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Re: Twin Pines Minerals, LLC application number SAS-2018-00554-SP-HAR

Dear Administrator Walker and Director Gettle,

On behalf of our respective organizations and our thousands of members, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the **Twin Pines Minerals, LLC application number SAS-2018-00554-SP-HAR**. Waterkeepers Florida is a regional entity composed of all 13 Waterkeeper organizations working in the State of Florida to protect and restore our water resources across over 45,000 square miles of watershed, which is home to over 15 million Floridians.

We request EPA to determine, according to 33 CFR § 325.2(b), whether the mining activities of the applicant may affect the quality of the waters of the state of Florida and to notify the state of Florida, the district engineer, and the applicant that Florida therefore *“has 60 days from receipt of EPA’s notice to determine if the proposed discharge will affect the quality of its waters so as to violate any water quality requirement in such state, to notify EPA and the district engineer in writing of its objection to permit issuance, and to request a public hearing.”*

Respectfully,

Lisa Rinaman
St. Johns Riverkeeper
Board Chair of Waterkeepers Florida

