



# Mining Stakeholder Workgroup

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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# Agenda

1:00 pm – Welcome, Our Purpose and Introductions

1:30 pm – Mining Program Overview

2:00 pm – Facilitated Discussions

- Key Considerations & Priorities

- Regulatory and non-regulatory Considerations

4:15 pm – Path Forward

4:30 pm – Adjourn

# Workgroup Guidelines

- Commitment to process
- Mutual respect
- Active participation with dialogue and listening
- Solution-focused
- Strive for consensus
- You serve as a representative
- Consider scope of mining in SC



# Mining Stakeholder Workgroup - Timeline

**Initial Stakeholder Meeting**  
October 2022



**Stakeholder Meeting #2**  
November 9, 2022



**Information Sharing  
& Process Webpage**

**Stakeholder Meeting #3**  
December 5, 2022



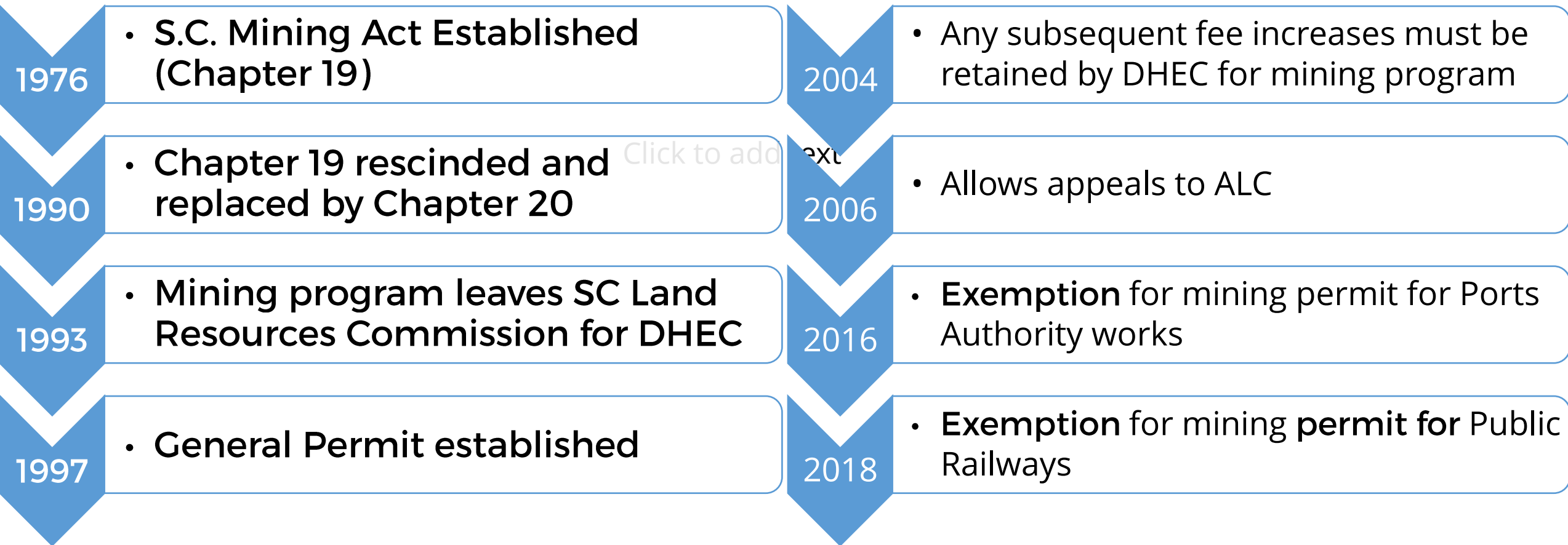
**Additional Stakeholder  
Meeting, as Needed**  
January 2023

