

- vii. *Stormwater- Please state the name of the receiving stream from the discharge. Provide details of a contingency plan if discharge is greater than pre-mining conditions. Briefly describe erosion/sediment controls at discharge location(s).*

Response: The names of the receiving streams have been added. Additional detail regarding contingency plans and erosion/sediment controls at discharge locations has been added.

- viii. *Wastewater- Briefly state how the water will be treated and how the effluent will be monitored for permit compliance.*

Response: Additional detail regarding how water will be treated and the effluent monitored has been added.

- ix. *Air Quality- Briefly describe how Twin Pines will minimize particulate/opacity emissions. This area is for the mine boundary as well as the plant.*

Response: Additional detail regarding how TPM will minimize particulate/opacity emissions has been added.

- x. *Solid Wastes- The first sentence indicates that process solid waste may be generated but will stay on-site; please clarify what Twin Pines will do with processed solid waste. Second sentence- Please state how the office-related waste will be properly transported and disposed. Can you describe how the land clearing will be handled?*

Response: Clarification of the handling of both process and office-related waste has been added. A description of how land clearing will be handled has been added.

- xi. *Soil/Stability/Erodibility- Please describe how the site will reduce the potential for sediment-laden soils to leave the site. Briefly describe the berm during mining activities and the deposition of the berm following reclamation.*

Response: Additional detail has been added regarding how TPM will reduce the potential for sediment-laden soils to leave the site. Additional information regarding the function of the berm has been added.

- xii. *Protected Mountains- No comment.*

- xiii. *Protected Species- Briefly describe what protected species may be/are present in the area, what surveys were conducted, and if any protected species were found in the proposed mine footprint. Include some of the information that you provided in Exhibit D.*

Response: Lists of protected species that may be present in the area were added, along with the determination as to whether they were identified in the proposed mine footprint.

- xiv. *Critical Habitats- Rephrase to include that the nearest critical habitat identified is the Okefenokee NWR and it's 2.9 miles away.*

Response: This section has been rephrased to indicate that the nearest critical habitat