MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Mining Definitions

As requested, staff has prepared the attached suggested revisions to the mining policy and definitions.

Proposed Comp Plan Definitions

Borrow Activities	~~The removal and transport of earth materials. *See also* Excavation.~~Mining Activities.
Borrow Pit	A mine with no on-site processing of excavated materials.
Excavation	**The removal and transport of** minerals, ore or other naturally occurring materials from the earth ~~earth materials (also referred to as "borrow" activities). This definition excludes commercial mining operations (such as lime rock and sand mining operations), excavation associated with construction of storm water management facilities, excavation activities governed by the Lake County Subdivision Regulations, and excavation associated with sod farming and removal activities, and tree farming activities.~~
~~Extraction~~	~~The removal of resources from their location so as to make them suitable for commercial, industrial, or construction use; but does not include excavation solely in aid of onsite farming or onsite construction, nor the process of searching, prospecting, exploring, or investigating for resources by drilling.~~
Mining	**The ~~extraction~~ removal of natural deposits from the earth which are regulated by the State of Florida or ~~under Part II of Chapter 211 and Chapter 378, Florida Statutes, and by~~ Lake County code.**
Mining Activities	The mining of minerals, Ore or other naturally occurring materials from the earth by whatever method, including the Removal of Overburden for the purpose of extracting and removing from the Site such underlying deposits and all associated Clearing, grading, Construction, processing, transportation and Reclamation on the Mine property, and includes the term premining activities and Lake Creation but Shall not be deemed to include activities associated with Site surveying, environmental monitoring, mineral exploration or the sinking or operation of test wells and similar activities.
Mine	An area of Land on which Mining Activities have been conducted, are being conducted or are planned to be conducted.

OBJECTIVE 4.5 MINING AND BORROW PITS (This has been transmitted, however staff can recommend the change prior to transmittal by the BCC)

The County shall regulate mining ~~extraction~~ activities for peat and mineral commodities including sand, clay and rock to minimize adverse impacts to air quality, surface waters, groundwater, springsheds, wetlands, and other natural resources.