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Lindsay Whalin, Supervisor  
Division of Mine Reclamation  
801 K Street, MS 09-06  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE:REVIEW OF THE RECLAMATION PLAN FOR IONE QUARRY (MINE ID 91-03-0011)

Dear Ms. Whalin,

Amador County (County) is submitting the Ione Quarry (Mine ID 91-03-0011) Expansion Project Reclamation Plan to the California Division of Mine Reclamation's (DMR's) for completeness review. This submittal is provided in accordance with the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 2772.1(a)(1):

Prior to approving a surface mining operation's reclamation plan or plan amendment, the lead agency shall submit the reclamation plan or plan amendment to the supervisor for review. The reclamation plan or plan amendment shall be submitted to the supervisor as early as practicable in order to facilitate the lead agency's review of the reclamation plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 [commencing with Section 21000]). All documentation for the submission shall be submitted to the supervisor at one time.

The County has reviewed the referenced reclamation plan and, as required by SMARA PRC Section 2772.1(a)(3), hereby certifies that the reclamation plan is a complete submission and complies with the following statutory requirements:

- (A) SMARA PRC Sections 2772, 2773, and 2773.3;
- (B) Article 1 (commencing with Section 3500) and Article 9 (commencing with Section 3700) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), as applicable; and
- (C) Amador County's surface mining ordinance currently in effect.

Pursuant to SMARA PRC Section 2772.1(b)(1) the supervisor has 30 days from the receipt of a reclamation plan amendment to notify the County if the submission is incomplete. An incomplete submission is one that does not meet the content requirements of SMARA PRC Sections 2772, 2773, and 2773.3 and CCR Article 1 and Article 9 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 8 of Division 2 of Title 14, as applicable. The supervisor's notice shall specifically identify all aspects of the submission, if any, that are incomplete.

The reclamation plan is provided via the following link:

<https://benchmarkresources.box.com/s/mlm08tr20w2t4i63xa47bjph8b1hh59b>

Please let us know if you would like us to coordinate with the operator to arrange a site visit for DMR. If you need further information, please contact me by telephone at (209) 223-6380 or by e-mail at [planning@amadorgov.org](mailto:planning@amadorgov.org).

Respectfully,

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