

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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and

**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N #1992-24122-41A

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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND
APPLICATION TO MODIFY MINE PERMIT
PUBLIC AVAILABILITY
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE PROPOSED
HAILE GOLD MINE PROJECT, LANCASTER COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Catawba Indian Nation, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Haile Gold Mine.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the Corps of Engineers "Haile Gold Mine EIS" website at: <http://www.HaileGoldMineEIS.com> on March 13, 2014. Printed copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the Main Lancaster County Library (313 S. White Street, Lancaster, SC 29720) and the Kershaw Branch Library (3855 Fork Hill Road, Kershaw, SC 29067). Additionally, a compact disc (CD) containing an electronic copy of the DEIS will be mailed to each individual registered for the Haile Gold Mine EIS Corps of Engineers mailing list. Comments on the DEIS may be addressed to the Corps of Engineers at the address given above. All comments should be made in writing and should be received on or before May 9, 2014.

The Application to Modify SCDHEC Mine Permit I-000601(Mine Application) will be available on the SCDHEC website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicNotice.htm> on March 14, 2014. Comments on the Mine Application may be addressed to SCDHEC at the address given above. All comments should be made in writing and should be received on or before May 9, 2014.

A Public Hearing will be held jointly by the Corps of Engineers and SCDHEC to receive oral and/or written comments on the DEIS and the SCDHEC Mine Application. The Public Hearing will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 PM EST on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Andrew Jackson Recreation Center, 6354 N. Matson Street, Kershaw, South Carolina 29067. An informal open house will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM EST prior to the Public Hearing to allow a review of

project information and individual discussion with Corps of Engineers and SCDHEC staff. The Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 PM EST with an introduction and formal acceptance of public comments. A court reporter will be present to record all public comments. All interested individuals are invited to attend and are encouraged to review the DEIS and SCDHEC Mine Application prior to the Public Hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DEIS: For information about this project, or to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, contact Dr. Richard Darden, Project Manager, by email Richard.Darden@usace.army.mil, by telephone: 843-329-8043 or toll free 1-866-329-8187, or by mail: 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403. Requests may also be submitted via the project website (<http://www.HaileGoldMineEIS.com/>). For inquiries from the media, please contact the Corps of Engineers, Charleston District Corporate Communications Officer (CCO), Ms. Glenn Jeffries, by telephone: (843) 329-8123.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SCDHEC MINE APPLICATION: For information about this project, or to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, contact Ms. Marianna DePratter, Project Manager, by email depratmp@dhec.sc.gov, by telephone: 803-898-1369, or by mail: SC DHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC, 29201.