



Asheville-Buncombe  
**Air Quality Agency**

## Memo

To: Air Quality Board  
From: Betsy Brown  
CC: James Raiford, Ashley Featherstone  
Date: July 31, 2023  
Re: Permit Renewal

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East Coast Drilling & Blasting, Inc. has requested renewal of their permit to operate a portable crushing facility. The permit renewal request was due to the Agency by May 2, 2023. The Agency sent a letter to the facility on June 12, 2023 stating that their permit would not be renewed if we did not receive a permit renewal request. On July 25, 2023, the Agency received an email from Paul Cypher, General Manager of East Coast Drilling & Blasting stating that the previous permit contact had retired and the letter that was addressed to him was misplaced.

There are no changes to the permitted equipment. The facility has not reported operating in Buncombe County since 2019. The company wants to keep the permit open for the option of operating in Buncombe County. Because of the infrequency of their operations, there is no current inspection report. General conditions will be updated with the renewal.

As a condition of their permit, the company is required to report to the Agency 10 days prior to when and where the crusher will be operated in Buncombe County.

### Conclusions, Comments, and Recommendations.

I recommend that the Board consider the renewal request at the July 31 Board Meeting and approve the permit renewal.

Signature: <u>Betsy Brown</u>	Date: <u>7/31/23</u>
Reviewer Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>7/31/23</u>
Director Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>7/31/2023</u>