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SUBJECT: OE3 Training Center Notice of Availability /Draft Environmental Impact Report
(SCH # 2019029097)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Department of Conservation's Division of Mine Reclamation (Division) reviewed the Notice of Availability (NOA) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the OE3 Training Center located in Sloughhouse, California. The applicant Operating Engineers Local 3, Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Northern California (OE3) is seeking approval for a new permit to build and operate a campus facility and continue equipment training activities. The new subsequent use permit would allow 450-acres of the 1,500-acre site to be used as an OE3 training center.

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

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Mr. Smith

OE3 Training Center (34-0033) NOA & dEIR

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

Sincerely,

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