



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: September 9, 2010

Agenda Item No. 13: Presentation of 2010 SMARA Surface Mine Inspection Reports for Five Surface Mining Operations for Acceptance Consideration by the State Mining and Geology Board.

INTRODUCTION: The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) serves as the lead agency under SMARA for forty-two (42) individual surface mining operations, including operations located in two counties (El Dorado County and Yuba County), nine (9) San Francisco Bay marine dredging operations, and seven (7) cities that do not have mining ordinances. SMARA inspection reports for five (5) surface mining operations are being presented for acceptance consideration.

MINE INSPECTION REPORTS FOR THE SMGB'S ACCEPTANCE CONSIDERATION:

The 2010 SMARA mine inspection reports to be presented at the SMGB's September 9, 2010, regular business meeting for acceptance consideration by the SMGB are as follows:

- Knife River Hallwood Plant (CA Mine ID #91-58-0002), County of Yuba.
- Wheatland Clay Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-0007), County of Yuba.
- SRI Stringer Pit I (CA Mine ID #91-58-0022), County of Yuba.
- SRI Stringer Pit II (CA Mine ID #91-58-0023), County of Yuba.
- Ella and Platter Borrow Sites (CA Mine ID #91-58-0026), County of Yuba.

A summary of violations, corrective measures and recommendations per surface mining operation is presented below.

Knife River Hallwood Plant (CA Mine ID #91-58-0002), County of Yuba:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 16, 2010.

Wheatland Clay Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-0007), County of Yuba:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 18, 2010.

The inspector considers the entire Wheatland Clay Pit property to be reclaimed. As such, it is recommended that the operator revise the amount of reported disturbed acreage accordingly on future Mining Operation Annual Reports.



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SRI Stringer Pit I (CA Mine ID #91-58-0022), County of Yuba:

One violation, which was previously noted in a Notice of Violation issued by the SMGB on April 30, 2010, was observed to be partially mitigated at time of inspection on August 16, 2010. The violation involves encroachment of mined materials across a segment of the approved reclamation plan boundary in the northern portion of the site.

One corrective measure was noted regarding the amount of disturbed acreage reported by the operator, which continues to be significantly understated. The amount of disturbed acreage needs to be re-evaluated and correctly stated in future mining operation annual reports.

SRI Stringer Pit II (CA Mine ID #91-58-0023), County of Yuba:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 16, 2010.

Ella and Platter Borrow Sites (CA Mine ID #91-58-0026), County of Yuba:

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 18, 2010.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Officer recommends that the SMGB accept the five 2010 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings contained therein to their respective local lead agency and each mine operator.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

To accept five 2010 SMARA surface mine inspection reports:

Mr. Chairman, in light of the information before the SMGB today, I move that the SMGB accept the five 2010 SMARA mine inspection reports, and transmit the findings to the respective local lead agencies and each mine operator. These surface mining operations are the Knife River Hallwood Plant, Wheatland Clay Pit, SRI Stringer Pit #1, SRI Stringer Pit #2 and Ella and Platter Borrow Sites.

Respectfully submitted:

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