



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT**  
**701 SAN MARCO BOULEVARD**  
**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207**

March 17, 2025

Regulatory Division  
West Branch  
Mining Team  
SAJ-2019-00480 (SP-JPF)

The Chemours FC, LLC  
c/o Kristen Bell  
SWCA Environmental Consulting  
567 Bishop Gate Lane  
Jacksonville, FL 32204

Dear Ms. Bell:

This correspondence is in reference to your permit application received on January 2, 2025, requesting Department of the Army (DA) authorization to impact waters of the United States in association with the Chemours Trail Ridge South mine. The project site is located south of State Road 230 and east of State Road 100, approximately four miles southeast of downtown Starke, in Sections 12, 13, and 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, and Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, Township 7 South, Range 23 East, Clay County, Florida. This project has been assigned permit application number SAJ-2019-00480, which should be referenced on all future correspondence.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) received insufficient information to evaluate the proposal. The Corps considers your application incomplete, as it does not provide information needed to prepare a public notice that would generate meaningful comments. The Corps will not take further action, including the circulation of a public notice, until receipt of the information requested on the enclosed checklist. Please note that the Corps will require additional information to fully review this project, however we are not requesting that information at this time in order to expedite completing the application and preparing a public notice, as requested.

As the Corps considers the application incomplete, we will not take action on it until we receive the required information and drawings. We request you provide this information within 30 days. If the Corps does not receive a response, we will assume you have no further interest in obtaining a Department of the Army permit and the Corps

will withdraw your permit application. Such action will constitute final action by the Department of the Army.

You are cautioned that work performed below the mean high waterline or ordinary high waterline in waters of the United States, or the discharge of dredged or fill material into adjacent wetlands, without a Department of the Army permit could subject you to enforcement action. Receipt of a State permit does not obviate the requirement for obtaining a Department of the Army permit for the work described above prior to commencing work.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this request for additional information, please contact me by electronic mail at [john.p.fellows@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.p.fellows@usace.army.mil); at the Tampa Regulatory Office, 10117 Princess Palm Avenue, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33610; or by phone at 813-538-3932.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Fellows', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Fellows  
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc:

Lawson Smith, SWCA  
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## **1. Figures and Exhibits:**

Please provide the following three items for the public notice drawings:

a. a Vicinity/Location map. The Vicinity/Location Map should provide sufficient detail to allow one to find the subject parcel. Please include the names of major streets and roadways, the Section/Township/Range of the project, the Latitude and Longitude of the project, and street address of the project (if available).

b. a figure that clearly shows the proposed site plan and adjacent site features, including specific locations and dimensions of existing and proposed structures or activities. Show the total plan of development including existing and future phases.

c. a drawing that shows the cross-sectional (elevation) view of the project and impact areas to indicate the relationship to the affected waters.

The Corps may ask you to provide additional drawings, figures, etc. for the review, however we currently limit public notice attachments to these three items.

The figures and exhibits should be scaled and show a north arrow on the plan view. Where necessary, please provide a legend on the figure, rather than a separate page.

## **2. Project Description:**

Please provide the following:

a. the total acreage of impacts to all aquatic resources for the overall project, plus:

- i. a breakdown of that total acreage by aquatic resource type (wetlands – forested and herbaceous, natural or man-altered surface waters, upland-cut surface waters)
- ii. the acreage of completed impacts to all aquatic resources
- iii. a breakdown of that completed acreage by aquatic resource type (wetlands – forested and herbaceous, natural or man-altered surface waters, upland-cut surface waters)
- iv. the acreage of proposed impacts to all aquatic resources
- v. a breakdown of that proposed acreage by aquatic resource type (wetlands – forested and herbaceous, natural or man-altered surface waters, upland-cut surface waters)

b. the proposed construction duration for the proposed project (how long will you need the authorization under Section 404 to discharge dredged or fill material in waters of the United States?)

### **3. Adjacent Property Owners:**

Please provide a list of adjacent (contiguous) property owners, including the names and correct mailing addresses, for the distribution of the Public Notice. If there are over ten names (when the applicant and any authorized agent are included), please provide self-adhesive mailing labels for each name/address.

### **4. Overall Project Purpose:**

Please provide a proposed overall project purpose. Information about defining a project's purpose and need is available in the SAJ's alternatives analysis memo (as Step 1), here:

<https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utils/getfile/collection/p16021coll15/id/8122>