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Sent electronically to: Clement.j.hilton@chemours.com

Mr. Clemont J. Hilton
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Re: Warning Letter No. WL25-092
Florida Mine – Trail Ridge South
Facility ID No. FL0A00014
Environmental Resource Permit MMR_137482-018
Unauthorized discharge, SWO# 2025-1502
Clay and Bradford Counties

Dear Mr. Hilton:

On February 17, 2025, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) was notified by the State Watch Office (“SWO”) that your facility, Florida Mine – Trail Ridge South (Facility ID No. FL0A00014 and Environmental Resource Permit MMR_137482-018) had an unauthorized discharge of approximately 230,000 gallons of untreated industrial wastewater. The Department conducted an inspection at your facility on February 21, 2025, under the authority of Sections 373.423, 378.407, and 403.091, Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.). Based on the SWO notification and inspection, potential violations of Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes (“Fla. Stat.”), and Chapters 62-330 and 62-620, Florida Administrative Code (“Fla. Admin. Code”), were observed.

The Department conducted a file review of previous discharges at the Trail Ridge South facility and acknowledges receipt of the necessary information related to the spills.

Table 1. Wastewater Spills at Florida Mine – Trail Ridge South

Date	SWO#	Volume	Description
2/17/2025	2025-1502	230,000 gallons	An overflow of process water occurred at cell B-01 at the Trail Ridge South plant, to an adjacent wetland. Sampling results at the point of release indicated turbidity of 45.1 NTU. An earthen berm was constructed to block flow, and process water was pumped to the nearby Trail Ridge facility.
9/16/2024	2024-7995	1,200 gallons	On Saturday September 14, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m., an operator noticed accumulated