

May 29, 2008

Howard Smith, Vice Chair
"Stop The Trucks" Coalition of Ojai
P.O. Box 1134
Ojai, CA 93024

RE: INVESTIGATION OF OZENA VALLEY RANCH MINE JULY AND AUGUST 2007
WEIGH TICKETS AND BILLING RECORDS

Mr. Smith:

This letter follows your May 6 and May 19, 2008 emails to the Planning Director and the undersigned in which you asked when the investigation of the Ozena Valley Ranch Mine July and August 2007 weigh tickets and billing records would be concluded.

The Planning Division has concluded its investigation of the above matter and can provide you with the following information:

The total number of weigh tickets reviewed was 649.

The review assumptions were as follows:

It takes approximately one hour and 30 minutes (1.5 hrs) to travel from the Ozena Mine to the city limits of Ojai and past Casitas Springs. All southbound mine trucks must depart from Ozena Mine at 5 AM to 5:30 AM and 8 AM to 1:30 PM in order to comply with the hours of operation listed in Condition No. 72

For all northbound mine trucks, it takes approximately 30 minutes (.5 hrs) to travel from Oxnard area to beyond the city limits of Ojai. All northbound mine trucks must depart from the Oxnard area from 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM and 8:30 to 2:30 PM.

Number of weigh tickets identifying truck travel on SR 33 between Casitas Springs and the City of Ojai outside of hours identified by Condition 72 is 29. 4.47 percent of the 649 mine truck trips were inconsistent with the limits of Condition No. 72 during July and August 2007.

Of the 649 weigh tickets reviewed 11 were printed without a time and date. 1.69 percent of the total 649.

The review of invoices from July and August 2007 were found to be inconclusive towards reviewing Condition No, 72 of CUP 5170-1.



Howard Smith Letter
Investigation Results RE Ozena Mine
Page 2

Please note, in a letter dated December 21, 2007 from the Planning Director to Brian Bergman, attorney for the Ozena Valley Ranch Mine, the Director states that the County will not retroactively enforce possible violations of Condition No, 72.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to call me at 805-654-5192 or contact me via email at patrick.richards@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Patrick Richards, Manager
Planning Division

CC: Kim Rodriguez, Planning Director
Robert Kwong, County Counsel
Tony Virgilio, Ozena Valley Ranch Mine
John Hecht, West Coast Environmental and Engineering
Drew Madrigal, Planning Division