Methods to contain turbidity may include the use of staked filter cloth, silt-control polymers, sodding, seeding, mulching, and the deployment of turbidity screens around the immediate project site, as appropriate for each disturbance area. Erosion and turbidity control devices will be inspected and maintained on a regular basis during all phases of mining operations and reclamation. Existing vegetative cover and relatively flat topography across the property help to prevent erosion in undisturbed areas. Disturbed lands adjacent to the avoidance areas will be integrated into the natural, undisturbed landform to enhance and complement the existing natural resources.

7. Correspondence from the OCULUS website indicates that the application for FDEP approved Conceptual Reclamation Plan (CRP) to incorporate the new reclamation parcels, and other items included in the current applications, has been withdrawn entirely pending completion of additional permit processing relating to the pending ERP and Section 404 applications. Please provide a timeline for submittal of the application for CRP approval to the State

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8. Information provided by WSA indicated that a response to the August 11, 2022, FDEP RAI would be submitted on September 2, 2022. However, upon checking with FDEP staff it was found that the information had not been submitted as of September 15, 2022. Please provide an estimated timeframe for the applicant's submittal of additional information to FDEP in response to the August 11, 2022, RAI, and provide this office with a copy of such materials when submitted.

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9. State FDEP ERP and Section 404 permitting of the G Lands reclamation units is still not complete and it seems reasonable to expect that significant changes in configurations of these mining and reclamation proposals will occur as that permitting progresses. Additionally, as pointed out above, the CRP application for these same areas has been indefinitely delayed pending resolution of the wetlands activities permitting with the state. The County questions whether it makes sense to pursue the completion of local permitting while the applications for ERP and Section 404 are still pending and the companion application for state CRP approval has been indefinitely delayed. The County would like to avoid going through local permitting more than once, as may occur if additional changes to the mining proposal are made after local approval is completed. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the applicant request that the current local application process for MMP and SP approval be placed in abeyance while state permitting is either completed, or has progressed to the stage where the specific details of the proposed new mining units are reasonably certain.

No lands being applied for in this permit will be disturbed without the formal approval by all agency stakeholders. All documents to the FDEP will be submitted on 11/4/2022, the day after the delivery of this application to Hamilton County.