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. period.

- b. A sample continuously collected at a constant rate over period of not less than 8 hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If the sampling period exceeds 8 hours, sampling may be conducted beyond the 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. period.
21. EPA - means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
22. Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) - means 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et. seq., as amended.
23. Flow – means the total volume of discharge in a 24-hour period.
24. Geometric Mean - means the Nth root of the product of the individual values of any set of values where N is equal to the number of individual values. The geometric mean is equivalent to the antilog of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual values. For purposes of calculating the geometric mean, values of zero (0) shall be considered one (1).
25. Grab Sample - means a single influent or effluent portion which is not a composite sample. The sample(s) shall be collected at the period(s) most representative of the discharge.
26. Indirect Discharger - means a nondomestic discharger who discharges pollutants to a publicly owned treatment works or a privately owned treatment facility operated by another person.
27. Industrial User - means those industries identified in the Standard Industrial Classification manual, Bureau of the Budget 1967, as amended and supplemented, under the category “Division D – Manufacturing” and such other classes of significant waste producers as, by regulation, the Director deems appropriate.
28. mg/L - means milligrams per liter of discharge.
29. MGD - means million gallons per day.
30. Monthly Average - means, other than for E. coli bacteria, the arithmetic mean of all the composite or grab samples taken for the daily discharges collected in one month period. The monthly average for E. coli bacteria is the geometric mean of daily discharge samples collected in a one month period. The monthly average for flow is the arithmetic mean of all flow measurements taken in a one month period. (Zero discharges shall not be included in the calculation of monthly averages.)
31. New Discharger - means a person owning or operating any building, structure, facility or installation:
- a. From which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants;
 - b. From which the discharge of pollutants did not commence prior to August 13, 1979, and which is not a new source; and
 - c. Which has never received a final effective NPDES Permit for dischargers at that site.
32. New Source - means:
- a. A new source as defined for coal mines by 40 CFR Part 434.11 (1994); and
 - b. Any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:
 - (1) After promulgation of standards of performance under Section 306 of FWPCA which are applicable to such source; or

- (2) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with Section 306 of the FWPCA which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with Section 206 within 120 days of their proposal.
33. NH₃-N - means the pollutant parameter ammonia, measured as nitrogen.
34. 1-year, 24-hour precipitation event - means the maximum 24-hour precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in one year as defined by the National Weather Service and Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the U.S.," May 1961, or equivalent regional or rainfall probability information developed therefrom.
35. Permit application - means forms and additional information that are required by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.08 and applicable permit fees.
36. Point Source - means "any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, channel, ditch, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged." Section 502(14) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1362(14).
37. Pollutant - includes for purposes of this Permit, but is not limited to, those pollutants specified in Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-1(b)(3) and those effluent characteristics, excluding flow, specified in Part I.A. of this Permit.
38. Pollutant of Concern - means those pollutants for which a water body is listed as impaired or which contribute to the listed impairment.
39. Pollution Abatement and/or Prevention Plan (PAP Plan) – mining operations plan developed to minimize impacts on water quality to avoid a contravention of the applicable water quality standards as defined in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-9-.03
40. Preparation, Dry - means a dry preparation facility within which the mineral/material is cleaned, separated, or otherwise processed without use of water or chemical additives before it is shipped to the customer or otherwise utilized. A dry preparation plant includes all ancillary operations and structures necessary to clean, separate, or otherwise process the mineral/material, such as storage areas and loading facilities. Dry preparation also includes minor water spray(s) used solely for dust suppression on equipment and roads to minimize dust emissions.
41. Preparation, Wet - means a wet preparation facility within which the mineral/material is cleaned, separated, or otherwise processed using water or chemical additives before it is shipped to the customer or otherwise utilized. A wet preparation plant includes all ancillary operations and structures necessary to clean, separate, or otherwise process the mineral/material, such as storage areas and loading facilities. Wet preparation also includes mineral extraction/processing by dredging, slurry pumping, etc.
42. Privately Owned Treatment Works - means any devices or system which is used to treat wastes from any facility whose operator is not the operator of the treatment works, and which is not a "POTW".
43. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) - means a wastewater collection and treatment facility owned by the State, municipality, regional entity composed of two or more municipalities, or another entity created by the State or local authority for the purpose of collecting and treating municipal wastewater.
44. Receiving Stream - means the "waters" receiving a "discharge" from a "point source".

45. Severe property damage - means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
46. 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event - means that amount of precipitation which occurs during the maximum 24-hour precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in ten years as defined by the National Weather Service and Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the U.S.," May 1961, or equivalent regional or rainfall probability information developed therefrom.
47. TKN - means the pollutant parameter Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen.
48. TON - means the pollutant parameter Total Organic Nitrogen.
49. TRC - means Total Residual Chlorine.
50. TSS – means the pollutant parameter Total Suspended Solids
51. Treatment facility and treatment system - means all structures which contain, convey, and as necessary, chemically or physically treat mine and/or associated preparation plant drainage, which remove pollutants limited by this Permit from such drainage or wastewater. This includes all pipes, channels, ponds, tanks, and all other equipment serving such structures.
52. 24HC - means 24-hour composite sample, including any of the following:
 - a. The mixing of at least 12 equal volume samples collected at constant time intervals of not more than 2 hours over a period of 24 hours;
 - b. A sample collected over a consecutive 24-hour period using an automatic sampler composite to one sample. As a minimum, samples shall be collected hourly and each shall be no more than one twenty-fourth (1/24) of the total sample volume collected; or
 - c. A sample collected over a consecutive 24-hour period using an automatic composite sampler composited proportional to flow.
53. 24-hour precipitation event - means that amount of precipitation which occurs within any 24-hour period.
54. 2-year, 24-hour precipitation event - means the maximum 24-hour precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in two years as defined by the National Weather Service and Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the U.S.," May 1961, or equivalent regional or rainfall probability information developed therefrom.
55. Upset - means an exceptional incident in which there is an unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit discharge limitations because of factors beyond the control of the Permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
56. Waters - means "[a]ll waters of any river, stream, watercourse, pond, lake, coastal, ground or surface water, wholly or partially within the State, natural or artificial. This does not include waters which are entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation unless such waters are used in interstate commerce." Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22-1(b)(2). "Waters" include all "navigable waters" as defined in §502(7) of the FWPCA, 33 U.S.C. §1362(7), which are within the State of Alabama.

57. Week - means the period beginning at twelve midnight Saturday and ending at twelve midnight the following Saturday.
58. Weekly (7-day and calendar week) Average – is the arithmetic mean of all samples collected during a consecutive 7-day period or calendar week, whichever is applicable. The calendar week is defined as beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. Weekly averages shall be calculated for all calendar weeks with Saturdays in the month. If a calendar week overlaps two months (i.e., the Sunday is in one month and the Saturday in the following month), the weekly average calculated for the calendar week shall be included in the data for the month that contains the Saturday.

E. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Permit are severable, and if any provision of this Permit or the application of any provision of this Permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this Permit, shall not be affected thereby.

F. PROHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES NOT AUTHORIZED

1. Discharges from disposal or landfill activities as described in ADEM Admin. Code div. 335-13 are not authorized by this Permit unless specifically approved by the Department.
2. Relocation, diversion, or other alteration of a water of the State is not authorized by this Permit unless specifically approved by the Department.
3. Lime or cement manufacturing or production and discharge of process waters from such manufacturing or production is not authorized by this Permit unless specifically approved by the Department.
4. Concrete or asphalt manufacturing or production and discharge of process waters from such manufacturing or production is not authorized by this Permit unless specifically approved by the Department.
5. The discharge of wastewater, generated by any process, facility, or by any other means not under the operational control of the Permittee or not identified in the application for this Permit or not identified specifically in the description of an outfall in this Permit is not authorized by this Permit.

G. DISCHARGES TO IMPAIRED WATERS

1. This Permit does not authorize new sources or new discharges of pollutants of concern to impaired waters unless consistent with an EPA-approved or EPA-established Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and applicable State law, or unless compliance with the limitations and requirements of the Permit ensure that the discharge will not contribute to further degradation of the receiving stream. Impaired waters are those that do not meet applicable water quality standards and are identified on the State of Alabama's §303(d) list or on an EPA-approved or EPA-established TMDL. Pollutants of concern are those pollutants for which the receiving water is listed as impaired or contribute to the listed impairment.
2. Facilities that discharge into a receiving stream which is listed on the State of Alabama's §303(d) list of impaired waters, and with discharges that contain the pollutant(s) for which the waters are impaired, must within six (6) months of the Final §303(d) list approval, document in its BMP plan how the BMPs will control the discharge of the pollutant(s) of concern, and must ensure that there will be no increase of the pollutants of concern. A monitoring plan to assess the effectiveness of the BMPs in achieving the allocations must also be included in the BMP plan.

3. If the facility discharges to impaired waters as described above, it must determine whether a TMDL has been developed and approved or established by EPA for the listed waters. If a TMDL is approved or established during this Permit cycle by EPA for any waters into which the facility discharges, the facility must review the applicable TMDL to see if it includes requirements for control of any water discharged by the Permittee. Within six (6) months of the date of TMDL approval or establishment, the facility must notify the Department on how it will modify its BMP plan to include best management practices specifically targeted to achieve the allocations prescribed by the TMDL, if necessary. Any revised BMP plans must be submitted to the Department for review. The facility must include in the BMP plan a monitoring component to assess the effectiveness of the BMPs in achieving the allocations.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
WATER DIVISION**

NPDES INDIVIDUAL PERMIT RATIONALE

Company Name: Ralph Sisk

Facility Name: Sisk Rock Pit

County: Jackson

Permit Number: AL0084470

Prepared by: Clint Dear

Date: January 10, 2023

Receiving Waters: Unnamed Tributaries to Mud Creek (Houston Hollow) (Groundwater)

Permit Coverage: Sandstone Mine, Dry Processing, Transportation and Storage, and Associated Areas

SIC Code: 1429

The Department has made a tentative determination that the available information is adequate to support issuance of this permit.

This proposed permit covers a sandstone mine, dry processing, transportation and storage, and associated areas which discharge to surface and ground waters of the state.

The proposed permit authorizes treated discharges into a stream segment, other State waters, or local watershed that currently has a water quality classification of Fish and Wildlife (F&W) per ADEM Admin. Code ch. 335-6-11. If the requirements of the proposed permit are fully implemented, the facility will not discharge pollutants at levels that will cause or contribute to a violation of the F&W classification.

Full compliance with the proposed permit terms and conditions is expected to be protective of instream water quality and ensure consistency with applicable instream State water quality standards (WQS) for the receiving stream.

Technology Based Effluent Limits (TBELs) for crushed stone mining facilities can be found in 40 CFR 436.22(1) and (2) for facilities that recycle waste water for use in processing and mine dewatering, respectively. The TBELs were promulgated for existing dischargers using the Best Practicable Control Technology Available (BPT). New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) have not yet been developed by the EPA for the Crushed Stone Subcategory.

The instream WQS for pH, for streams classified as F&W, are 6.0 - 8.5 s.u per ADEM Admin Code r. 335-6-10-.09; however, because discharges from all outfalls are expected only in response to rain events, it is the opinion of the Department that discharges with an allowable pH daily maximum of 9.0 will not adversely affect the instream pH based on the low discharge/stream flow ratio. The discharge limitations for pH of 6.0 – 9.0 s.u. for all outfalls are identical to the existing point source TBELs found in 40 CFR 436 Subpart B

The TBELs for 40 CFR 436 Subpart B do not include limitations for Total Suspended Solids (TSS). TSS is classified as a conventional pollutant in 40 CFR 401.16 and is expected to be discharged from this type of facility. Therefore, monthly average and daily maximum effluent limitations for TSS are those proposed by the EPA for crushed stone mine drainage in the *Development Document for Effluent Limitations Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards for the Mineral Mining and Processing Point Source Category* (July 1979).

