

SURFACE MINING INSPECTION REPORT

(See reverse side of each form page for completion instructions)

I. Mine Name (As Shown on Approved Reclamation Plan)	Inspection Date:	CA MINE ID# 91-
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II. Mine Operator		Telephone ()
Onsite Contact Person		Telephone ()
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
E-mail Address (optional)		

III. Designated Agent		Telephone ()
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
E-mail Address (optional)		

IV. SMARA Lead Agency Name (City, County, BCDC, or SMGB)		
Inspector		Telephone ()
Title	Organization	
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
E-mail Address (optional)		

V. Does the operation have:	P	NR	No	Yes
A Permit to Mine				Permit # - Start and Expiration Dates
Vested Right to Mine				Year of Lead Agency determination
A Reclamation Plan				RP# Date Approved
Reclamation Plan Amendment				RP Amendment # (as applies) Date Approved or Status of Amendment
Has the Operator filed a Mining Operation Annual Report (Form MRRC-2) this Year? Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year of Most Recent Filed Annual Report:				

VI. Is this Operation on Federal Land? Check One: If "Yes," Provide One or Both of the Federal Mine Land Identification Numbers Below: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
California Mining Claim Number (CAMC#):	Latitude/Longitude at Mine Entrance (Decimal Degrees):
U.S. Forest Service or BLM Identification Number (Plan of Operations #) :	Status of Plan of Operations (Current/Expired/In Process):

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VII. Financial Assurance		Inspection Date:	CA MINE ID#: 91-	
Type of Financial Assurance Mechanism(s)	Financial Assurance Mechanism Number(s)	Amount of Mechanism	Date of Expiration	Date of Lead Agency Approval of Mechanism
Total Amount of Mechanism(s)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assurance Mechanism Pending Review by Lead Agency? If yes, provide date submitted/explanation and amount of pending mechanism:				
Has there been a change of operator since last inspection? If yes provide the date of notice. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of Change:	If yes, has the new operator posted a Financial Assurance Mechanism? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, describe status of new operators Financial Assurance Mechanism:		Does new operator's Notice of Change include a statement of responsibility for reclamation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Date and Amount of Most Recent Approved Financial Assurance Cost Estimate:	Date: _____ Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Pending Review with Lead Agency?	Date Submitted/Explanation/Amount of pending estimate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Appealed by Operator?	Date Submitted to State Mining and Geology Board or Lead Agency for Appeal/Explanation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other?	

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Potential Reclamation Plan Requirements:	List Reclamation Plan Requirements (Recommended to be filled out prior to field inspection)	Note Site Conditions and Compliance Issues (Note additional comments on Page 5 as necessary)	VN?
1) General Information			
a) Permitted Mineral Product(s)			
b) Approved Production Amount (Annual/Gross)			
c) End Date of Operations Per RP			
d) Permit end date			
e) End Use			
2) Boundaries			
a) Property Boundary			
b) Permit Boundary			
c) Rec. Plan Boundary (RPB)			
d) Setbacks			
3) Slopes – Grading			
a) Fill Slopes – Note Condition of:			
i) Slopes – Working (max/current)			
ii) Slopes – Reclaimed			
iii) Compaction			
b) Cut Slopes – Note Condition of:			
i) Slopes – Working (max./current)			
ii) Slopes – Reclaimed			
4) Erosion Control			
a) BMPs			
b) Grading			
c) Vegetation			
5) Ponds			
a) Design – Function			
b) Capacity (area/depth/volume)			
c) Maintenance			
6) Stream & Wetland Protection			
a) Buffers (distance to channel)			
b) Berms (distance/length/height)			
c) Best Management Practices			
d) Drainage			
e) Grading & Slopes			
f) Stockpiles			
g) Stream Diversions			
7) Sensitive Wildlife & Plant Protection			
a) List Species			
b) Protection Measures			

