Module 4: Areas Where Mining is Prohibited or Restricted

4.1 Will surface mining activities be conducted within any of the following areas?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Areas which have been designated unsuitable for mining
☐ ☒ Areas included in a petition, which has been accepted for review by the Department, for designation as unsuitable for mining
☐ ☒ Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers System, including study rivers
☐ ☒ National System of Trails
☐ ☒ 300 feet of any public building, school, church, community or institutional building or public park
☐ ☒ 100 feet of a cemetery or Indian burial ground
☐ ☒ National Recreation Areas National Park(s)

4.2 If any surface mining activities are to be conducted within 300 feet from any occupied dwelling, attach the notarized written waiver of the current owner consenting to surface mining activities closer than 300 feet. Otherwise, show the area as a restricted zone on maps in Module 9.1. (Note that a waiver is not required if the only part of the mining operation within 300 feet is a haul road or access road which connects with an existing public road on the side of the public road opposite the dwelling.)

No surface mining activities proposed in this application.

4.3 Public Roads

No surface mining activities proposed in this application.

   a. If surface mining activities are proposed to be conducted within 100 feet of the outside right of way of a public road or a relocation of a public road is proposed, provide the following information:

      i. The name and section of public road involved.
      ii. A description of the activities to be conducted.
      iii. Written approval from the government agency having jurisdiction over the road.

4.4 Streams/Wetlands

   a. Point source discharges to Special Protection Watersheds.

      i. Is the surface permit area located within a watershed designated as “Special Protection” pursuant to 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93? Yes ☐ No ☒

      ii. Is a discharge proposed within a watershed designated as “Special Protection” pursuant to 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, provide the Department’s finding of the anti-degradation supplement review. This finding is required before a permit application can be submitted. Refer to guidance document “Anti-Degradation Supplement for Mining Permits” (5600-PM-BMP0007).

Note: If the applicant cannot show to the Department that the discharge will protect the existing quality of the receiving Special Protection waters, the applicant may pursue the Social or Economic Justification process for demonstrating that lowering water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. Refer to “Social or Economic Justification (SEJ) and Water Use Demonstration (for projects in high quality (HQ) waters only Special Protection watersheds only)” 5600-PM-BMP0028.

   b. Will surface mining or stream restoration activities be conducted within 100 feet of any intermittent or perennial stream? (If yes, complete Module 15) Yes ☐ No ☒

   c. Will any discharges be located within a watershed with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, Please list the watershed(s). ____________________________
d. Will the proposed activity involve stream/wetland encroachment(s)? (If yes, refer to Module 15)
   Yes ☐ No ☒

4.5 Threatened and Endangered Species

   a. Provide PNDI search results for proposed surface and underground activities.
      Refer to attached PNDI receipt and correspondence.

   b. State whether or not any threatened or endangered species and/or critical habitats of these species
      (include species listed on proposed and habitats listed by the U.S. Department of the Interior under the
      endangered Species Act of 1973, the PA Game Commission, or the PA Fish and Boat Commission)
      have been identified within or adjacent (within 1,000 feet) to the proposed activity site. If any have, identify
      the species and habitat area, and describe measures taken such that the proposed activities will not
      affect the continued existence of threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse
      modification of their actual habitats.

      No impacts are expected due to no surface activities are proposed in this application.