

June 25, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, 7th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

***Re: Permanente Quarry, California Mine ID No. 91-43-0004
Reclamation Plan Processing***

Dear Ms. Onciano:

We are writing on behalf of Lehigh Southwest Cement Company to kindly request an update regarding the status of Lehigh's May 2019 application to amend its reclamation plan (File No. PLN19-0106).

It has been nearly eight months since the County accepted the application as complete on November 8, 2019 and Lehigh has not, to date, received a proposed scope of work or a budget from the Planning Department for the CEQA review. In April 2020, staff stated that it would provide a scope and budget within the month. In subsequent calls, however, staff reported that it was delayed but declined to specify the reasons for the delay. Most recently, in a June 11, 2020 call, staff indicated that it would be at least another week before staff could provide Lehigh with a scope and budget, and Lehigh has not received an update since.

Lehigh is, as you know, highly motivated to move this application forward, and finds the combination of prolonged delay and lack of transparency to be frustrating. Lehigh also provided the County with a proposed processing schedule in March 2020 and has not received a response. If there is anything that Lehigh can do to assist the County to speed the application forward, we ask that you let us know.

We appreciate your time and attention.

Jacqueline R. Onciano, Santa Clara County
June 25, 2020

Sincerely,

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