The proposed permit included discharges to Groundwater. However, monitoring for discharges to groundwater is not required because of the natural treatment provided by the sandstone formation; however, discharges to surface waters must be monitored twice per month.

The applicant has requested, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.21 and their NPDES permit application, a waiver from testing for the Part A, B, and C pollutants listed in the EPA Form 2C and 2D that are not addressed in their application. They have also certified that due to the processes involved in their mining activity these pollutants are believed to be not present in the waste stream.

The Pollution Abatement/Prevention (PAP) plan for this facility has been prepared by a professional engineer (PE) registered in the State of Alabama and is designed to ensure reduction of pollutants in the waste stream to a level that, if operated properly, the discharge will not contribute to or cause a violation of applicable State WQS. The proposed permit terms and conditions are predicated on the basis of ensuring a reduction of pollutants in the discharge to a level that reduces the potential of contributing to or causing a violation of applicable State WQS.

In accordance with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-3-.07 the design PE, as evidenced by their seal and/or signature on the application, has accepted full responsibility for the effectiveness of the waste treatment facility to treat the Permittee's effluent to meet NPDES permit limitations and requirements, and to fully comply with Alabama's WQS, when such treatment facilities are properly operated.

If there is a reasonable potential that a pollutant present in the treated discharges from a facility could cause or contribute to a contravention of applicable State WQS above numeric or narrative criteria, 40 CFR Part 122 requires the Department to establish effluent limits using calculated water quality criterion, establish effluent limits on a case-by-case basis using criteria established by EPA, or establish effluent limits based on an indicator parameter. Based on available information, potential pollutants discharged from this facility, if discharged within the concentrations allowed by this permit, would not have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to a contravention of applicable State WQS.

Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-6-.12(r) this permit requires the Permittee to design and implement a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plan for all stored chemicals, fuels and/or stored pollutants that have the potential to discharge to a water of the State. This plan must meet the minimum engineering requirements as defined in 40 CFR Part 112 and must provide for secondary containment adequate to control a potential spill.

The applicant is not proposing discharges of pollutants to a water of the State with an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

The applicant is not proposing discharges into a stream segment or other State water that is included on Alabama's current CWA §303(d) list.

The applicant is not proposing new discharges of pollutant(s) to an ADEM identified Tier I water.

The proposed permit action authorizes new discharges of pollutants to receiving waters determined by the Department to be waters where the quality exceeds levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water (Tier II). Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-10 (Antidegradation Policy and Implementation of the Antidegradation Policy), the applicant has submitted and the Department has reviewed and considered information regarding (1) demonstration of necessity/importance, (2) alternatives analysis, and (3) calculations of total annualized costs for technically feasible treatment alternatives regarding the proposed new discharges to Tier II waters. The Department has determined, based on the applicant's demonstration, that the proposed new discharges to the Tier II waters are necessary for important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
WATER DIVISION

ANTIDEGRADATION RATIONALE

Company Name: Ralph Sisk
Facility Name: Sisk Rock Pit
County: Jackson
Permit Number: AL0084470
Prepared by: Clint Dear
Date: January 10, 2023
Receiving Waters: Unnamed Tributaries to Mud Creek (Houston Hollow)(Groundwater)
Stream Category: Tier II as defined by ADEM Admin. Code 335-6-10-.12
Discharge Description: This proposed permit covers a sandstone mine, dry preparation plant, transportation and storage, and associated areas which discharge to surface and ground waters.

The following preliminary determination was prepared in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code 335-6-10-.12 (7) (c):

The Department has reviewed the information submitted by applicant in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code 335-6-10-.12(9). The applicant has demonstrated that there are no technically or economically viable treatment options in its alternatives analysis that would completely eliminate a direct discharge.

The permit applicant has indicated that the following economic and social benefits will result from this project:

1. The Permittee states that the operation will generate approximately \$6,000 per year in state and/or local taxes.
2. The Permittee states that the material produced will be used in various construction projects across the community and will improve economic development in the area.

The Department has determined that the discharge proposed by the permit applicant is necessary for important economic and social development in the area of the outfall location in the receiving water.

Reviewed By: 

Date: 1-11-2023

NPDES Individual Application - Mining (Form 315)

version 3.1

(Submission #: HPK-C24B-S0346, version 2)

Details

Submission ID HPK-C24B-S0346

Status In Process

Fees

Fee \$7,430.00

Payments/Adjustments (\$7,430.00)

Balance Due \$0.00 (Paid)

Form Input

Processing Information

Is this a coalbed methane operation?

No

Please indicate the purpose of this application:

Initial Permit Application for New Facility

General Instructions

AL0084470

Permittee Information

Permittee

Permittee Name

Ralph Sisk

Mailing Address

551 County Road 9

Estillfork, AL 35745

Responsible Official

Prefix

Mr.

First Name Last Name

Ralph Sisk

Title

Owner

Organization Name

Ralph Sisk

Phone Type Number Extension

Business 2567763281

Email

dorthysisk1961@gmail.com

Mailing Address

551 County Road 9

Estillfork, AL 35745

Facility/Operations Information

Facility/Operations Name

Sisk Rock Pit

Permittee Organization Type

Sole Proprietorship (i.e. Owned by Individual)

Parent Corporation and Subsidiary Corporations of Applicant, if any:

NONE PROVIDED

Landowner(s) Name, Address and Phone Number:

Ralph Sisk; 551 County Road 9 Estillfork, AL 35745; 256-776-3281

Sub-contractor(s)/Operator(s), if known:

NONE PROVIDED

Facility/Operations Address or Location Description

CR 111

North of County Road 111 near Dolberry Cemetery

Fackler, AL 35746

Facility/Operations County (Front Gate)

Jackson

Do the operations span multiple counties?

No

Detailed Directions to the Facility/Operations

The facility is on the north side of CR 111. The site is adjacent to Dolberry Cemetery.

Facility/Operations Front Gate Latitude and Longitude

34.82220498452524,-86.0544708336202

Township(s), Range(s), Section(s) (Note: If you are submitting multiple TRSs, please separate each TRS by a semicolon. Example: T19S,R1E,S15; T20S,R2E,S16)

T2S, R5E, S36

SIC Code(s) [Please select your primary SIC code first]:

1499-Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Minerals Except Fuels

1429-Crushed and Broken Stone

NAICS Code(s) [Please select your primary NAICS code first]:

212399-All Other Nonmetallic Mineral Mining
213115-Support Activities for Nonmetallic Minerals (except Fuels) Mining
212319-Other Crushed and Broken Stone Mining and Quarrying
115112-Soil Preparation Planting and Cultivating

Facility/Operations Contact

Prefix
Mr.
First Name **Last Name**
Ralph *Sisk*
Title
Owner
Organization Name
Ralph Sisk
Phone Type **Number** **Extension**
Business 2567763281
Email
dorthysisk1961@gmail.com

Additional Contacts (1 of 1)

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:

Contact Type
NONE PROVIDED

Contact
First Name **Last Name**
NONE PROVIDED *NONE PROVIDED*
Title
NONE PROVIDED
Organization Name
NONE PROVIDED
Phone Type **Number** **Extension**
NONE PROVIDED
Email
NONE PROVIDED
Address
[NO STREET ADDRESS SPECIFIED]
[NO CITY SPECIFIED], AL [NO ZIP CODE SPECIFIED]

Compliance History

Has the applicant ever had any of the following:

Event	Apply?
An Alabama NPDES, SID, or UIC permit suspended or terminated	No
An Alabama or federal environmental permit suspended/terminated	No
An Alabama State Oil Gas Board permit or other approval suspended or terminated	No
An Alabama or federal performance/environmental bond, or similar security deposited in lieu of a bond, or portion thereof, forfeited	No

Has the applicant, parent corporation, subsidiary, general partner, LLP partner, or LLC Member had any Warning Letters, Notice of Violations (NOVs), Administrative Actions, or litigation filed by ADEM or EPA during the three year (36 month) period preceding the date on which this form is signed?

Yes

Identify every Warning Letter, Notice of Violation (NOV), Administrative Action, or litigation issued to the applicant, parent corporation, subsidiary, general partner, LLP partner, or LLC Member and filed by ADEM or EPA during the three year (36 month) period preceding the date on which this form is signed.

Date of Issuance	Type of Action	Briefly describe alleged violations:	Date of Final Resolution
2/28/2022	Notice of Violation	Unpermitted Mining Operations.	NONE PROVIDED

For this facility, list any other NPDES or other environmental permits (including permit numbers), authorizations, or certifications that have been applied for or issued within the State by ADEM, EPA, Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL), US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), or other agency, to the applicant, parent corporation, subsidiary, or LLC member whether presently effective, expired, suspended, revoked, or terminated:

N/A

For other facilities, list any other NPDES or other ADEM permits (including permit numbers), authorizations, or certifications that have been applied for or issued within the State by ADEM, EPA, ASMC, ADOL, or USACE, to the applicant, parent corporation, subsidiary, or LLC member whether presently effective, expired, suspended, revoked, or terminated:

N/A

Anti-Degradation Evaluation

Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code ch. 335-6-10-.12(9), responses to the following questions must be provided by the applicant requesting NPDES permit coverage for new or expanded discharges of pollutant(s) to Tier 2 waters (except discharges eligible for coverage under general permits). As part of the permit application review process, the Department is required to consider, based on the applicant's demonstration, whether the proposed new or increased discharge to Tier 2 waters is necessary for important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. Do you have new or increased discharges?

Yes

CORRECTION REQUEST (CORRECTED)
Anti-Degradation

Since this is an initial issuance, the Anti-Degradation is required. Check yes and answer the questions related to this section.
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NOTE

If the discharge is to a Tier II waterbody as defined in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-10-.12(4), complete questions below, ADEM Form 311-Alternatives Analysis, and either ADEM Form 312 or ADEM Form 313- Calculation of Total Annualized Project Costs (Public-Sector or Private-Sector Projects, whichever is applicable). ADEM Form 312 or ADEM Form 313, whichever is applicable, must be provided for each treatment discharge alternative considered technically viable.

[ADEM forms can be found on the Department's website here.](#)

What environmental or public health problem will the discharger be correcting?

There is no public health problem related to the subject site; therefore the discharge is not pertinent to correcting a problem.

How much will the discharger be increasing employment (at its existing facility or as the result of locating a new facility)?

There will be no increase in employment.

How much reduction in employment will the discharger be avoiding?

The discharger will not be avoiding a reduction in employment.

How much additional state or local taxes will the discharger be paying?

Approximately \$6000 per year

What public service to the community will the discharger be providing?

The material produced by the facility will be used for various construction projects across the community.

What economic or social benefit will the discharger be providing to the community?

In addition to facilitating the farming of the property, the material produced by the facility will be used in various construction projects across the community and will improve economic development in the area.

Attach Form 311 (Alternative Analysis)

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Comment

NONE PROVIDED

Please attach Form 312 (Public Sector Projects) or Form 313 (Private Sector Projects).

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Comment

NONE PROVIDED

Activity Description & Information

Narrative description of activity(s):

Digging and removing rock from pasture that will be reclaimed afterwards. Removing and transporting rock from mountain side.

Total Facility/Operations Area (acres)

141.00

Total Disturbed Area (acres)

8.00

Anticipated Commencement Date

9/5/2022

Anticipated Completion Date

9/5/2027

Please identify which of the following apply to this operation:

Activity/Condition	Appy?
An existing facility/operation which currently results in discharges to State waters?	Yes
A proposed facility/operation which will result in a discharge to State waters?	No
Be located within any 100-year flood plain?	No
Discharge to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer?	No
Discharge to waters of or be located in the Coastal Zone?	No
Need/have ADEM UIC permit coverage?	No
Be located on Indian/historically significant lands?	No
Need/have ADEM SID permit coverage?	No
Need/have ASMC permit coverage?	No
Need/have State Oil & Gas Board permit coverage?	No
Need/have ADOL permit coverage?	Yes
Generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous or toxic waste?	No
Be located in or discharge to a Public Water Supply (PWS) watershed or be located within 1/4 mile of any PWS well?	No
Incised pit	Yes

CORRECTION REQUEST (CORRECTED)**ADOL Permit**

Since the material being mined is Sandstone, an ADOL permit is needed. Contact the Alabama Department of Labor for their permit requirements.

