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Regulatory Branch
SAS-2018-00554

Steven R. Ingle
Twin Pines Minerals, LLC
2100 Southbridge Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Dear Mr. Ingle:

We have recently received information that you have constructed what appears to be a construction workspace and equipment staging area on your property located east of T-Model Road and North of Georgia Highway 94 (Latitude 30.52081, Longitude -82.1261) Saint George, Charlton County, Georgia. This project has been assigned number SAS-2018-00554. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

Based on our review of the information received, you are cautioned that your project may involve work in waters of the United States that are considered to be within the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The placement of dredged or fill material into any waterways and/or their adjacent wetlands, including material re-deposited during mechanized land clearing or excavation of those wetlands, would likely require prior Department of the Army authorization. Proceeding with such work, without proper authorization, may result in our initiating a CWA enforcement action. The performance of unauthorized work may subject you to civil and/or criminal prosecution. Civil fines of up to **\$10,000** per day of violation and criminal fines of up to **\$50,000** per day of violation may be assessed, along with imprisonment. Injunctive relief, including restoration of any disturbed area may also be required.

Please be aware that the required coordination under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as well as Tribal consultation has not been completed on your pending Individual Permit application for the Twin Pines Minerals, LLC mining operation. Commencing work in uplands prior to issuance of a permit decision from our office may affect the outcome of these coordination procedures and/or delay a permit decision.

We request that you provide us with the following within 30 days of the date of this letter, so that we can determine if the work being conducted is in an area subject to our jurisdiction: