

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

River Bend Aggregates, LLC
River Bend Quarry
Spartanburg County, South Carolina
(DHEC Application I-002410)

Date: December 7, 2023

River Bend Aggregates, LLC has applied to DHEC for a permit to mine granite at a site located on Hammett Grove Road in Spartanburg County, approximately 2.7 miles northwest of Pacolet, South Carolina (TMS #3-25-00-013.02, 3-25-00-013.00, 3-25-00-014.01, 3-25-00-014.02, 3-25-00-014.00, 3-25-00-010.00, 3-25-00-007.00, 3-25-00-006.00, 3-25-00-006.06). A proposed reclamation plan to restore the site to grassland and lake/pond has been submitted with the application. The mine permit application and related documents are available for review on DHEC's website at www.scdhec.gov/RiverBendQuarry.

DHEC will hold a **public hearing on January 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM**, to accept oral and written comments on the proposed quarry. A **public meeting will be held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM prior to the public hearing**. These events will be held at the Benjamin E. Mays Family Center (850 Sunny Acres Rd, Pacolet, SC 29372). Doors will open at 5:30 PM to facilitate the sign-in process and provide an opportunity to meet DHEC staff.

The public meeting is informal and provides an opportunity to have a discussion with DHEC staff about the quarry and environmental permitting process prior to giving comments at the public hearing. The meeting will begin with a DHEC presentation followed by a time to ask questions.

The public hearing is formal and provides an opportunity to make oral comments that will be heard by DHEC staff and recorded by a court reporter. **There will be no questions and answers during the public hearing**. DHEC values each participant's involvement in the public hearing and will conduct it in a respectful, orderly manner with reasonable limits on the length of comments, if necessary.

For additional information about the proposed quarry, public meeting, and public hearing, please visit our webpage at www.scdhec.gov/RiverBendQuarry. The webpage will be updated with new information as it becomes available. DHEC's presentation from the meeting will be posted on our webpage prior to the end of the public comment period. **If you are unable to access the webpage or have questions about participating in the public meeting and/or hearing, please contact Donna Moye at (803) 898-1382, or by email at moyedd@dhec.sc.gov**. Individuals with disabilities or special needs should contact DHEC in advance to discuss any special services required to participate.

Written comments on the mine permit application will be accepted through January 26, 2024. All comments received will be considered before a final permit decision is made. **Questions and written comments may be submitted via our webpage, email or U.S. Mail to:**

Sarah Harris

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Please bring this notice to the attention of others you know who may be interested in this matter.