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SUBJECT: County File Number LP15-2030/31
CEMEX Clayton Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment (RPA); Notice of
Preparation (NOP)/Notice of Scoping Meeting for a Draft Environmental
Impact Report (EIR) (SCH # 2020020323)

Dear Mr. Avila:

Thank you for including the Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) in the environmental review process for the Clayton Quarry RPA NOP for the Draft EIR. The project as described in the NOP proposes to update the Clayton Quarry approved reclamation plan through the adoption of an RPA which requires revision to its current land use, drainage, and encroachment entitlements to allow for current state reclamation standards to be achieved during reclamation and upgraded grading and drainage plans. Additionally, a new screen berm and alternate driveway for accessing the site along Mitchell Canyon Road was included.

The Division has review responsibilities associated with lead agency implementation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA; Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 2710 et seq.). SMARA provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that adverse environmental impacts are minimized, and mined lands are reclaimed. The Division's primary focus is on existing surface mining operations and the return of those mined lands to a usable and safe condition while giving consideration to environmental and recreational values; however, the Division also addresses issues related to abandoned (pre-1976) legacy mines.

The Division has reviewed the subject NOP pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines and offers no comments on those documents at this time.

Please include the Division on the distribution list for this project and send the Division any subsequent project documents (e.g., hearing notices or supplemental environmental documents), as well as a copy of the certified final Environmental

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Mr. Francisco Avila, Clayton Quarry (07-0004) NOP

Impact Report, to the address below, attention to Carol E. Atkins, Division of Mine Reclamation.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us at (916) 323-9198.

Sincerely,



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