

WHEREAS, most of the Riverkeepers of Georgia filed their own comments, or comments supporting the comments filed with the Corps by Suwannee Riverkeeper; and

WHEREAS, all the above-mentioned Waterkeepers or Riverkeepers are Members of the Waterkeeper Alliance, and Waterkeeper Alliance supports the comments filed with the Corps by Suwannee Riverkeeper; and

WHEREAS, the comments filed with the Corps by Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) include important legal and other points relevant to Florida (see <http://wwals.net/pictures/2019-09-12-selc-usace-tpm/>); and

WHEREAS, all the above-mentioned comments, as well as ones filed with the Corps by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, cite information lacking from the Application, especially about hydrology and hydrogeology (see <http://wwals.net/?p=50199>); and

WHEREAS, the Corps received at least 20,338 comments before its nominal comment deadline, far more than for most applications (see <http://wwals.net/?p=50158>)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Waterkeepers Florida is opposed to the mining Application SAS-2018-00554 as filed, and Waterkeepers Florida is filing a request with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

1. to require the Applicant to supply all the missing information identified by Suwannee Riverkeeper, St. Marys Riverkeeper, and SELC; and
2. to prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) broad enough to cover all the concerns and answer all the questions raised by the above-named three organizations, especially those concerns and questions relevant to Florida; and
3. to hold Public Hearings, including in Florida; and
4. to answer how the Corps has or will determine that the Applicant's proposed mine would not adversely affect the Okefenokee Swamp, the St. Marys River, the Suwannee River, the Floridan Aquifer, or the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY WATERKEEPERS FLORIDA, this 23rd day of October 2019.