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Does your facility/operation use cooling water?

No

Material to be Removed, Processed, or Transloaded

Material To Be Removed, Processed, Or Transloaded (Note: Sum must equal 100.)

Mineral(s)/Mineral product(s)	%
Sandstone	100
	Sum: 100

Proposed Activity To Be Conducted

Type(s) of activity presently conducted at applicant's existing facility or proposed to be conducted at facility (Select Yes or No):

Activity	Apply?
Adjacent/associated asphalt/concrete plant(s)	No
Alternative fuels operation	No
Auger mining	No
Cement production	No
Chemical processing or leaching	No
Chemicals used in process or wastewater treatment (coagulant, biocide, etc.)	No
Construction related temporary borrow pits/areas	No
Creek/stream crossings	Yes
Excavation	Yes
Grading, clearing, grubbing, etc.	Yes
Hydraulic mining	No
Hydraulic mining, dredging, instream or between stream-bank mining	No
Lime production	No
Low volume sewage treatment package plant	No
Mineral dry processing (crushing & screening)	Yes
Mineral loading	Yes
Mineral storing	Yes
Mineral transportation	Yes
Mineral wet preparation	No
Onsite construction debris or equipment storage/disposal	No
Onsite mining debris or equipment storage/disposal	Yes
Other beneficiation & manufacturing operations	No
Pre-construction ponded water removal	No
Pre-mining logging or land clearing	No
Preparation plant waste recovery	No
Quarrying	No

Activity	Apply?
Reclamation of disturbed areas	Yes
Solution mining	No
Surface mining	Yes
Synthetic fuel production	No
Underground mining	No
Waterbody relocation or other alteration	No
Within-bank mining	No

CORRECTION REQUEST (CORRECTED)
Proposed Activity

Please mark yes for either dry or wet processing, depending on the site. If the sandstone will be transported by truck, mark yes for mineral transportations and indicate how it will be transported.
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If the operation will include activities other than those listed above, please describe them below:
 NONE PROVIDED

If the type of activity presently conducted or proposed is Mineral Transportation, please indicate which of the following apply:

Method	Apply?
Barge	No
Rail	No
Truck	Yes

Fuel - Chemical Handling, Storage, & Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan

Will fuels, chemicals, compounds, or liquid waste be used or stored onsite?
 No

ASMC Regulated Entities

Is this a coal mining operation regulated by ASMC?
 No

Topographic Map Submittal

Topographic Map

Attach to this application a 7.5 minute series U.S.G.S. topographic map(s) or equivalent map(s) no larger than, or folded to a size of 8.5 by 11 inches (several pages may be necessary), of the area extending to at least one mile beyond property boundaries. The topographic or equivalent map(s) must include a caption indicating the name of the topographic map, name of the applicant, facility name, county, and township, range, & section(s) where the facility are located. Unless approved in advance by the Department, the topographic or equivalent map(s), at a minimum, must show: a) An accurate outline of the area to be covered by the permit (b) An outline of the facility (c) All existing and proposed disturbed areas (d) Location of intake and discharge areas (e) Proposed and existing discharge points (f) Perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams (g) Lakes, springs, water wells, wetlands (h) All known facility dirt/improved access/haul roads (i) All surrounding unimproved/improved roads (j) High-tension power lines and railroad tracks (k) Contour lines, township-range-section lines (l) Drainage patterns, swales, washes (m) All drainage conveyance/treatment structures (ditches, berms, etc.) (n) Any other pertinent or significant feature.

Topographic Map

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Detailed Facility Map Submittal

Detailed Facility Map

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Outfalls (1 of 2)

Outfall Identifier: 001

Feature Type

Outfall (External)

Outfall Identifier

001

Outfall Status

Proposed

Please be aware that you should only mark an outfall status as existing if (1) the Department has been previously notified that it was constructed as proposed or (2) it began discharge prior to this application. A proposed outfall is one that is being newly added to the permit OR one that has never discharged or has never been authorized by the Department to discharge. Should you have any questions about which status to select, please contact the Department's permit engineer for this site.

Receiving Water

Mud Creek

Check below if the discharge enters the receiving water via an unnamed tributary.

Unnamed Tributary

Location of Outfall

34.828993284382335,-86.05503156703791

303(d) Segment?

No

TMDL Segment?

No

Outfalls (2 of 2)

Outfall Identifier: 002

Feature Type

Outfall (External)

Outfall Identifier

002

Outfall Status

Proposed

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Receiving Water
Mud Creek

Check below if the discharge enters the receiving water via an unnamed tributary.
Unnamed Tributary

Location of Outfall
34.82518040316459,-86.05584667506173

303(d) Segment?
No

TMDL Segment?
No

Discharge Characterization

EPA Form 2C, EPA Form 2D, and/or ADEM Form 567 Submittal

Yes, pursuant to 40 CFR 122.21, the applicant requests a waiver for completion of EPA Form 2C, EPA Form 2D, and ADEM Form 567 and certifies that the operating facility will discharge treated stormwater only; that chemical/compound additives are not used (unless waived in writing by the Department on a programmatic, categorical, or individual compound/chemical basis); that there are no process, manufacturing, or other industrial operations or wastewaters, including but not limited to lime or cement production and synfuel operations; and that coal and coal products are not mined nor stored onsite.

Required attachment:

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CORRECTION REQUEST (CORRECTED)

Form 315 Table B

Complete document with expected values.

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Discharge Structure Description & Pollutant Source

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Variance Request

Do you intend to request or renew one or more of the CWA technology variances authorized at 40 CFR 122.21(m)?
No

Pollution Abatement & Prevention (PAP) Plan Summary (1 of 1)

Outfall(s):

001

Outfall Questions:	Please select one:
Runoff from all areas of disturbance is controlled	Yes
Drainage from pit area, stockpiles, and spoil areas directed to a sedimentation pond	No
Sedimentation basin at least 0.25 acre/feet for every acre of disturbed drainage	N/A
Sedimentation basin cleaned out when sediment accumulation is 60% of design capacity	N/A
Trees, boulders, and other obstructions removed from pond during initial construction	N/A
Width of top of dam greater than 12'	N/A
Side slopes of dam no steeper than 3:1	N/A
Cutoff trench at least 8' wide	N/A
Side slopes of cutoff trench no less than 1:1	N/A
Cutoff trench located along the centerline of the dam	N/A
Cutoff trench extends at least 2' into bedrock or impervious soil	N/A
Cutoff trench filled with impervious material	N/A
Embankments and cutoff trench 95% compaction standard proctor ASTM	N/A
Embankment free of roots, tree debris, stones >6" diameter, etc.	N/A
Embankment constructed in lifts no greater than 12"	N/A
Spillpipe sized to carry peak flow from a one year storm event	N/A
Spillpipe will not chemically react with effluent	N/A
Subsurface withdrawal	N/A
Anti-seep collars extend radially at least 2' from each joint in spillpipe	N/A
Splashpad at the end of the spillpipe	N/A
Emergency Spillway sized for peak flow from 25-yr 24-hr event if discharge not into PWS classified stream	N/A
Emergency spillway sized for peak flow from 50-yr 24-hr event if discharge is into PWS classified stream	N/A
Emergency overflow at least 20' long	N/A
Side slopes of emergency spillway no steeper than 2:1	N/A
Emergency spillway lined with riprap or concrete	N/A
Minimum of 1.5' of freeboard between normal overflow and emergency overflow	N/A
Minimum of 1.5' of freeboard between max. design flow of emergency spillway and top of dam	N/A
All emergency overflows are sized to handle entire drainage area for ponds in series	N/A
Dam stabilized with permanent vegetation	N/A
Sustained grade of haul road <10%	Yes
Maximum grade of haul road <15% for no more than 300'	Yes
Outer slopes of haul road no steeper than 2:1	Yes
Outer slopes of haul road vegetated or otherwise stabilized	Yes
Detail drawings supplied for all stream crossings	Yes
Short-Term Stabilization/Grading And Temporary Vegetative Cover Plans	Yes
Long-Term Stabilization/Grading And Permanent Reclamation or Water Quality Remediation Plans	Yes

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any $\diamond N \diamond$ or $\diamond N/A \diamond$ response(s):

Mining activity will take place in an incised pit and no treatment basin will be needed.

Pollution Abatement & Prevention (PAP) Plan Review Checklist

General Information:	Please select one:
PE Seal with License #	Yes
Name and Address of Operator	Yes
Legal Description of Facility	Yes
Name of Company	Yes
Number of Employees	Yes
Products to be Mined	Yes
Hours of Operation	Yes
Water Supply and Disposition	Yes

Maps:	Please select one:
Topographic Map including Information from Part XIII (a) (o) of this Application	Yes
1/500 or Equivalent Facility Map including Information from Part XIV of this Application	Yes

Detailed Design Diagrams:	Please select one:
Plan Views	Yes
Cross-section Views	Yes
Method of Diverting Runoff to Treatment Basins	N/A
Line Drawing of Water Flow through Facility with Water Balance or Pictorial Description of Water Flow	N/A

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any "N" or "N/A" response(s):
Mining activity will take place in an incised pit and no treatment basin will be needed.

Narrative of Operations:	Please select one:
Raw Materials Defined	Yes
Processes Defined	Yes
Products Defined	Yes

Schematic Diagram:	Please select one:
Points of Waste Origin	N/A
Collection System	Yes
Disposal System	N/A

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any "N" or "N/A" response(s):
No waste will be generated; excavated dirt will be returned to the pit to reclaim as pasture.

Post Treatment Quantity and Quality of Effluent:	Please select one:
Flow	N/A
Suspended Solids	N/A
Iron Concentration	N/A
pH	N/A

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any "N" or "N/A" response(s):
Mining activity will take place in an incised pit and no treatment basin will be needed.

Description of Waste Treatment Facility:	Please select one:
Pre-Treatment Measures	N/A
Recovery System	N/A
Expected Life of Treatment Basin	N/A

Description of Waste Treatment Facility:	Please select one:
Measures for Ensuring Access to All Treatment Structures and Related Appurtenances including Outfall Locations	N/A
Schedule of Cleaning and/or Abandonment	N/A

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any "N" or "N/A" response(s):
Mining activity will take place in an incised pit and no treatment basin will be needed.

Other:	Please select one:
Precipitation/Volume Calculations/Diagram Attached	N/A
BMP Plan for Haul Roads	Yes
Measures for Minimizing Impacts to Adjacent Stream (e.g., Buffer Strips, Berms)	Yes
Measures for Ensuring Appropriate Setbacks are Maintained at All Times	Yes
Methods for Minimizing Nonpoint Source Discharges	Yes
If Chemical Treatment Used, Methods for Ensuring Appropriate Dosage	N/A
Facility Closure Plans	Yes
PE Rationale(s) For Alternate Standards, Designs or Plans	Yes

Identify and provide detailed explanation for any "N" or "N/A" response(s):
Mining activity will take place in an incised pit and no treatment basin calculations or chemical treatment will be needed.

