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RE: Wellington Dust Control

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

This letter is to update and inform you that NEICO has chosen a contractor to implement some different techniques for dust control on and near the slurry ponds at the Wellington Prep Plant. These techniques will begin this month.

The first procedure will be to reduce the slope angles on the Pond Refuse Pile. This pile is located on the west side of the Upper Slurry Pond. Any runoff from this pile reports to the slurry pond on one side, and the Coarse Slurry area on the other side.

The reason for decreasing the slope angles are two-fold. First, it will create less of a wind barrier – or wind should pass through the area more easily thus creating less dust. Second, the decreased slope angle will enable a water truck to access the slopes for spraying water and surfactant to the surface if found necessary.

On a smaller scale, other abrupt angles on and near the slurry ponds will also be reduced or leveled with the similar objectives in mind as the preceding paragraph.

Dust from these areas have been controlled by previous operators such as Covol and General Resources, as well as other techniques employed by NEICO. Since no operators are leasing the premises at this time, NEICO intends to remain proactive in controlling potential dust problems on its property.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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