**Stakeholder Workgroup  
Report & Recommendations**  
Early 2023

**Continued Regulatory Process**  
Early 2023



# History of S.C. Mining Act

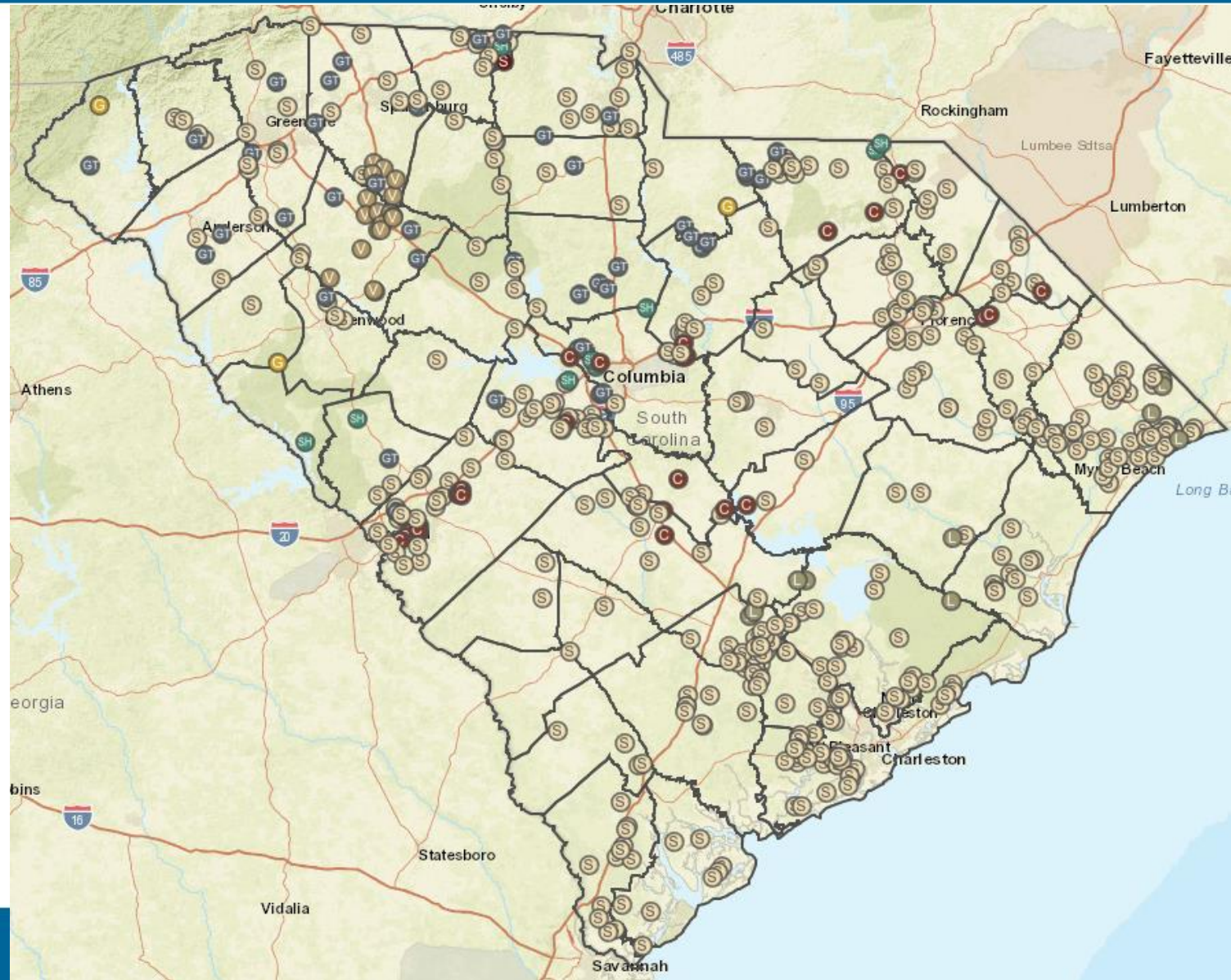


# History of S.C. Mining Regulations

- Amendment to R.89-340 (Fee Schedule) - 2003
  - Permit Application Fee: \$500 --> \$600
  - Substantial Modification Fee: \$250 --> \$600
  - Transfer Fee: \$100 --> \$600
  - Certificate of Exploration: \$125 --> \$300
  - Annual Operating Fee: \$125 --> \$375
    - Late fees remain the same (\$50/mo)



