

Memorandum

Date: January 9, 2026

CERTIFIED LETTER
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To: Interested Parties

From: Colby Myers, Project Manager *CM*
Mining & Reclamation Section

Re: Approval of Application and Reclamation Plan for a Mine Operating Permit
Issuance of an Individual Mine Operating Permit
Mine Permit Application I-002442 | Luck Stone Cherokee Quarry | Cherokee County

Dear Interested Party:

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) has completed the review of information submitted for the mine operating permit for Luck Stone Cherokee Quarry, requested by Luck Stone Corporation (Operator). This review process included information submitted by the Operator, comments from governmental agencies, and the interested public. The requested permit is to mine gneiss. Pursuant to the S.C. Mining Act, SCDES has approved the requested Mine Operating Permit.

SCDES has created a Summary Response to Comments to address the various topics that were brought up during the public comment periods. A copy of that Summary Response to Comments may be found on SCDES's website for this project: <https://des.sc.gov/community/community-engagement/environmental-sites-projects/luck-stone-corporation-cherokee-quarry>

If you would like a physical copy of the Summary Response to Comments mailed to you, please contact me at the e-mail address or telephone number listed at the top of this memo, or write to me at the mailing address listed at the bottom of this memo.

S.C. Code Ann. § 48-20-190 provides:

"An applicant for a certificate of exploration or operating permit or a person who is aggrieved and is directly affected by the permit may appeal to the [mining] council from a decision or determination of the department issuing, refusing, modifying, suspending, revoking, or terminating a certificate of exploration or operating permit or reclamation plan, or imposing a term or condition on the certificate, permit, or reclamation plan. . . The person taking the appeal within thirty days after the department's decision shall give written notice to the [mining] council through its secretary that he desires to appeal and file a copy of the notice with the department at the same time."

Cc: Donna Moye