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Lehigh Cement
Closure Project
IS/MND

Dear Natasha Vidic,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Lehigh Southwest Cement Company Calaveras Cement CKD-3 Closure Project. The project site is approximately 2.5 miles south of San Andreas and is accessed via Pool Station Road from State Route 49 (SR 49). The Lehigh Southwest Calaveras Cement Plant is a former 250-acre limestone quarry and cement production facility that ceased operation in 1982. The IS/MND addresses the closure by re-grading the site to install a low permeability cover, installing a leachate collection and removal system and developing a surface water drainage plan.

Caltrans has the following comments regarding the IS/MND:

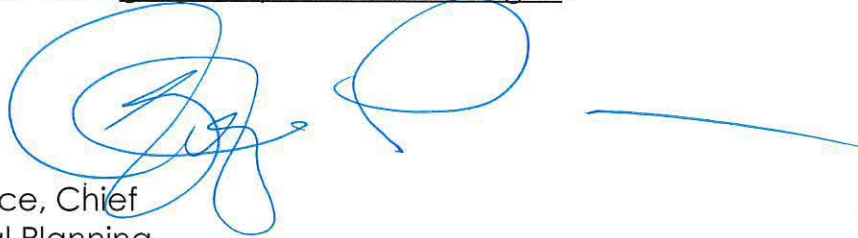
This portion of SR 49 that parallels the project area is sensitive to cultural resources and therefore, no staging or laying down of any equipment should occur within Caltrans right of way.

If project construction activities will encroach into Caltrans right of way, the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans right of way at the project site(s).

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If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Kevin Schroder at (209) 941-1947 kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov or me at (209) 948-7325 gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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