structure of the proposed Demonstration Mine may undergo significant revision or may be affected by any required wetlands mitigation under a 404 permit.

Given the Corps' recent action, Georgia EPD is deferring action on all applications for the Demonstration Mine until either any required 404 permit is issued by the Corps, the Corps determines that a new AJD is no longer needed, or the Corps determines that a 404 permit is not required. Following the conclusion of the federal process, EPD will assess what permits are required for the proposed Demonstration Mine and determine the best process for consideration of these permit applications moving forward.

All updates from EPD on the project will continue to be posted on <a href="https://epd.georgia.gov/twin-pines">https://epd.georgia.gov/twin-pines</a>.