



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

February 18, 2025

Jared Cleland
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RE: General Permit Coverage for
Monroe Tract Surface Mine
NPDES Permit # SCG731751
Jasper County

Dear Jared Cleland:

A Notice of Intent for coverage under a general NPDES Permit was received on December 3, 2024. Your facility has been assigned General NPDES Permit number SCG731751. All correspondence should reference this General NPDES Permit number. A copy of the General Permit for Discharges Associated with Nonmetal Mineral Mining Facilities is available at: [SCDES General NPDES Permits](#). You are responsible for complying with the conditions of this permit.

General Permit coverage is effective on February 18, 2025. This permit coverage is granted only for the discharge of storm water runoff from the mine site. This facility is not permitted to discharge mine dewatering or process wastewater. Per the requirements of the General Permit, you are not required to complete Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for your covered discharge(s). You are still required to comply with the provisions of the permit not related to the monitoring requirements in Part X of the General Permit. Particular attention should be given to the following sections:

1. Part VIII.C details the requirement to develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
2. Part V.M states the Standard Permit Conditions applicable to all covered facilities. Under this part, you are required to notify the Department of any changes in your discharges so that we may evaluate the need for alternate permit requirements.

In addition to this NPDES general permit coverage, this project may be required to obtain other permits before mining may begin. Mines, other than borrow pits for SC DOT or SC Ports Authority projects, are required to obtain a mine operating permit. Mine operating permits are issued through the Division of Mining and Solid Waste Management in the Bureau of Land and Waste Management. If you have questions concerning the mine operating permit process, contact Mr. Jeremy Eddy at (803) 898-7609.

This mining coverage is located within one of the coastal counties regulated by the Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM). As part of the general permit's Coastal Zone Consistency determination (CZC), OCRM requires the following conditions in any approval letters for mines in the coastal zone:

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1. All construction BMPs must be installed, inspected and maintained to retain sediment onsite and to protect adjacent wetlands and waters (if any) through the life of the project. Upon completion of construction activities, all disturbed (includes undeveloped) areas, including those impacted for access, must be immediately stabilized.
2. If appropriate, best management practices to include the use of rock check dams, spill pads, diffusers and other means of appreciable erosion control must be located at the point of discharge to prevent released wastewater from negatively effecting receiving wetlands, if any.
3. In the event that any historic or cultural resources and/or archaeological materials are found during the course of work, the applicant must notify the State Historic Preservation Office and the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Historic or cultural resources consist of those sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places and those sites that are eligible for the National Register. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic shards, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials.

When you begin construction of this new mine, please inform the SCDES stormwater inspector for the SCDES Region in which the mine is located. To obtain the telephone number, please click on the correct Region at the following link: [SC DES Local Offices](#).

S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(2) provides, "Within thirty calendar days after the mailing of a decision [pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(1)], an applicant, permittee, licensee, certificate holder, or affected person desiring to contest the department decision may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act."

If you have any questions about the technical aspects of this permit, please contact Brett M Caswell at 803-898-4396. Information pertaining to adjudicatory matters may be obtained by contacting the Legal Office, SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, or by calling them at (803) 898-3350.

Sincerely,



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