Pollution Abatement & Prevention (PAP) Plan

Is this a coal mining operation regulated by ASMC?
No

For non-coal mining facilities, has a PAP Plan in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-9-.03 been completed?
Yes

PAP Plan (non-coal mining facilities)

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CORRECTION REQUEST (CORRECTED)
PAP Review
Please see attached document for PAP issues.
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Professional Engineer (PE)

Registration License Number
32444

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First Name Last Name

Barbara Lehman

Title

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Information for the Applicant

Please read the following information and acknowledge below:

Contact the Department prior to submittal with any questions or to request acceptable alternate content/format.

Be advised that you are not authorized to commence regulated activity until this application can be processed, publicly noticed, and approval to proceed is received in writing from the Department.

EPA Form(s) 1 and 2F need not be submitted unless specifically required by the Department. EPA Form(s) 2C and/or 2D are required to be submitted unless the applicant is eligible for a waiver and the Department grants a waiver, or unless the relevant information required by EPA Form(s) 2C and/or 2D are submitted to the Department in an alternative format acceptable to the Department.

Planned/proposed mining sites that are greater than 5 acres, that mine/process coal or metallic mineral/ore, or that have wet or chemical processing, must apply for and obtain coverage under an Individual or General NPDES Permit prior to commencement of any land disturbance. Such Individual NPDES Permit coverage may be requested via this ADEM Form 315.

The applicant is advised to contact:

- (1) The Alabama Surface Mining Commission (ASMC) if coal, coal fines, coal refuse, or other coal related materials are mined, transloaded, processed, etc.;
- (2) The Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL) if conducting non-coal mining operations;
- (3) The Alabama Historical Commission for requirements related to any potential historic or culturally significant sites;
- (4) The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) for requirements related to potential presence of threatened/endangered species;
- (5) The US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile or Nashville Districts, if this project could cause fill to be placed in federal waters or could interfere with navigation.

The Department must be in receipt of a completed version of this form, including any supporting documentation, and the appropriate processing fee [including Greenfield Fee and Biomonitoring & Toxicity Limits fee(s), if applicable], prior to development of a draft NPDES permit.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge I have read and understand the information above.

Additional Attachments

Additional Attachments

NONE PROVIDED

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

Application Preparer

Application Preparer

Prefix

NONE PROVIDED

First Name

NONE PROVIDED

Last Name

NONE PROVIDED

Title

NONE PROVIDED

Organization Name

NONE PROVIDED

Phone Type

NONE PROVIDED

Number

Extension

Email

NONE PROVIDED

Address

[NO STREET ADDRESS SPECIFIED]

[NO CITY SPECIFIED], AL [NO ZIP CODE SPECIFIED]

Fees Assessed

The following itemized fees have been assessed in accordance with Fee Schedule D and 335-1-6-.04(a) of ADEM Admin. Code Division 1 regulations based on the information provided in this application.

Mineral/Resource Extraction Mining, Storage Transloading, Dry Processing:

5820

Greenfield Site Fee:

1610

Fee

Fee

7430

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Agreements and Signature(s)

SUBMISSION AGREEMENTS

- I am the owner of the account used to perform the electronic submission and signature.
- I have the authority to submit the data on behalf of the facility I am representing.
- I agree that providing the account credentials to sign the submission document constitutes an electronic signature equivalent to my written signature.
- I have reviewed the electronic form being submitted in its entirety, and agree to the validity and accuracy of the information contained within it to the best of my knowledge.

Professional Engineer

A detailed, comprehensive Pollution Abatement & Prevention (PAP) Plan must be prepared, signed, and certified by a professional engineer (PE), registered in the State of Alabama, and the PE must certify as follows: I certify on behalf of the applicant, that I have completed an evaluation of discharge alternatives for any proposed new or increased discharges of pollutant(s) to Tier 2 waters and reached the conclusions indicated. I certify under penalty of law that technical information and data contained in this application, and a comprehensive PAP Plan including any attached SPCC plan, maps, engineering designs, etc. acceptable to ADEM, for the prevention and minimization of all sources of pollution in stormwater and authorized related process wastewater runoff has been prepared under my supervision for this facility utilizing effective, good engineering and pollution control practices and in accordance with the provisions of ADEM Admin. Code Division 335-6, including Chapter 335-6-9 and Appendices A & B. If the PAP Plan is properly implemented and maintained by the Permittee, discharges of pollutants can reasonably be expected to be effectively minimized to the maximum extent practicable and according to permit discharge limitations and other permit requirements. The applicant has been advised that appropriate pollution abatement/prevention facilities and structural & nonstructural management practices or Department approved equivalent management practices as detailed in the PAP Plan must be fully implemented and regularly maintained as needed at the facility in accordance with good sediment, erosion, and other pollution control practices, permit requirements, and other ADEM requirements to ensure protection of groundwater and surface water quality.

Signed By Barbara Lehman on 11/10/2022 at 12:21 PM

Responsible Official

This application must be signed and initialed by a Responsible Official of the applicant pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code Rule 335-6-6-.09 who has overall responsibility for the operation of the facility. I certify under penalty of law that this document, including technical information and data, the PAP Plan, including any SPCC plan, maps, engineering designs, and all other attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the PE and other person or persons under my supervision who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including the possibility of fine or imprisonment for knowing violations. A comprehensive PAP Plan to prevent and minimize discharges of pollution to the maximum extent practicable has been prepared at my direction by a PE for this facility utilizing effective, good engineering and pollution control practices and in accordance with the provisions of ADEM Admin. Code Division 335-6, including Chapter 335-6-9 and Appendices A & B, and information contained in this application, including any attachments. I understand that regular inspections must be performed by, or under the direct supervision of, a PE and all appropriate pollution abatement/prevention facilities and structural & nonstructural management practices or Department approved equivalent management practices identified by the PE must be fully implemented prior to and concurrent with commencement of regulated activities and regularly maintained as needed at the facility in accordance with good sediment, erosion, and other pollution control practices and ADEM requirements. I understand that the PAP Plan must be fully implemented and regularly maintained so that discharges of pollutants can reasonably be expected to be effectively minimized to the maximum extent practicable and according to permit discharge limitations and other requirements to ensure protection of groundwater and surface water quality. I understand that failure to fully implement and regularly maintain required management practices for the protection of groundwater and surface water quality may subject the Permittee to appropriate enforcement action. I certify that this form has not been altered, and if copied or reproduced, is consistent in format and identical in content to the ADEM approved form. I further certify that the discharges described in this application have been tested or evaluated for the presence of non-stormwater discharges and any non-mining associated beneficiation/process pollutants and wastewaters have been fully identified. I acknowledge my understanding that if coal, coal fines, coal refuse, or other coal related materials are mined, transloaded, processed, etc., that I may be required to obtain a permit from the ASMC. I acknowledge my understanding that if non-coal, non-limestone materials are mined, transloaded, processed, etc., that I may be required to obtain a permit from the ADOL. I acknowledge my understanding that if the proposed activities will be conducted in or potentially impact waters of the state or waters of the US (including wetlands), that I may be required to obtain a permit from the USACE.

Responsible Official

Signed By Ralph Sisk on 11/30/2022 at 9:42 AM

Attachment 1 to Supplementary Form ADEM Form 311


Alternatives Analysis

Applicant/Project: Sisk Rock Pit

All new or expanded discharges (except discharges eligible for coverage under general permits) covered by the NPDES permitting program are subject to the provisions of ADEM's antidegradation policy. Applicants for such discharges to Tier 2 waters are required to demonstrate "... that the proposed discharge is necessary for important economic or social development." As a part of this demonstration, the applicant must complete an evaluation of the discharge alternatives listed below, including a calculation of the total annualized project costs for each technically feasible alternative (using ADEM Form 312 for public-sector projects and ADEM Form 313 for private-sector projects). Alternatives with total annualized project costs that are less than 110% of the total annualized project costs for the Tier 2 discharge proposal are considered viable alternatives.

Alternative	Viable	Non-Viable	Comment
1 Land Application		x	
2 Pretreatment/Discharge to POTW	x		BMPs will be used to treat discharge before entering receiving water
3 Relocation of Discharge		x	Discharge locations are based on site topography.
4 Reuse/Recycle	x		Any excavated material could be reused elsewhere.
5 Process/Treatment Alternatives	x		Additional treatments can be utilized as needed.
6 On-site/Sub-surface Disposal	x		Overburden will be disposed of onsite and may be utilized for berms or diversions
<i>(other project-specific alternatives considered by the applicant; attach additional sheets if necessary)</i>			
7			
8			
9			

Pursuant to ADEM Administrative Code Rule 335-6-3-.04, I certify on behalf of the applicant that I have completed an evaluation of the discharge alternatives identified above, and reached the conclusions indicated.

Signature: 
(Professional Engineer)

Date: 11/10/2022

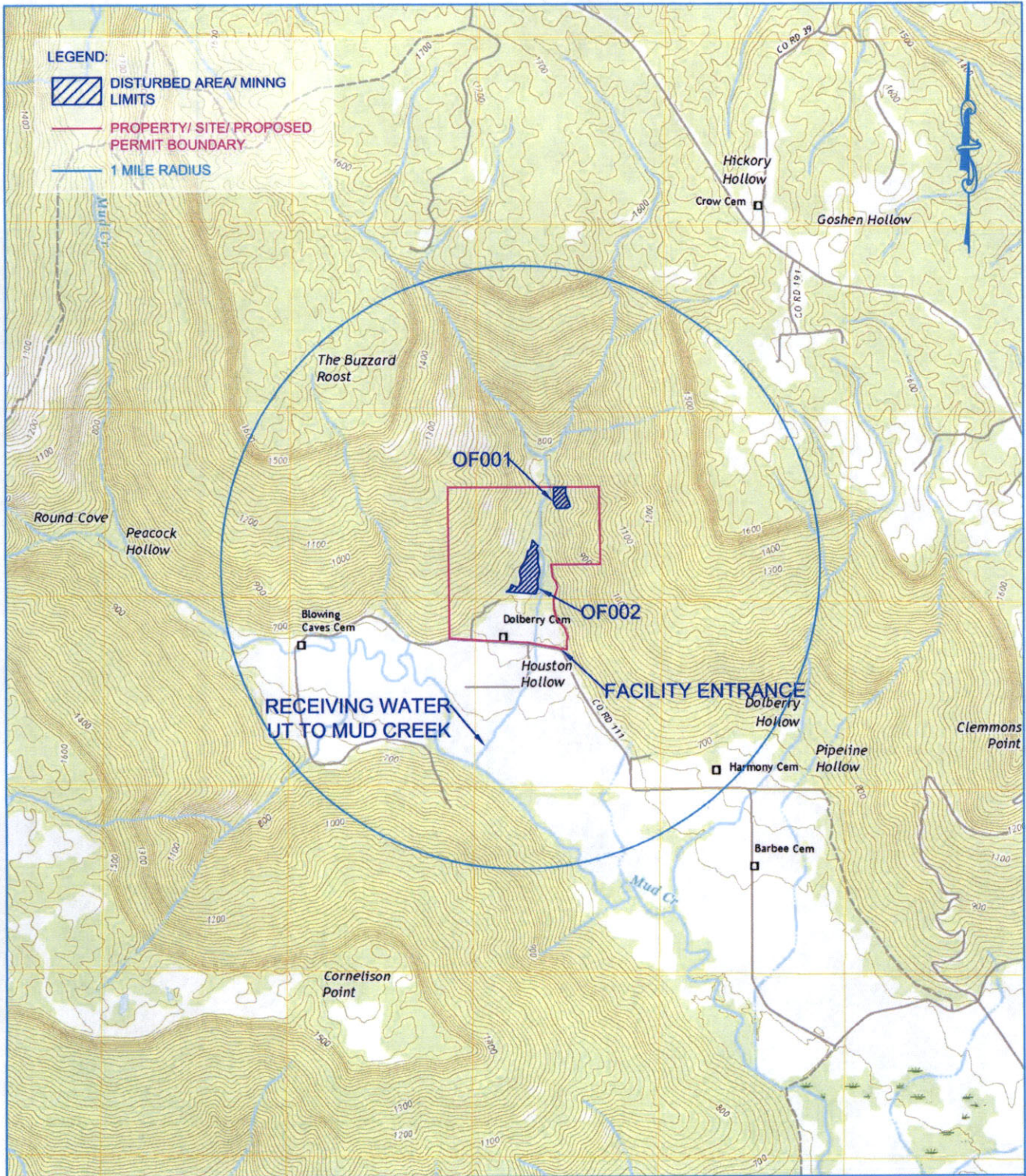
(Supporting documentation to be attached, referenced, or otherwise handled as appropriate.)

