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Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Surface Mining Permit No. 139, Revised Permit No. 1 (SMP 139R1)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Lead Agency proposes to consolidate activities covered under several existing permits into one permit for the whole facility that operates on 186 acres of a approximately 215 acre site. Currently, there is an existing on-site concrete batch facility allowed to excavate, move, load and haul approximately 5,000,000 tons per year of aggregate mining materials. The proposed project 1) extends the life of the existing permit entitlements for approximately 50 years (January 2018 to December 31, 2068); and 2) reduces the annual allowable tonnage to 2,000,000 tons per year and allows for both the on-site aggregate mining operations and the off-site Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (IDEFO). The latter involves importing inert construction debris to the property and then processing those materials onsite as part of a reclamation plan to generate fill for excavated areas on the project site.

Currently, there is a SCAQMD operational permit for the existing on-site aggregate processing equipment that includes crushing and screening. Should modification(s) to this equipment occur as a result of the proposed project, permits from the SCAQMD would be required. For questions related to permitting requirements, SCAQMD Engineering and Compliance staff can be contacted at (909) 396-2591.

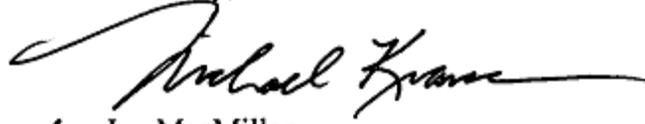
Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Krane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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