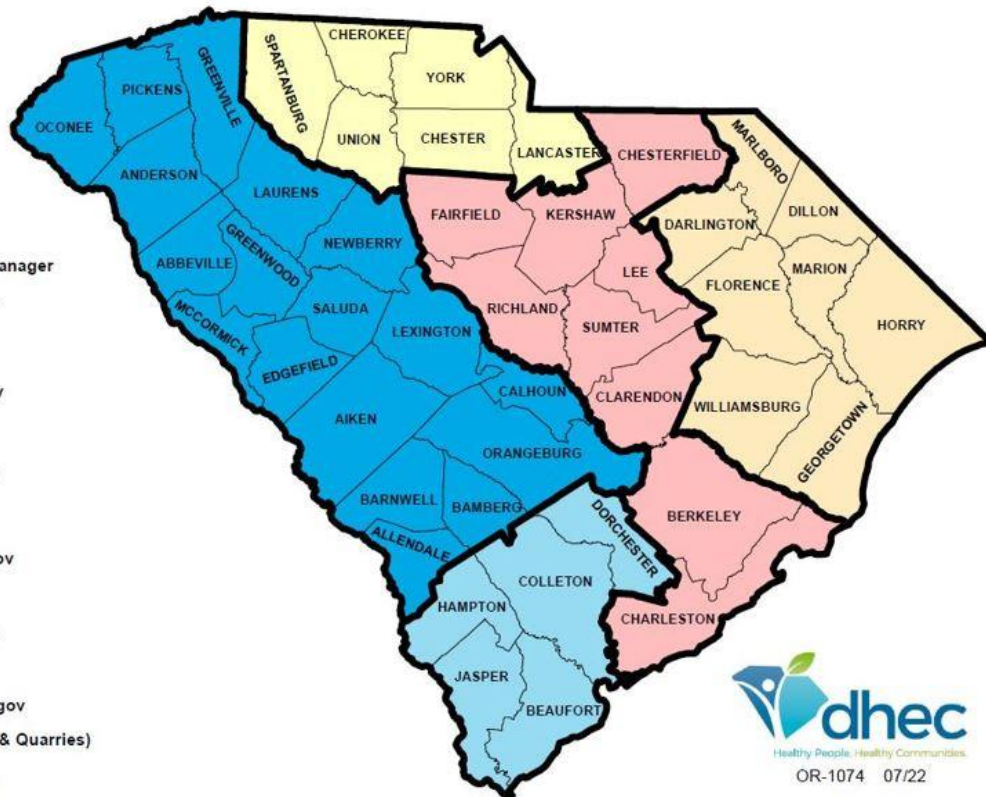
- Total Mines **515**
  - General Permits: 145
    - Sand/Clay: 145
  - Individual Permits: 370
    - Sand/Clay: 284
    - Granite: 43
    - Vermiculite: 18
    - Limestone: 13
    - Shale: 8
    - Gold: 3
    - Sericite: 1