**Calculation of Total Annualized Project Costs
for Private-Sector Projects**

Capital Costs to be Financed (Supplied by applicant)	<u>\$ 0</u>	(1)
Interest rate for Financing (Expressed as a decimal)	<u> </u>	(i)
Time Period of Financing (Assume 10 years*)	<u>10 years</u>	(n)
Annualization Factor = $\frac{i}{(1+i)^{10} - 1} + i$	<u> </u>	(2)
Annualized Capital Cost [Calculate: (1) x (2)]	<u>\$ 0</u>	(3)
Annual Cost of Operation and Maintenance (including but not limited to monitoring, inspection, permitting fees, waste disposal charges, repair, administration and replacement)**	<u>\$ 2300</u>	(4)
Total Annual Cost of Pollution Control Project [(3) + (4)]	\$ 2300	(5)

* While actual payback schedules may differ across projects and companies, assume equal annual payments over a 10-year period for consistency in comparing projects.

** For recurring costs that occur less frequently than once a year, pro rate the cost over the relevant number of years (e.g., for pumps replaced once every three years, include one-third of the cost in each year).



RALPH SISK ROCK PIT
CO ROAD 111
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FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION PLAN
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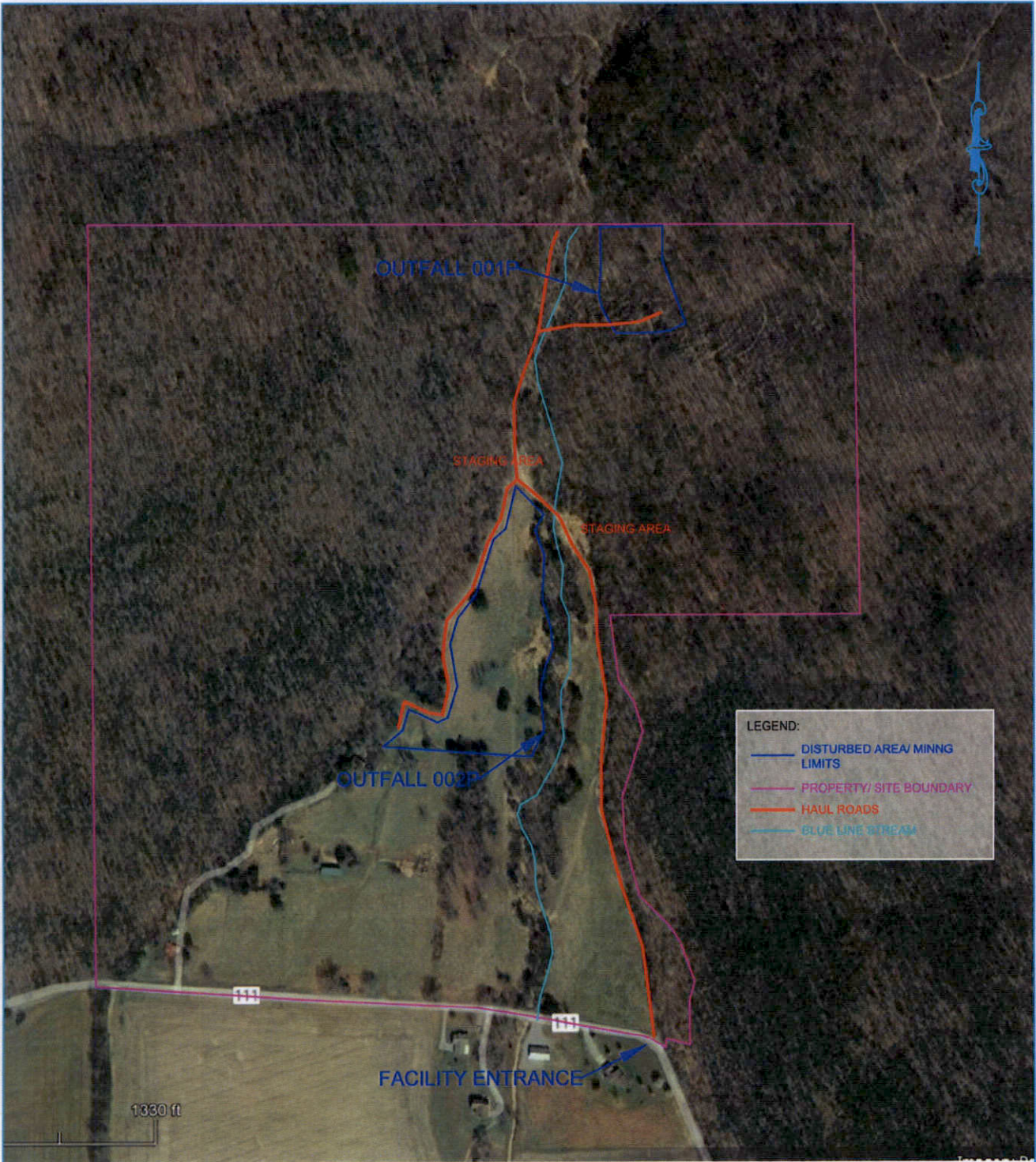
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FIGURE 2
 SITE MAP
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**RALPH SISK
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**POLLUTION ABATEMENT PLAN
SISK ROCK PIT
COUNTY ROAD 111
FACKLER, JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
GEO SOLUTIONS PROJECT NO.: 22-0838**

**PREPARED:
AUGUST 18, 2022**



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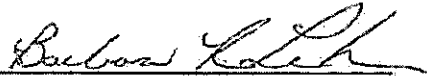
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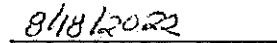
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CERTIFICATION

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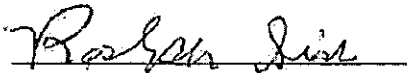
Barbara R. Lehman, P.E.
Project Manager



Date

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

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Ralph Sisk
Owner



Date

SECTION I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

This Pollution Abatement Plan (PAP) is a required part of an application for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. This plan has been developed for Ralph Sisk, (hereinafter referred to as Operator), for Sisk Rock Pit, located off County Road 111 Road in Fackler, Jackson County, Alabama. Please see Figure 1 for the location of this facility.

The objective of this plan is to develop a means to manage operations at the facility in an environmentally prudent manner. This plan identifies potential sources of pollutants and prescribes a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) or control measures to minimize or eliminate the discharge of pollutants in stormwater runoff. The program outlined in this plan emphasizes pollution prevention and implementation of BMPs. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, BMPs include: preventative maintenance, spill prevention, good housekeeping, training, material management, segregation of areas of concern, recycling and treatment and disposal of waste.

This PAP is organized into seven sections which cover the procedures and systems to protect stormwater runoff from exposure to potential containments and response procedures for a number of possible events:

- Section I Introduction
- Section II Potential Pollution Exposure
- Section III Structural Controls
- Section IV Non-Structural Controls
- Section V Spill Control Procedures
- Section VI Monitoring Requirements
- Section VII Reclamation Procedures

The descriptions included in this plan are intended to address the format outlined in ADEM Admin Code R. 335-6-9 and be the basis for the designs detailed in this plan. Drawings in this plan were derived from ADEM Admin. Code R. 335-6-9.

It is encouraged to use this document in the employee training process. In addition, minor revisions will be addressed in the facility's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The SOP will be available to the Quality Control Inspector. Major revisions should be incorporated into this plan.

1.2 Permit Overview

The PAP is required under the Federal National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) as presented in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14). This PAP plan is part of an application for

coverage under an Individual Permit. The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for this facility is 1499 – Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels.

1.3 Facility Description

The Sisk Rock Pit is located off County Road 111 in Fackler, Jackson County, Alabama. The project consists of 8 acres of incised borrow pit. The project is located in Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 5 East. Please see Figure 1.

The property consists of 141 acres, 8 of which will be disturbed. The topsoil will be stripped and placed in spoil piles. Sandstone rock will be mined from the borrow pit creating an incised pit. Sandstone rock will be removed using a track hoe and loaded into trucks for use in construction projects. The soil will be used to fill the incised pit.

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 Estillfork, Alabama 35745

The rock pit's hours of operation will be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, on an as-need basis. One person will be employed at the facility: the trackhoe operator.

1.4 History of Significant Spills and Leaks

The Operator is not aware of any known reportable spills or releases at this site. In the event significant spills occur while this plan is in effect, a review of the plan will be conducted to determine if the procedures outlined in the plan were followed and were applicable.

SECTION II POTENTIAL POLLUTION EXPOSURE

2.1 Introduction

This section covers the identification of the potential exposure from the operation of the facility that may adversely impact stormwater quality. The diagram in Appendix A – Process Schematic illustrates the points of waste origin, collection system and disposal system.

2.2 Petroleum Storage

Currently, there are no plans for onsite fuel storage. Should any amount of fuel ever be stored onsite, the following storage requirements must be followed. In addition, an SPCC Plan will be developed and submitted to ADEM if needed.

2.2.1 Potential for Hazardous Material Exposure

Exposure might occur if a tank on the equipment fails or is damaged. If spills or releases occur when a product is being transferred to or from the container, hazardous material exposure may happen. In addition, exposure might be associated with storage and use of various materials such as ignitable fuels and lubricants.

2.2.2 Pollution Prevention System

Immediate containment will be controlled utilizing drip pans or absorbent materials. Waste generated from the clean-up efforts will be appropriately contained, labeled, stored and disposed of or recycled.

If a spill or release does occur, the product will be contained and cleaned up immediately. For small releases, oil dry or other suitable absorbent material will be used. For larger volumes, a pump, bucket or similar equipment will be used to transfer product back into a structurally sound container. Once the product has been removed, a backhoe will excavate contaminated soils and move offsite to appropriate landfill. All inspections should note, if any, structural deficiencies in the tank or dispensing hose before a spill or release occurs. If any deficiencies are noted they should be reported to the Project Manager immediately and corrected. Overfilling the tanks will be prevented by cooperation and communication between the tanker truck operator and the personnel assisting in the delivery.

2.3 Sedimentation Control

There is no discharge expected at the borrow pit area due to the water being directed to the incised pit. Overburden will be placed back into the pit.

2.4 Non-Point Source

Areas of stormwater runoff from haul roads will be managed using BMPs such as grassing, and placement of wattle check dams as it is directed back toward the incised pit.

2.5 Public Water Supply Impoundment

This facility will not discharge into a stream segment classified as a Public Water Supply.

SECTION III STRUCTURAL CONTROLS

3.1 Introduction

Structural controls will be established to assist in pollution prevention management.

3.2 Stormwater Diversion Methods

Drainage from excavation areas, loading areas, equipment storage areas and other areas of disturbance in the facility will be directed back to the incised pit. Stormwater discharged along

the haul road will flow through at least 50 feet of vegetative buffer to the unnamed tributary to Mud Creek that traverses the property.

3.3 Sediment and Erosion Controls

The following BMPs will be utilized at the facility:

1. Bare soil in active areas will be stabilized by utilizing grass seed, mulch and sod to decrease the speed and load of the runoff.
2. Where appropriate, temporary diversion devices will be installed to control stormwater runoff until vegetation has been established.
3. Vehicle operators will be advised to maintain slow speeds.

