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RE: Kent Hollow Mine - Proposed Sand & Gravel Mine
DEC Application No. 3-1320-00012/00006
Town of Amenia, Dutchess County

Lead Agency Coordination Request

Supervisor Perotti & Chairman Fontaine:

The purpose of this request is to determine under Article 8, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6NYCRR Part 617 the following:

1. Your jurisdiction in the action described on the SEQRA coordination data sheet, (attached)
2. Your interest in assuming the responsibilities of lead agency; and
3. Issues of concern which you believe should be evaluated.

I have enclosed one copy of all materials submitted to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in support of this mining permit application, including the long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), to assist you in responding.

The lead agency will determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. If you have an interest in being lead agency, please contact this office within 30 days of the date of this letter. If no response is received, it will be assumed that your agency has no interest in being lead agency.



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Please feel free to contact me at (845) 256-2250 for further information or discussion.

Very truly yours,



Scott Ballard
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
Region 3

Enclosure: *Supporting Materials for the Re-application for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit* (dated 2/8/17)

Ecc: Town Board, Town of Amenia
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SEQRA COORDINATION DATA SHEET

Project Name: Kent Hollow Mine - Proposed Sand & Gravel Mine
Project Location: South Amenia Road, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County
Project Sponsor: Kent Hollow, Inc.
DEC Project No.: 3-1320-00012/00006
DEC Permit: Mined Land Reclamation
SEQRA Classification: Type I
DEC Contact Person: Scott Ballard Telephone No. (845) 256-2250

DEC Position:

✓ DEC wishes to assume lead agency status for this action.

The Department is interested in the comments and concerns of local government officials. Please note that once the permit application is deemed complete, local governments will have up to 30 days to comment on issues such as setback requirements, routing of mining vehicles, dust control, hours of operation and whether or not mining is allowed at this location.

Basis for DEC Assumption of Lead Agency Status: The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is the most appropriate lead agency for review of potential environmental impacts from this proposed mine activity. The NYS Legislature gave the DEC sole responsibility for regulating mining activities statewide, which authority supercedes local jurisdiction over mining activities. Additionally, the DEC employs Mined Land Reclamation Specialists and geologists who regularly review and inspect several hundred mines in Region 3. Although some potential environmental impacts may be localized (dust, noise, traffic, etc.), the impacts of mining are of Regional & Statewide concern, and therefore the Department is the most appropriate agency to lead the environmental review.

Project Description:

The project proposes a new 33 acre sand and gravel mine located on an 82+ acre parcel bounded to the west by Weebatuck Creek [Class C(t)]. The applicant proposes to mine approximately 750,000 cubic yards (yd³) of material in seven (7) phases. Processing of materials, including screening and crushing, is also proposed. No mining into groundwater is proposed. Proposed final reclamation

would create gently sloping open fields on the site. See the attached bound document entitled "*Supporting Materials for the Re-application for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit*" (dated February 8, 2017) for additional information.

2/10/17
Date



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Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
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