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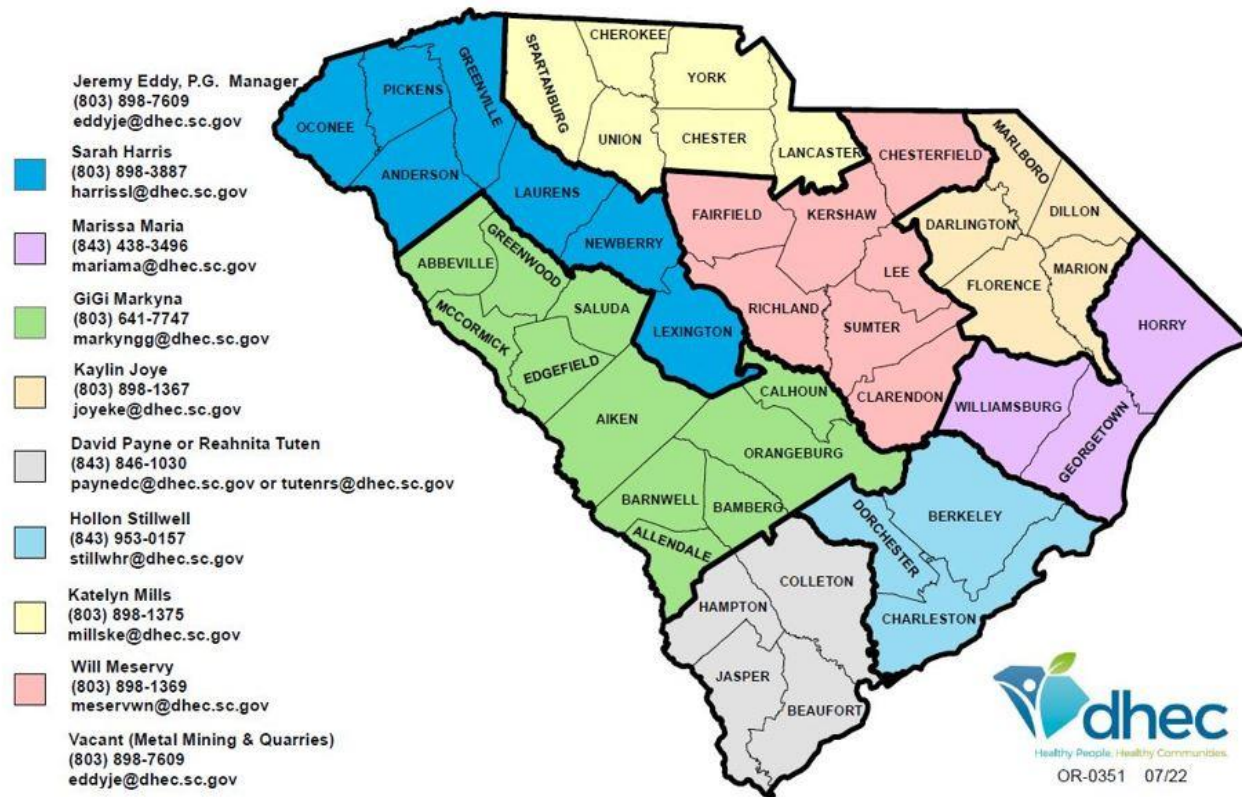
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# Current Workload

- Total Permitting Applications: 74
  - New Individual Permits: 11
  - New General Permits: 22
  - Modifications: 19
  - Transfers: 4
  - Misc: 18
- Total Inspections: 525
  - Sarah: 55
  - Marissa: 64
  - GiGi: 65
  - Kaylin: 64
  - David/Reahnita: 40
  - Katelyn: 40
  - Will: 50
  - Hollon: 92
    - Wendy: 32
  - Quarries: 55
    - 43 Granite Quarries
    - 12 Monthly HGM

# Regulatory Process



## Notice of Drafting

- Published in *State Register*, August 26, 2022
- Comment period ended September 26, 2022 with no comments received

## Stakeholder Engagement

### Notice of Proposed Regulation

- Publish in State Register specifying new regulatory text and/or changes
- Sets public hearing and additional 30-day comment period

### Notice of Final Regulation

- Submitted to the Board for final determination
- Public Hearing

### Legislative Review

- Submit within one year of NOD



## Notice of Drafting Components

*Propose amending R.89-10 through 89-350*

- to more efficiently regulate mining activities that protect human and environmental health
- Propose revising setbacks
- Consider revisions for
  - blasting,
  - permitting,
  - bonding,
  - noticing,
  - operational requirements and
  - other administrative changes



How do we have a regulated mining industry in SC which is environmentally protective, locally responsive and economically beneficial? What are the primary considerations?



# What are key considerations for this group to discuss?

- Permitting Applications & Processes
- Operations
- Reclamation

# Considerations shared during registration

Guidelines &  
Transparency

Permitting  
Process &  
Application

Buffers &  
Setbacks

Environmental  
Considerations

Quality of Life  
& Community  
Considerations

Compliance &  
Enforcement

Reclamation



**Which considerations may have regulatory and policy components?  
Which are more collaborative or non-regulatory?**

## Path Forward



- What information and resources are needed?
- What communications are most helpful?
- Who else should we reach out to?
- What will be focus and format of additional meetings?



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Next meeting Dates:

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (10:00 a.m.)

Monday, December 5, 2022 (2:00 p.m.)

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