Any excessive sediment will be removed from the BMPs and re-deposited in the incised pit. There should not be any problems with acid mine drainage due to the geology of the site. However, if this was to become an issue, aglime (calcium carbonate) and quicklime (calcium oxide) will be added appropriately to the pit. If quicklime is added, the amount and the pond pH, monitored for 24 hours after the addition, will be recorded.

The pit will not be lined. The pit will be incised, created as the knoll of the hill is excavated. The embankments will be created as the dirt is excavated. Any discharge from the permitted area prior to the excavation of the incised pit will be controlled with wattle check dams.

The pit will be maintained until all work at the site is complete, reclaimed and approved by ADEM. Removed sediment will be returned to the pit where excavation has been completed and it will be seeded.

3.4 Haul Road

All roads will maintain a grade of no greater than 10% with a maximum grade no greater than 15% or 300 feet. The outer slope from the road is 2(H):1(V). At least 80% of the slopes will be vegetated. The roads are crowned and properly ditched. The haul road that is not paved will be constructed per a construction pad exit to prevent any migration of sediment onto the paved roads.

3.5 Buffer Zones

A 50 foot buffer of a grassed berm will be maintained along any streams and waterways. The 50 foot buffer will be designated by silt fencing as well as instruction/training for employees. For the areas of Houston Hollow that have already been disturbed, banks will be stabilized with rock and any bare soil will be stabilized with seed and straw until native riparian vegetation is re-established.

SECTION IV NON-STRUCTURAL CONTROLS

4.1 Introduction

Non-structural controls include: employee training and records retention, written material handling practices, definitive program for routine preventative maintenance and spill control procedures.

4.2 Preventive Maintenance

Facility management recognizes the importance of properly maintaining facility equipment and vehicles. As such, management will support completion of necessary and appropriate maintenance activities required by equipment manufacturers.

4.3 Non-Stormwater Discharges

Based on the information provided, there are no process systems, which include discharge of wastewater from the facility.

4.4 Plan Distribution

Copies of this plan will be retained at the following location:
551 County Road 9
Estillfork, Alabama 35745

4.5 Plan Updates

This plan requires an amendment whenever there is a modification in design, construction, operation or maintenance of the facility that may change the potential for pollutants to impact stormwater. The System Design and Procedural Change and Report Form are found in Appendix B.

4.6 Required Regulatory Changes to Pollution Abatement Plan

Changes made to this plan that may be required by ADEM will be implemented not more than 30 days from receipt of the notification, unless the notification specifies a different schedule for compliance.

4.7 AST Loading and Dispensing Procedures

Should an above ground storage tank (AST) ever be placed onsite, the following procedures will be followed: At a minimum, Department of Transportation (DOT) standard for unloading, loading, transporting and labeling will be specified. The following is a summary of the unloading and loading procedures for tank systems at the facility:

4.7.1 Bulk Loading

Bulk loading of the systems will be executed as follows:

- Verify the amount of product remaining within the tank.
- Connect the transfer hose from the tanker truck to the fill pipe.
- Observe the sight gauge on the drop spout when product is transferred.
- Discharge a metered volume of product into the tank.
- Visually monitor the transfer of product into the tank.
- Verify the volume of the product in the tank at the end of the filling process.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the vendor to visually monitor the transfer of product into the tank.

4.8 Material Handling Procedures

Packages, product delivery vehicles and maintenance vehicles are inspected upon arrival and prior to the unloading of any significant materials. Visual inspection of the process is performed by the vendor and also observed by a qualified facility employee.

4.8.1 Minimization of Exposure During Handling, Shipping or Loading

The facility will follow standard loading and unloading procedures to prevent spills or releases. In addition, loading and unloading areas will be inspected as part of the routine facility inspections.

4.8.2 Minimization of Exposure During Equipment Maintenance Activities

All maintenance activities on machinery, equipment or vehicles will be conducted indoors in an area not exposed to precipitation where feasible. If maintenance is conducted outdoors, appropriate spill containment will be readily available.

4.8.3 Develop Response Planning

This plan outlines detailed spill control procedures. All staff will be trained in these procedures annually and emergency equipment for response to releases is located in each building.

4.9 Training Program

Personnel responsible for implementing and maintaining this plan must receive proper training, understand their duties and function and fulfill their duties in a safe and timely manner. Appropriate personnel at the site will understand the goals and purpose of this plan. Personnel at the facility will receive extensive training and on the job proficiency testing to qualify them for their positions.

4.10 Inspections

Inspections of structural and non-structural controls will be conducted as specified in Section VI – Monitoring Requirements.

4.11 Records

Records required by this plan will be maintained for a period of at least five years. The following is a list of records (found in Appendix B) to be maintained on file:

- Routine Inspection Report
- System Design and Procedural Change Report
- Corrective Actions for Release Incidents Report
- Preventive Maintenance and Employee Training Report
- Compliance Evaluation Form

In addition, records revealing the results of the Compliance Evaluation Inspection will be maintained. Non-compliance issues will be addressed, and the status and corrective action implemented will be documented.

SECTION V SPILL CONTROL PROCEDURES

All spills or releases will be cleaned-up immediately or immediately upon discovery. If a release does occur, the following steps will be taken:

1. Notify the Project Manager.
2. Attempt to determine the source, volume and extent of the release or spill.
3. Determine the safest and quickest way to stop the release by closing the defective valve, pump the product out of the leaking tank and into a structurally sound container, etc.
4. Contain the release as close to the source as possible. The on-site equipment will be utilized to construct earthen berms to contain the spill or release.
5. After the flow of the product has been restricted, the product will be removed.
 - If a small amount of product is release into the soil, absorbent booms, oil dry or other suitable absorbent material will be used to absorb the product. For larger volumes of product, a pump, bucket or other similar equipment will be used to transfer the product back into the service truck or another structurally sound container. After the product has been removed, a backhoe will be utilized to excavate contaminated soils.
 - In the event of a release or spill of product that reaches one of the settling ponds, the pump will be shut off immediately. Absorbent booms or a portable skimmer

will be used to remove the product from the pond. Used absorbent materials and contaminated soils will be properly disposed of. Recovered petroleum products will be used if possible, disposed of properly or transported to a permitted recycling facility. Any spill residue will be placed in a Department of Transportation approved 55 gallon drum and recycled. A spill response kit containing oil absorbent booms, pads, oil dry, personnel protective equipment and other materials necessary for spill response is kept at the site.

6. A description addressing measures taken in response to the spill will be submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) within 15 days of the occurrence.

If a release or spill greater than 25 gallons occurs, the Project Manager will be notified immediately. The Project Manager will then contact ADEM (during business hours) or the Department of Public Safety and the National Response Center (NRC) at the following addresses and phone numbers:

- ADEM – Decatur Field Operations (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) (256) 353-1713
- Department of Public Safety (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) (256) 242-4378
- NRC (800) 424-8802
- Alabama Emergency Management Agency (EMA) (800) 843-0699

The Project Manager will complete notification of the release to the authorities immediately upon knowledge of the release, but in no case later than 24 hours after the release. The following information will be reported by telephone to ADEM or NRC:

1. Name of the person reporting the spill/release
2. Company
3. Mailing address
4. Telephone number
5. Exact description of location of the spill/release
6. Description of the material(s) spilled/released
7. Estimated quantity of materials(s) spilled/released
8. Source of the spill/release
9. Cause of the spill/release
10. Nearest receiving water (UT to Mud Creek)

All waste products shall be properly containerized, characterized, labeled and stored in an appropriate location. Waste products and ancillary waste material shall be either recycled or disposed of in a manner consistent with both state and federal laws. Shipping and disposal activities shall be by a qualified and licensed contractor as selected by Mr. Ralph Sisk.

SECTION VI MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Introduction

Under the NPDES permit, monitoring in the form of visual inspections is required.

6.2 Standard Monitoring Requirements

Due to the incised pit and no discharge, there will be not discharge monitoring.

6.3 Routine Inspections

Periodic inspections required by this plan will include a survey of the facility to identify areas, procedures and practices which may cause contamination or stormwater runoff. Personnel performing these inspections will be properly trained.

A minimum of two routine inspections per month will be performed as part of the facility's normal operations. A rigid schedule is not expected, but is encouraged when site or weather conditions are suitable. Once a year, a compliance evaluation inspection will be performed for the facility.

6.4 Compliance Evaluation Inspection

A compliance evaluation inspection will be conducted annually to assess any equipment, buildings, material storage areas and structural and nonstructural pollution prevention control. The data and observations from this inspection should be included with the Annual Report. This inspection will include the following:

- Inspection of stormwater drainage areas for evidence of pollutants entering the drainage system.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of measures to reduce pollutant loading of stormwater runoff and an indication of the need for additional controls.
- Inspection of any equipment (spill control) needed to implement the plan.
- Revision of the plan within two weeks of the compliance evaluation inspection.
- Implementation of necessary changes within a timely manner, not to exceed 12 weeks from the inspection date.
- Preparation of a report summarizing the inspection results and, most important, follow-up actions. This report will include the date and the name of the person who performed the inspection, as well as the descriptions of any incidents of non-compliance or a certification that the facility is in compliance with the plan.

6.5 Monitoring in the Presence of Exposed Materials After a Release

If the facility has a release of a Water Priority Chemical (WPC) that is subject to §313 of SARA Title III, or if the facility has WPCs exposed to stormwater, then the facility is required to sample the stormwater discharges associated with the release or exposure. The samples are to be analyzed for each of the constituents, which will indicate the presence of all WPCs released or exposed. At the time of each sampling, flow is to be estimated or a reading from a rain gauge

recorded. Sampling shall occur twice a year and shall continue until it is demonstrated that the WPCs are no longer in any discharge associated with the release or exposure.

Currently, this facility does not use or store any of the §313 listed chemicals. However, sampling may be required in the event of a surface spill of a petroleum product in a quantity above the reporting limit.

6.6 Monitoring Records / ADEM Monitoring Requirements

Records of sampling and analysis will include the date, exact place and time of sampling measurements, who performed the sampling, procedures used for sample collection and preservation, who conducted the analysis and the date and time of the analysis. Records will also include references and written procedures, for the analytical techniques or methods used for analysis, as well as the results.

6.7 Operation Records

6.7.1 System Design and Procedure Changes

Changes to the system design or a procedural change concerning stormwater runoff or materials handling the change will be documented in this plan. System design and procedure changes may be cross-referenced in other record-keeping sections, especially when procedural changes require the notification and training of employees or subcontractors in new methods.

6.7.2 Corrective Actions for Release Incidents

The effectiveness of corrective action will be reviewed periodically. The results of these reviews will be included in employee training.

6.7.3 Record Keeping and Internal Reporting

The facility will establish a reporting and filing system to document inspections, employee and subcontractor training; system design changes and corrective actions for spill incidents or adverse stormwater impacts. These records will be maintained and controlled by the Safety Manager.

SECTION VII RECLAMATION PROCEDURES

Once mining is completed in an area, the site will be reclaimed to the standards of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations' Comprehensive Reclamation Plan:

I. Reclamation Practices During Mining

1. All disturbed acreage will be revegetated upon cessation of mining or related land disturbance activities in a manner prescribed by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

in accordance with the Alabama Surface Mining Act of 1969(Act 99-579) and according to the Alabama Department of Labor's standards. Reclamation shall proceed in a "contemporaneous" manner, i.e., in accompaniment to normal mining activities and in conjunction with site grading. Appropriate control procedures shall include:

- a. Backfilling, regrading and stabilizing exposed highwalls in inactive pits to a slope of 3:1 or flatter with appropriate drainage control.
- b. When appropriate, the conversion of inactive pits to ponds, i.e., where the groundwater level does not lie significantly below a pit's highest rim.
- c. Revegetating all disturbed areas by applying lime and fertilizer as recommended by a comprehensive soil analysis, in conjunction with mulching and seeding using permanent native grasses or legumes in order to achieve no less than 75% vegetative ground cover.

