



DATE: December 7, 2023

TO: Adjacent and Nearby Landowners

FROM: Sarah Harris, Project Manager
Division of Mining and Solid Waste Management

RE: Notice of Application for a Mine Operating Permit (I-002410)
Notice of Public Hearing and Public Meeting-January 11, 2024
River Bend Aggregates, LLC | River Bend Quarry | Spartanburg County

River Bend Aggregates, LLC has applied to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (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. Spartanburg or Cherokee County tax records indicate that you own property next to or within a half-mile of the proposed mine location.

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:**

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A public notice of this intent to mine and of the public hearing is being advertised in the *Spartanburg Herald Journal* newspaper on December 7, 2023. A copy of this public notice is enclosed.

DHEC is currently reviewing the permit application. Information in the application may change during this review. **A final decision regarding the proposed mine has not yet been made and will not be made until after the close of the public comment period on **January 26, 2024**.** We look forward to meeting and speaking with you more on January 11th. Please share this information with others you know who may be interested.