

Mining Stakeholder Discussion Notes

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Permits / ePermitting

- Discussed moving the public notice placement closer to the beginning of the process.
- Using public noticing for all permits, including General Permits (GP)
- Extra checkbox on the permit application regarding intent to expand in the future
- Discuss how mining permits effect NPDES permits
- DHEC will research how many GPs have expanded
- How many GPs have had enforcement actions taken on them
- Potentially add pending applications to the Active Mines Viewer
- Discussed the public notice to potentially include where materials are going
- Notice of modifications and the type being defined substantial vs minor to public

Buffers

- Discussed other states' requirements – buffers mainly established solely for blasting
- Buffers vs. setbacks
- Adjacent vs. non-adjacent property owners
- Define areas for protections purposes (wetlands, bays, schools, wetlands, dwellings, permanent structures, cultural resources, cemeteries, etc.) and exclusions
- Discussed the difference of coastal vs inland mines
- Economic assessments of mines (once conducted by Darla Moore School of Business 2018)

Next steps

- Invite Bureau of Water, NPDES, and Association of Counties representatives to explain their involvement.