2. A minimum 50-foot, undisturbed buffer setback from adjacent properties, public roads, streams, lakes, residences, and all other features which may be adversely affected by mining activities shall be maintained during the operational life of the mine and designated by orange fencing. Lateral support for this setback shall be graded to a slope of 3:1 or flatter, and vegetated with permanent native grasses.

3. All reclamation activities will be initiated at the earliest practicable time. Where overburden is used to eliminate sheer walls, the placement of overburden against any section of sheer wall will begin as soon as practical after mining operations have ceased along that section, but no longer than six months after overburden becomes available and mining operations are complete. Contouring of the overburden will be completed no later than six months after the overburden has been placed.

4. Revegetation activities will be initiated as soon as practical and completed no later than one year after the final contours are established in an area and revegetation activities would not interfere with mining operations.

5. If mining operations cease, for whatever reason, for more than two years at the site, then all of the requirements of the Alabama Surface Mining Act of 1969 will be met. This period may be extended for a maximum of two years when the cessation of mining is caused by governmental action during the review of environmental permit applications. However, those reclamation activities necessary to protect the public health and safety will be completed.

6. Reclamation activities will be consistent with all applicable local government ordinances which are at least as stringent as the minimum standards of the Alabama Surface Mining Act of 1969.

7. Reclamation will achieve the stormwater drainage, wetlands, and other surface and groundwater management requirements of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and other agencies.

8. Safety provisions for persons, wildlife, and adjoining property will be provided

during mining and reclamation.

II. Final Reclamation

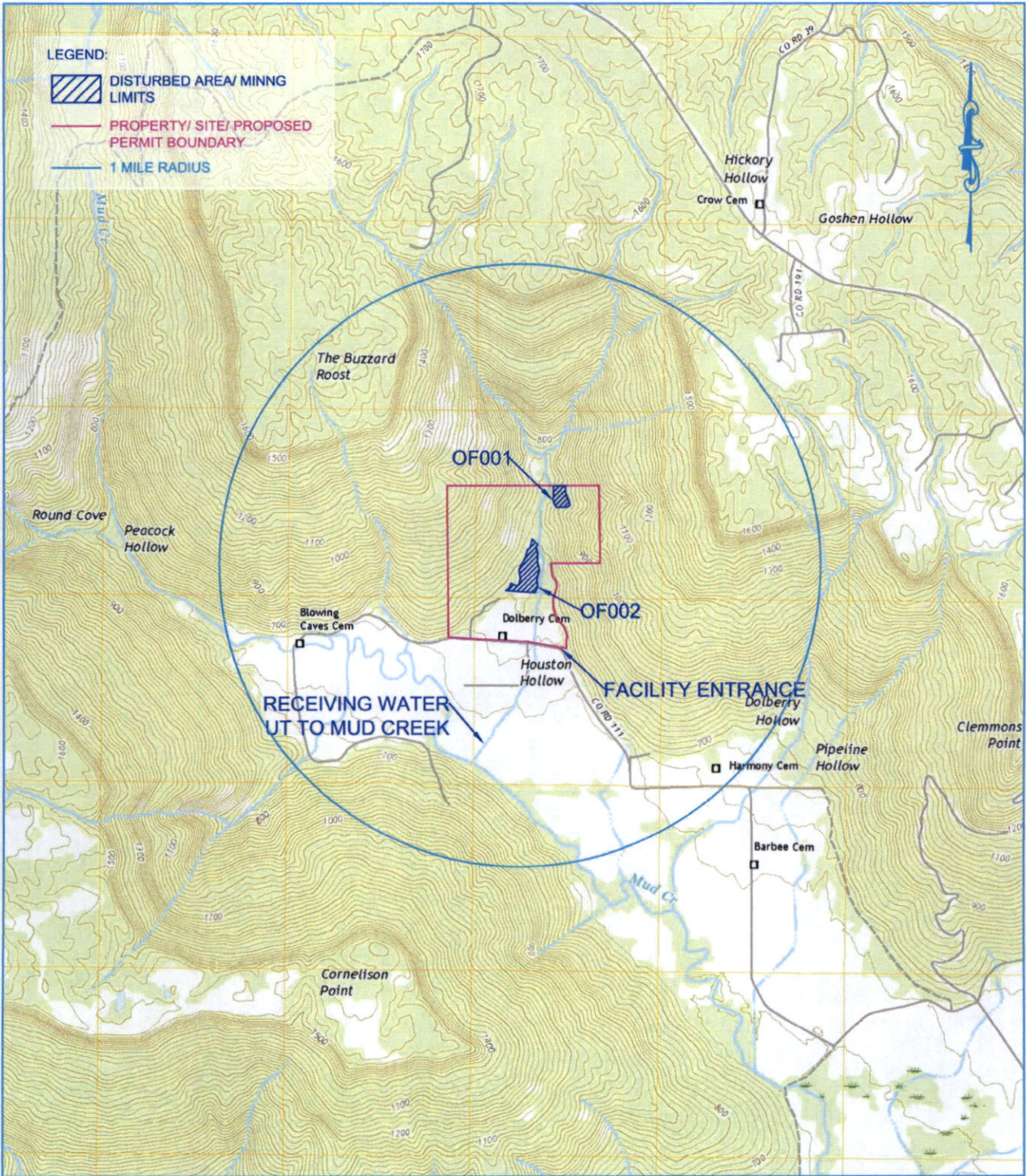
The site manager will ensure completion of the following steps during the mine's final reclamation, within two (2) years of the expiration date of the ADIR surface mining permit period:

1. All mining and processing equipment (mobile or stationary) will be removed from the site.
2. The contents of all fuel/lubricant storage vessels will be pumped for subsequent transportation off-site and the vessels themselves will be removed.
3. All man-made structures will be removed or demolished; any remains of such structures will be disposed of or recycled off-site, except where permission is received from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, or other permitting authorities to refrain from doing so.
4. Any remaining stockpiles of material will be transported elsewhere for sale or utilized in the mine's reclamation via backfilling of pits.
5. The site will be graded to a 3:1 or flatter slope where necessary to minimize future erosion of topsoil, to direct surface runoff flow to retention ponds, and to prevent bodies of standing water other than reclaimed pits or settling ponds from forming.
6. Disturbed acreage will be revegetated by means of seeding and/or planting, using the methods described above.
7. Existing extraction pits will be converted into ponds as appropriate; above-water portions of ponds shall be vegetated as described above.
8. Gullies and washouts will be repaired by backfilling with soil or Type 3 riprap, and stabilized with vegetative cover where appropriate.
9. All lands shall be reclaimed to a neat, clean condition by removing or adequately burying, where allowed by law, all visible debris, litter, junk, worn-out or unusable equipment or materials, as well as all poles, pilings, and cables.
10. In addition to providing soil for revegetation purposes, overburden will be utilized to reduce the occurrence of slopes steeper than three horizontal feet for each vertical foot. Long, continuous slopes will be avoided.
11. Best management practices will be utilized to minimize erosion.
12. Native top soils will be used, especially in areas reclaimed for aquatic or wildlife habitats, and where topsoil is not available, a soil or growing medium including amendments suitable for the type of vegetative communities planned.

13. A suitable berm or backsloping will be employed along the tops of sheer walls above all benches to prevent uncontrolled surface runoff over the sheer wall.

14. A revegetation plan will be developed, including the species of grasses, shrubs, trees, and aquatic and wetland vegetation to be planted, spacing of vegetation, and, where necessary, soil amendments necessary to prepare them for revegetation.

FIGURES



**RALPH SISK ROCK PIT
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**FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION PLAN
S36 T2S R5E**



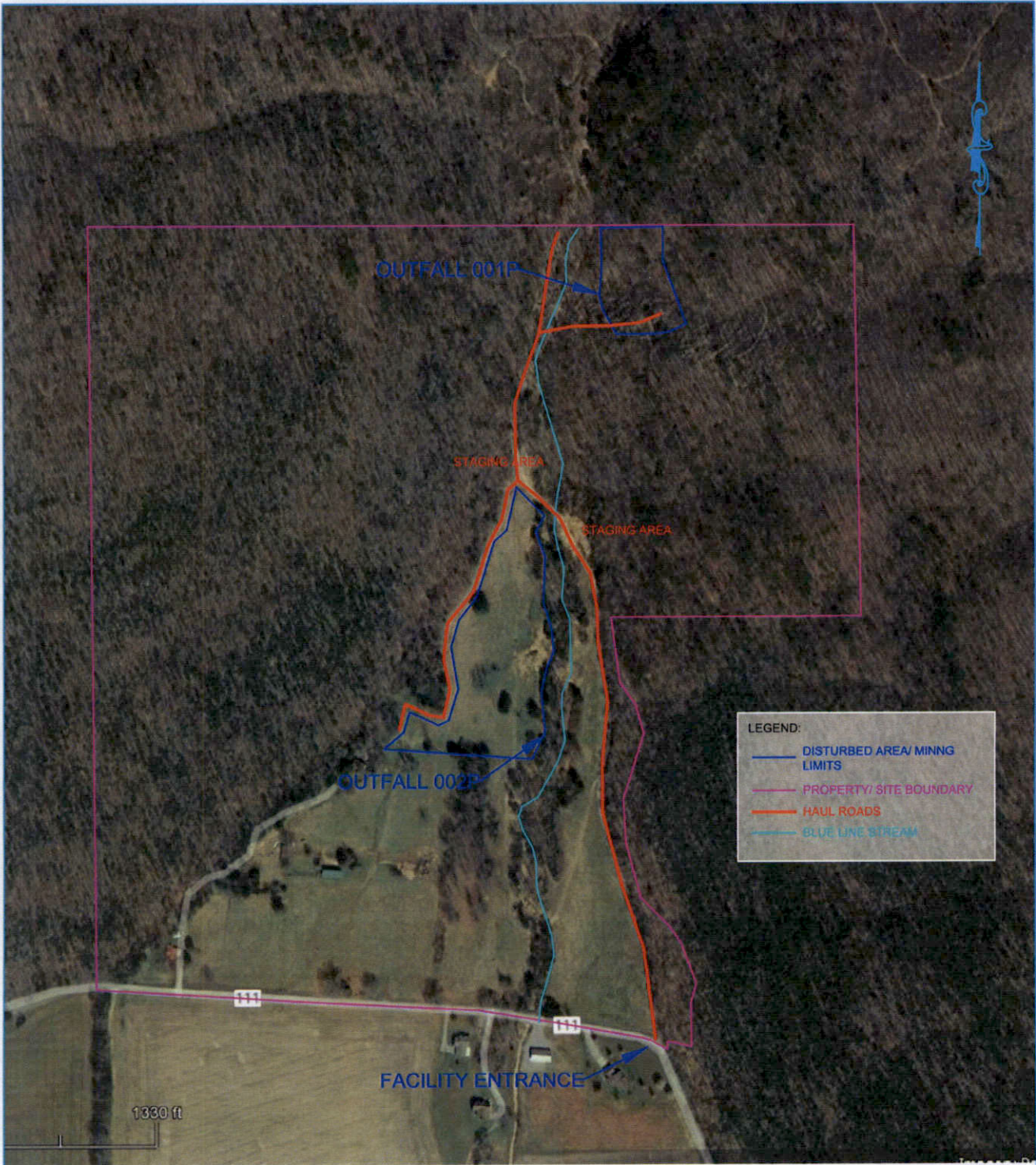
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FIGURE 2
 SITE MAP
 S36 T2S R5E



