

## **SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

February 7, 2008

Project Name: National Quarries

Project Number(s): RP 79-005W<sup>1</sup>, Log No. 79-08-146A

**This Document is Considered Draft Until it is Adopted by the Appropriate County of San Diego Decision-Making Body.**

This Subsequent Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Environmental Initial Study that includes the following:

- a. Initial Study Form
  - b. Environmental Analysis Form and attached extended studies for Stormwater, Hydrology, Visual Quality, and Geology.
1. California Environmental Quality Act Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

2. Required Mitigation Measures:

Refer to the attached Environmental Initial Study for the rationale for requiring the following measures:

- A. A groundwater monitoring well shall be installed within five years following final approval of the Reclamation Plan within the upper portion of the Phase 1 mining area as shown in Sheet 2 of the Reclamation Plan. Water levels shall be monitored within the well on a quarterly basis until mining progression has encountered the well.

A California licensed geotechnical engineer shall inspect mining areas of the site on an annual basis and provide an assessment of ongoing slope and groundwater conditions. Slope conditions shall be compared to the recommendations of the geotechnical report prepared for the project by Geotechnics, Inc. dated September 5, 2005. Should groundwater be encountered during mining operations, a California registered civil engineer shall be retained to design on-site containment facilities. If groundwater occurrence continues following the completion of mining operations, a registered civil engineer shall design water containment and distribution facilities to provide beneficial use of the collected groundwater.

3. Critical Project Design Elements That Must Become Conditions of Approval:

The following project design elements were either proposed in the project application or the result of compliance with specific environmental laws and regulations and were essential in reaching the conclusions within the attached Environmental Initial Study. While the following are not technically mitigation measures, their implementation must be assured to avoid potentially significant environmental effects.

- A. Prior to acceptance of final site reclamation, the operator shall improve the access roadway consistent with County of San Diego Public Road Standards. Said improvements shall include implementation of standards for drainage culverts or other drainage facilities that are capable of conveying the 100-year flow through the roadway with at least one foot of freeboard below the roadway.

**ADOPTION STATEMENT:** This Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted and above California Environmental Quality Act findings made by the:

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