NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING ISSUANCE OF A SYNTHETIC MINOR OPERATING PERMIT FOR A ROCK CRUSHING AND SCREENING OPERATION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Independence Excavating, Inc. has applied to the Natural Resources Division for a Synthetic Minor Operating Permit (SMOP) authorizing the operation of rock crushing and screening operations located at 5400 Prosperity Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. Rock crushing and screening activities are to be conducted at this location.

The emissions from the proposed facility include particulate emissions from rock crushing and screening operations and criteria pollutants from diesel fuel combustion from the operation of two diesel-powered engines. Fugitive particulate emissions from the rock crushing and screening activities will be controlled by wet suppression. Criteria pollutant emissions from diesel combustion will be controlled by the restricting the number of hours of operation of the engines and restricting the fuel used to ultra-low Sulfur diesel fuel. Natural Resources is proposing to issue a SMOP that includes requirements for proper operation and maintenance of the rock crushing and hauling activities, record-keeping requirements and an annual limitation on the number of hours the diesel fueled engines are permitted to operate.

A public comment period, which begins upon publication of this Public Notice, has been established in order to give interested individuals an opportunity to provide additional information or comments. If significant comments are received, a hearing may be scheduled.

Information regarding emissions, applicable air pollution control regulations, and emission controls, as well as a copy of the Draft Permit is available at the Huntsville Natural Resources office or by contacting Natural Resources at (256) 427-5750. Any person wishing to provide written comments may do so by writing Scott Cardno, Natural Resources Division, City of Huntsville, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, Alabama, 35804. All comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. March 21, 2022, or 15 days from publication of this Notice, whichever is later.

The scope of this public comment period is limited to air pollution and its effects. Comments relative to site selection or economic and social impacts are not within the scope of this public comment period.