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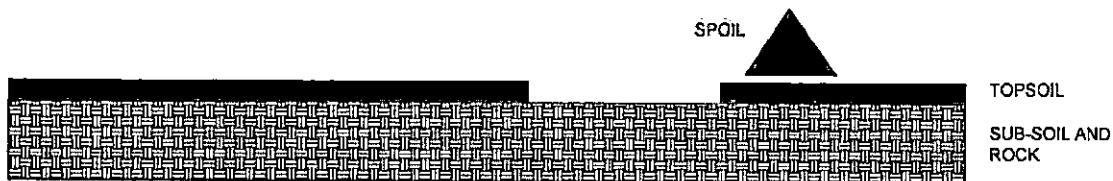
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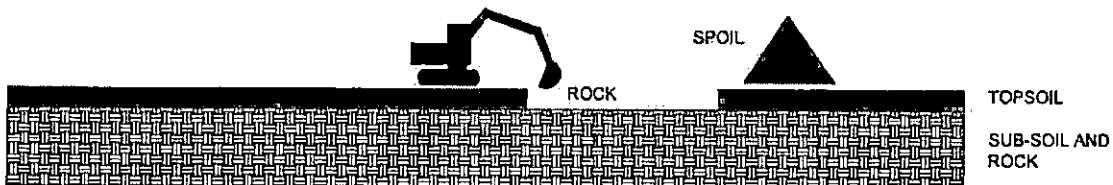
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**APPENDIX A
PROCESS SCHEMATIC**

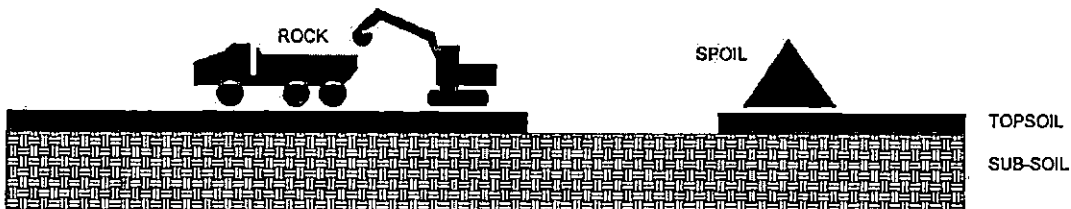
1) EXCAVATE TOPSOIL. PLACE EXCAVATED SOIL IN SPOIL PILE.



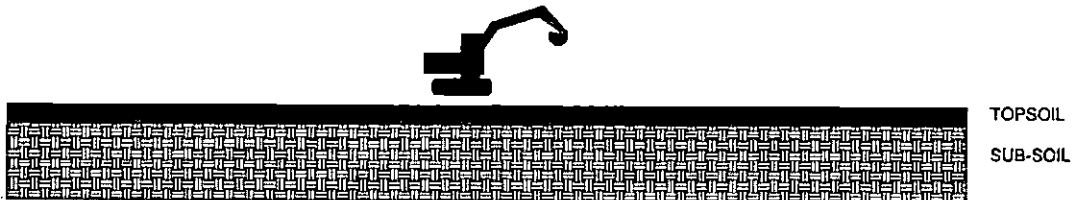
2) REMOVE ROCK FROM SUB-SOIL.



3) LOAD ROCK FOR TRANSPORT.



4) RECLAIM AND MOVE TO NEXT AREA OF PASTURE.



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FIGURE 1
SCHEMATIC OF MINING
SEQUENCE



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APPENDIX B
FORMS

System Design and Procedural Change Report

(Mandatory for changes with a facility's equipment, operations or processing.)

(Mandatory for changes with a facility's materials, handling or storage.)

Facility Name: Sisk Rock Pit Date: _____

Reporter's Name: _____

Reason for Report: _____ Date: _____

Report Which Generated Change: _____

Design of Procedural Change Information

Description of Change: _____

Change Implementation Information

Start Date: _____ Finish Date: _____

Project Supervisor: _____

Project Contractor: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ Evaluation Date: _____

Effectiveness of Change: _____

**Sisk Rock Pit
Routine Site Inspection Report**

Date: _____

Inspection must be conducted quarterly immediately following a "qualifying rain event".

Yes No **Stormwater Drainage Areas** – Drainage areas have been visually inspected for evidence of pollutant runoff.

Yes No **Effectiveness of Controls** – Pollutant controls, such as storage of materials indoor when possible and covering materials, are in place and have effectively minimized pollutants combining with stormwater runoff. The results of stormwater analyses indicate the current stormwater controls are adequate and no other controls are needed at this time.

Yes No **Spill and Leaks from Above Ground Storage Tank** – No soil staining or other evidence of leaking oil is visible from the Above Ground Storage Tank located on this site.

Yes No **Spills and Leaks from Fuel Dispensing Area** – No soil staining or other evidence of leaking from the fuel dispensing area is noted.

Yes No **Spill and Leaks from Machinery** – Soil staining or other evidence of leaking oil and grease is visible from machinery located on the site, and the perimeter of the buildings were inspected.

Yes No **Spill Control Equipment** – All spill control material is properly located in the facility and is in adequate supply.

Yes No **New Sources** – The site has been thoroughly inspected for new potential pollutant sources.

Yes No **Outdoor Storage** – Provisions have been made for inside storage of material where possible and materials have been covered when feasible.

Problems Noted and Countermeasures: _____

I do hereby certify that this facility is in full compliance with its Pollution Abatement Plan and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan, with the exception of the following incidents of noncompliance:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Corrective Actions for Release Incidents

(Mandatory for pollutant/contaminant release requiring clean-up response.)

Facility's Name: Sisk Rock Pit

Reporter's Name: _____ Date: _____

Reason for Report: _____

Release Response Activity Information

Description of Activities: _____

Response Equipment Used: _____

Outside Agencies Used in Response: _____

Corrective Actions Planned: _____

Start Date: _____ Finish Date: _____

Supervisor: _____ Contractor: _____

Description of Plan: _____

Changes: _____

Need for Modification Actions: _____

**Sisk Rock Pit
Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation**

Date: _____

Check the following annually. (Complete a specific/routine inspection as part of the comprehensive site compliance evaluation.)

Yes No **Stormwater Drainage Areas** – Drainage areas have been visually inspected for evidence of pollutants, including oil sheens.

Yes No **Stormwater Drainage Structures** – All surface water drainage structures are adequate, functioning properly, and no excess erosion is noted at inlets or outlets.

Yes No **Facility Inspection** – All shops/operations were observed.

Yes No **Spill Control Equipment** – All spill control material is properly located in the facility, and an adequate supply of material is available.

Yes No **Spill Control Materials** – Spill control equipment; sorbent pads/material, catch pans, are correctly used and changed as needed. All waste is properly contained, labeled, and stored.

Yes No **Raw Material Storage** – Significant materials are properly stored and labeled. MSDS are available for all the materials.

Yes No **Aboveground Storage Tanks** – The area around the fuel storage tank was observed, to determine that appropriate containment is in place, and for signs of spills and leaks from the system.

Yes No **New Sources** – Where there any new sources?

Yes No **Outdoor Storage** – Provisions have been made for inside storage of significant materials where practicable and materials have been covered when feasible.

Yes No **Plan Review** – The PAP has been reviewed to ensure contact information (telephone numbers and addresses) are accurate.

Yes No **Inspection Report Review** – Inspection reports were reviewed to determine that they were completed as required, corrective actions were implemented as necessary, and copies of the reports are maintained in the PAP.

Yes No **Monitoring Report** – Did any spill or releases result in a requirement to sample?

Yes No **Training** – Training certificates were reviewed to determine whether training was completed as required, and that training is properly documented. Copies of training certificates should be maintained as part of the PAP.

Yes No **Effectiveness of Controls** – Pollutant controls, such as storage of materials indoor when possible and covering materials, are in place and have effectively minimized pollutants combining with stormwater runoff.

Yes No **Waste Disposal** – Waste disposal records are properly maintained?

**Sisk Rock Pit
Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation**

Problems Noted and Countermeasures: _____

Changes in Operations (including any additional equipment) on site: _____

Corrective Action/Implementation (Note measures and implementation schedule):

I do hereby certify that this facility is in substantial compliance with the latest revision of the site specific Prevention Abatement Plan, except for the exception noted.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX C
TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS

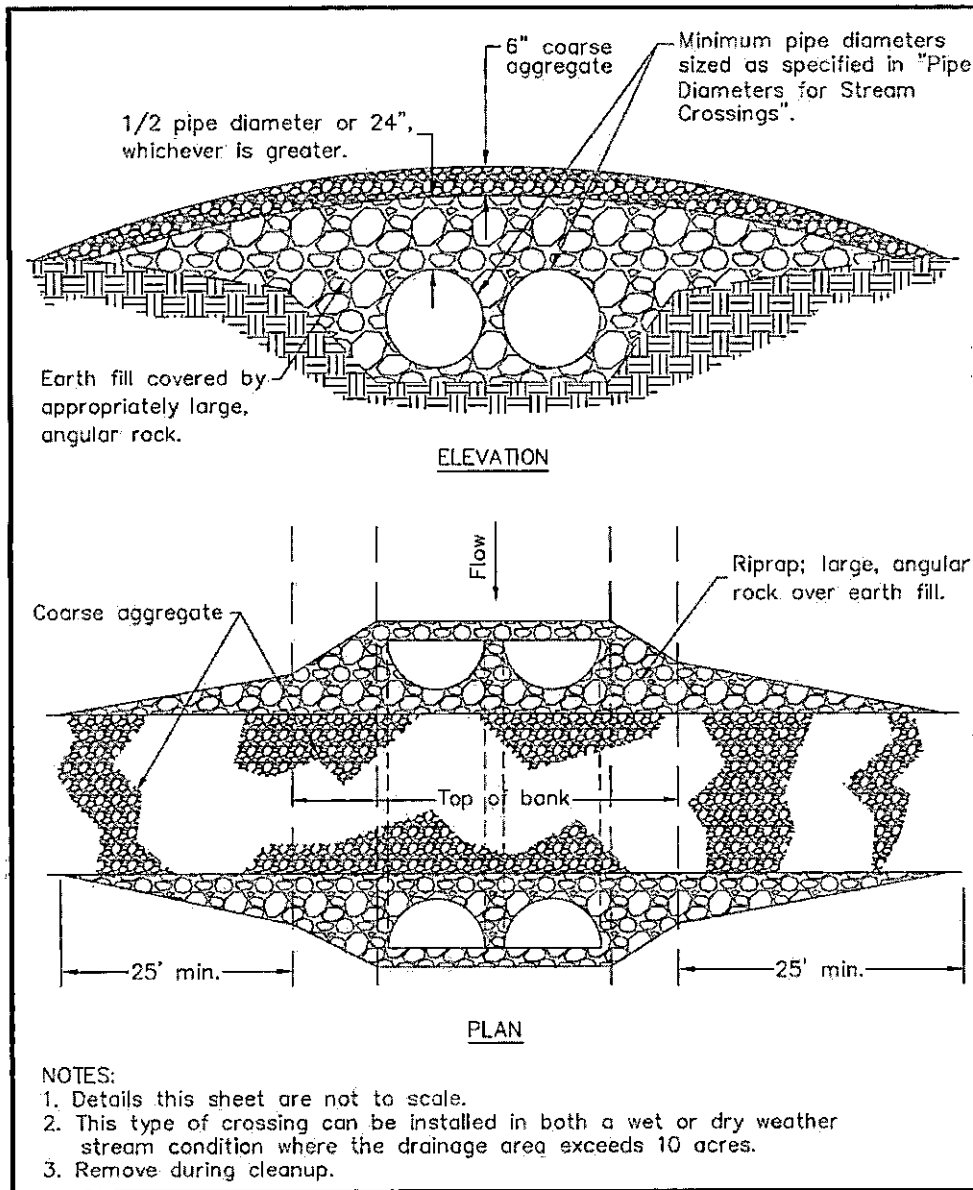


Figure TSC-1 Culvert Stream Crossing