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8) Soil/Overburden Stockpile Management			
a) Topsoil			
i) Location			
ii) Slope Stability			
iii) BMPs			
b) Overburden			
i) Location			
ii) Slope Stability			
iii) BMPs			
c) Topsoil Application			
i) Amendments			
ii) Depth			
iii) Moisture			
iv) Application Methods			
9) Revegetation			
a) Test Plots			
b) Species Mix			
c) Density			
d) Percent Cover			
e) Species Richness			
f) Protection			
g) Success Monitoring			
h) Invasive Species Control			
10) Structures			
11) Equipment			
12) Closure of Adits			
13) Other Reclamation Plan Requirements			

<p>IX. List comments/description/sketches to support observations of mine site conditions, including violations. Where any violations are noted, list in numerical order, along with suggested corresponding corrective actions. Also describe preventative measures recommended by the inspector to avoid or remedy potential violations. Indicate if you have attached photos, sketches, and/or notice(s) of violation(s) or other documents to this form.</p> <p>(Add additional sheets as necessary)</p>	CA MINE ID #
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	Inspection Date:
	Weather Code(s):
	Duration of Inspection:
	Start Time:
	End Time:
	Status of Mine Code(s):
	Status of Reclamation Code(s):
	Approximate Acreage Under Reclamation:
	Approximate Acreage the lead agency has determined reclaimed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan:
	Approximate Total Disturbed Acreage:

X. Number of Current Violations:	Inspectors Signature:	If inspector is a contractor for the lead agency give license type and number:
	Date Signed:	

County File 2250-17PAM - Lehigh Quarry (formerly Permanente Quarry)

Notes and photographs from 2017 Annual SMARA mine inspection conducted on 8-10-2017 by James Baker, CEG#1021, County Geologist, and Steve Beams, Senior Construction Inspector.

The 2017 annual SMARA inspection of Lehigh Quarry was conducted for 5 hours on August 10, 2017. In attendance were the following persons (affiliation indicated):

James Baker (County Planning)
Christopher Hoem (County Planning)
Steve Beams (County LDE)
Erich Schickenberg (WRA)
Manjunath Shivalingappa (Lehigh)
Sam Barket (Lehigh)
Erika Guerra (Lehigh)
Talia Flagan (Lehigh)

The 2012 approved Reclamation Plan Amendment identifies nine areas within the mining boundary:

1. North Quarry (main pit)
2. West Materials Storage Area (WMSA)
3. East Materials Storage Area (EMSA)
4. Crusher/conveyor
5. Surge Pile
6. Rock Plant
7. South Quarry Exploration Area
8. Permanente Creek Restoration Area (PCRA)
9. Buffer Areas that surround active mining areas.

The mine was active during the 2017 inspection. The following paragraphs describe our observations in each of the areas [with **PHOTOS** and captions that describe what we observed].

1. North Quarry (Main Pit)

The highwalls on the north, east, and south are essentially complete (excavated benches); while the western side of the pit is still being actively mined (blasting and loading). Extraction of limestone was on-going in the main pit. Overburden materials were being placed and compacted against the northwestern highwall. [See **PHOTO #1** and **PHOTO #2**.]

2. WMSA

No new material was being placed in the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA). The northeast-facing slopes of the WMSA have well-established vegetation (grasses and some shrubs). [See **PHOTO #3** and **PHOTO #4**.] Topsoil and organics are stored and covered in the central portion of the WMSA. [See **PHOTO #5**.] There is a seep at the top of the haul road buttress. [See **PHOTO #6**.] (Most of the material stored in the WMSA will be moved and placed as backfill into the main quarry pit. Topsoil will be used to cover benches for plantings.)

3. EMSA

The EMSA slopes have been finish graded per the approved Reclamation Plan. The final elevations have been achieved with a non-limestone cover. BMPs have been placed on the slopes (wattles) and along the benches (rock check dams and silt fences). [See **PHOTO #7.**] Surface drainage is directed into Pond 30 which is rock-lined with non-limestone rock. [See **PHOTO #8** and **PHOTO #9.**] Water discharges through a pipe that outlets onto a rock apron adjacent to the creek.

