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Attn: Steve Roberts

Subject: Hollow Oak Dust Mitigation

Gentlemen,

I have received the E-mail from the Bass Lakes Action Committee, forwarded by Marcella McTaggart from El Dorado County AQMD. The Bass Lakes Action Committee (BLAC) had concerns that the procedures on Hollow Oak Road do not comply with our Asbestos Dust Mitigation Work Plan (ADMWP).

First, and most importantly, the scope of the ADMWP (Section 3.1, page 2) applies only to the Hollow Oak Subdivision and 210 feet of Hollow Oak Road adjacent to the subdivision. The ADMWP does not apply to the locations photographed and identified by BLAC as of concern because these locations are unlikely to contain naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) based on geologic analysis conducted by the Youngdahl Consulting Group Inc. Therefore, there is no regulatory need to comply with the ADMWP outside the areas identified in the ADMWP. Nonetheless, in the interests of dust control and because we are proactive members of the community, we are generally maintaining compliance with the ADMWP in all active construction areas, regardless of whether NOA is likely present or not. Note this means that we are going above and beyond dust controls generally required at other similar construction sites that do not have NOA. This approach results in much superior dust control at the locations identified by BLAC as of concern than would be expected of the typical contractor.

Second, we believe that these photographs are somewhat misleading, resulting in BLAC drawing erroneous conclusions about our compliance with elements of the ADMWP (as noted above, this is optional compliance, at the request of Pulte Homes, above and beyond standard dust controls). Below we present a point-by-point discussion of each photograph identified by BLAC:

Photo of Loaded Truck

A few weeks ago Teichert set up an off haul of over sized rock generated from the drill and shoot operation from the Hollow Oak Road off-site operation. At the beginning of the operation I met with the truck drivers and load-out operator to discuss the scope of our work. At that time proper loading of the truck was addressed. Over the next several days I visited the project several times each day. At no time did I witness overloading of the trucks. It is my opinion that the photograph of the loaded truck provided with

BLAC's letter has been taken at an unfavorable angle. I believe a straighter shot, directly at the side of the truck would clarify that the truck is properly loaded. In any case, this truck was loaded with soils taken from outside the area identified by Youngdahl Consulting Group Inc. as likely to contain NOA and is therefore outside of scope of the ADMWP.

Photo of Track Out

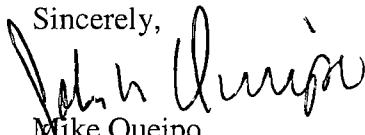
At the commencement of the trucking off-haul operation, Teichert began sweeping Bass Lakes Road on a daily basis. Teichert has maintained a daily sweeping schedule since that time and will continue to do so until such time it is deemed unnecessary. Note that track out is a normal and expected part of operations and we address this track out with our daily sweeping. The ADMWP is not meant to completely prevent track out; it is designed to control track out and reduce excessive emissions of dust. Again, as noted above, this area is outside the scope of the ADMWP.

Photo of Dust?

While the purpose of this photo is not clear, we presume that it is an attempt to show elevated levels of dust associated with traffic in this area. Our water down schedule for Hollow Oak Road was setup to hit the grade once an hour at the start of the project. The actual watering frequency on Hollow Oak Road has been once every 30 to 45 minutes. Also, all of our employees and truck vendors have been warned about the 15 MPH speed limit and this limit will continue to be enforced for the duration of our work. Again, as noted above, this area is outside the scope of the ADMWP.

It is Teichert's opinion that we have been and are operating within the parameters established in the ADMWP. Furthermore, as compliance with the ADMWP is optional in the areas identified by BLAC as of concern, we feel we are going above and beyond what is typically required at similar sites for dust control.

Sincerely,



Mike Queipo
Project Manager