

- 1) How did TPM determine that wetland ecosystems removed from the landscape and replaced within 30 d (which TPM refers to as “temporary” impacts) would not cause any loss in ecological functioning for which TPM has to compensate?
- 2) Exactly how would TPM create perched wetlands in unconsolidated sands?
- 3) How would TPM stockpile topsoil in a manner that will not adversely affect organic matter content, soil microbes, soil fungi (esp. root mycorrhiza), and seed banks of native plant species?
- 4) What ecosystems (or HGM subclasses) would TPM use to establish intermediate and final targets for their created ecosystems?
- 5) What mix of species would TPM plant and what is the basis for planting those species?
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- 7) What is TPM’s plan for preventing invasive species (e.g., cogongrass) from overtaking reclaimed land and their adaptive management approach if they do?
- 8) How would TPM manage alterations to groundwater during the mining process?
- 9) How would mining and subsequent homogenization of soils affect hydrology in the short-term?
- 10) How would mining and subsequent homogenization of soils affect hydrology in the long-term?
- 11) What is the adaptive management plan that would enable TPM to learn from mistakes/successes as the mining operations moves from one pit to the next?
- 12) How would 25–70-ft deep pits in strip mines affect the hydrology of Okefenokee Swamp and St. Marys River?
- 13) Would redeposited homogenized sand spoils in mined pits alter permeability enough to drain or lower the water table in Okefenokee Swamp?
- 14) How might homogenizing the replaced mined sand spoils affect the mobility and release of radionuclides, (primarily uranium-238 and thorium-232) into groundwater?¹⁸¹

¹⁸¹ Rheinhardt Report at 1–5.