4. Crusher/Conveyor

The crusher was constructed in 2013 against a 70-foot high retaining wall. Drainage from around the crusher is directed into a sump which overflowed due to a power failure in 2014. As a result, an erosion gully formed on the steep slope west of the crusher. The operator has had the gully lined with jute netting and several silt fences. [See **PHOTO #10.**] Eroded material accumulated at the toe of the slope and extended into the eastern side of Pond 13. [See **PHOTO #11.**] The operator had a soil-nail wall installed in the head of the erosion gully located downhill of the sump. [See **PHOTO #12.**] The crusher and conveyor will be removed prior to final reclamation. The tunnel through which the conveyor travels will be filled and sealed prior to closure. Wildlife protection procedures (outlined in the RPA and COAs) must be followed when the tunnel is backfilled.

5. Surge Pile

The surge pile has been reduced significantly since last year's inspection. [See **PHOTO #13.**] Sediment that erodes from the surge pile is detained in ponds. [See **PHOTO #14.**] During final reclamation, the surge pile will be removed and the underlying creek channel will be restored during the Creek Restoration work that has not yet been approved.

6. Rock Plant

The rock plant was not in operation during the inspection. There are numerous stock piles and equipment in the rock plant area. Runoff from the rock plant is directed into Pond 17. The sheet pile wall along the north side of the channel leading to Pond 17 has failed inward. [See **PHOTO #15** and **PHOTO #16.**] The sheet pile wall needs to be repaired.

7. South Quarry Exploration Area

Located southwest of Permanente Creek, the area was disturbed by excavation of drilling pad and associated roads in order to evaluate the mineral resources in that area. However, the quarry operator withdrew the application to expand the mine into that area and has allowed the natural vegetation to become reestablished there. During the past several years, the growth of grasses and brush appears to have mitigated the previous ground disturbances. A ground survey will be needed to confirm the adequacy of the revegetation to meet the performance standard in the RPA prior to the County granting reclamation closure of the area.

8. Permanente Creek Restoration Area (PCRA)

Plans for restoration of Permanente Creek adjacent to the mine are still in review by several regulatory agencies. Once the plans have been approved, the FACE will need to be revised to reflect the costs of implementing the "construction" described in the plan. For now, the County considers the area to be in compliance with SMARA pending the outcome of agency reviews.

9. Buffer Areas

The undisturbed areas around the active mine are intended to protect the quarry from encroachments by other land uses and to protect nearby land uses from adverse effects of the mining. At the time of our inspection, the Buffer Areas appeared undisturbed and providing the buffer effect intended.

VIOLATIONS

No SMARA violations were noted during the 2017 inspection of the mine.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS

The Quarry is taking actions to comply with the requirements of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) with regard to water quality and discharge permits. An Interim Treatment System is operational at Pond 4A. [See **PHOTO #17** and **PHOTO #18**.] This treatment system includes a biological reactor, augmented with a reverse osmosis system, to treat water before being discharged into Permanente Creek.

CONCLUSIONS

The County of Santa Clara finds that the Lehigh Quarry (formerly Permanente Quarry) is currently in compliance with the provisions of SMARA.

The elements that have been constructed to minimize erosion and control sedimentation by runoff must be monitored and maintained as necessary to prevent adverse impacts to areas adjacent to the mine.

PHOTO #1 – North Quarry Main Pit (looking southwest)



PHOTO #2 – North Quarry Main Pit (looking southeast)



PHOTO #3 – WMSA (looking northeast)



PHOTO #4 – WMSA (looking northwest)



PHOTO #5 – Topsoil Stockpile



PHOTO #6 – Seep at top of haul road buttress



PHOTO #7 – Southern slopes of EMSA (looking east)



PHOTO #8 – Pond 30 and drainage swale leading to Pond 30 (looking south)



PHOTO #9 – Pond 30 (looking southwest)



PHOTO #10 –Debris track below crusher sump



PHOTO #11 – Pond 13



PHOTO #12 – Tie-back wall at crusher sump



PHOTO #13 – Surge Pile looking southeast



PHOTO #14 – Slopes above Pond 13



PHOTO #15 – Check dams and failing sheet pile wall leading to Pond 17



PHOTO #16 – Check dams and failing sheet pile wall leading to Pond 17



PHOTO #17 – Tanks at Interim Treatment System



PHOTO #18 – Pond 4A looking northwest

