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SUBJECT: CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment; Notice of Preparation; State Clearinghouse No. 2021020487

Dear Mr. Trebec:

Thank you for including the Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) in the environmental review process for the CEMEX Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit Amendment (Proposed Project) Notice of Preparation (NOP). The NOP indicates that Yolo County (County), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Project.

As described in the NOP, the Proposed Project will amend the mining permit and reclamation plan for the existing CEMEX sand and gravel mining operation, California Mine ID #91-57-0008, to extend mining and reclamation activities to 2047, expand reclamation by approximately 121 acres for a total of 837 acres, and adjust phasing of operations and reclamation as referenced in the table below:

Reclaimed End Uses (in acres)	Agriculture ³	Habitat	Lake	Slopes/Roads/Buffers	Total
Approved	476.0	61.0	153.0	26.0	716.0 ¹
Proposed	438.6	168.7	210.4	19.2	836.9
Difference (% change)	<-37.4> (7.8% decrease)	107.7 (1 75% increase)	57.4 (37.5% increase)	<-6.8> (26.2% decrease)	120.9 ² (1 6.9% increase)

1/Includes 30-acre plant site

2/ Disturbed area along northerly boundary of approved mining, adjoining creek bank, and 1- 505 buffer area.

3/The applicant is also proposing to modify the type of reclaimed agriculture from 50% row crops and 50% tree crops as approved, to 80% row crops and 20% tree crops.

The Division's primary focus is on active surface mining operations; however, the Division also addresses issues related to abandoned (pre-1976) legacy mines. Additionally, the Division has review responsibilities associated with lead agency implementation of SMARA. SMARA provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that:

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- Adverse environmental effects of surface mining operations are prevented or minimized and mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.
- Production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, and aesthetic enjoyment.
- Residual hazards to the public health and safety are eliminated.

Division staff has reviewed the subject NOP pursuant to the CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and offers no comments at this time.

The Division requests to be included on the distribution list for this Proposed Project. Additionally, the Division requests that any subsequent project documents (e.g., the Draft EIR, hearing notices for the Draft and Final EIRs, and any supplemental environmental documents), as well as a copy of the certified Final EIR, be sent to the Division at DMR-Submittals@conservation.ca.gov or the mailing address on the bottom of page 1 of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 323-9198.

Sincerely,

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