



COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR AREA Q QUARRY PROJECT
(SCH #2020010528)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan (SMRP), Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and General Plan Amendment (GPA) for Vulcan Materials Company – Western Division's (Vulcan) proposed Area Q Quarry Project.

Project Title: Area Q Quarry Project

Project No.: PROJ-2019-00073

Project Location: The proposed quarry is located south of Vulcan's existing Cajon Creek Quarry, west of Cajon Boulevard and north of the community of Muscoy.

Project Description: The County of San Bernardino (County) has prepared a Draft EIR in response to Vulcan submittal of the following applications:

- SMRP for the proposed Area Q Quarry in accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and San Bernardino County Development Code.
- CUP.
- General Plan land use designation/zoning change from MS/RS-1 (Muscoy/Single Residential, 1-acre Minimum Parcel) to IC (Community Industrial).

Vulcan currently operates the Cajon Creek Quarry which is a surface mine for extracting sand and gravel (aggregate). Once mining is completed at Cajon Creek Quarry, Vulcan is proposing to relocate the existing mining operation into an adjacent area, referred to as the Area Q Quarry. The total area of new disturbance associated with the project would be 187.6-acres. The mining operations at the Project site would be typical of surface aggregate mining operations and would be conducted in the same manner as is currently occurring at Vulcan's existing Cajon Creek Quarry site. Once mining operations are complete, the Project site would be reclaimed to open space. The Project site is located within the boundaries of the Source Operable Unit (OU) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Newmark Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site. However, the Project site itself is not part of the superfund cleanup site.

Environmental Review and Public Information: The circulation of the Draft EIR is to disclose information and encourage written public comments. Interested persons may obtain the Draft EIR in electronic format at the following website: <https://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Valley.aspx>. Due to the Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, the Draft EIR will not be available at a physical location. If unavailable on the website, you may obtain the document in electronic format by telephoning the Land Use Services Department at either (909) 387-4421, or by emailing the Senior Planner at steven.valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov. To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period begins on June 30, 2020. All comments must be received no later than August 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Please submit comment to steven.valdez@lus.sbcounty.gov or to:

County of San Bernardino
Land Use Services Department
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

Public Hearing: County Staff will schedule a public hearing to consider adoption of the EIR at a future date. In advance of the hearing date, Staff will distribute a separate notice regarding that hearing.