

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT 100 WEST OGLETHORPE AVENUE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

**September 12, 2019** 

Regulatory Branch SAS-2018-00554

## PUBLIC NOTICE Savannah District

The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C § 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2018-00554

<u>Applicant</u>: Steven R. Ingle, Twin Pines Minerals, LLC, 2100 Southbridge Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35209

The Public Comment Period for the Twin Pines project closes today. To date, we have received 20,338 comments regarding this project, including comments from the Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, and 14 Non-Governmental Organizations. Many commenters have requested an extension to the comment period. At this time, the Corps is not going to extend the public comment period. Currently we are reviewing the comments we have received and evaluating our path forward under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Once we reach a decision on the appropriate level of NEPA analysis and additional forums for public information and comment, we will provide notice. We are still awaiting the submittal of additional project studies from the applicant, including hydrology studies. Once received, we will provide notice and this information will be available through our website or through a Freedom of Information Act request.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Holly Ross, Project Manager, Albany Field Office at 648-422-2727 or via email at holly.a.ross@usace.army.mil.