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RE: DOGM Response to Ten-Day Notice No. 87-2-116-2,
California Portland Cement Company, Hidden Valley
Mine, INA/015/007

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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Albuquerque Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), has reviewed the above-noted TDN response. Issuance of Notice of Violation N-87-11-1-1 and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) reasoning concerning mulching of the minesite will be considered an appropriate response.

OSMRE agrees that DOGM and California Portland Cement Company erred in not processing modifications to the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) before the on-site work was completed. In addition, the DOGM inspection reports do not document any of the during construction activity referred to in your TDN response. If inspections were conducted during construction, inspection reports documenting site conditions and decisions made on-site that affected the approved MRP should have been prepared at that time.

Based on OSMRE's March 24, 1987, on-site inspection, we do not believe the alfalfa hay incorporation, although suitable as a soil amendment, will provide the necessary protection against the erosional development that can be anticipated at this site. Therefore, OSMRE recommends that this situation be monitored and documented in subsequent DOGM inspections. We also wish to refer you to our April 10, 1987, letter that notifies DOGM to begin inspecting this site as an active operation.

Please address any questions concerning this response to Stephen Rathbun of my staff at (505) 766-8077.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office

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