




Essex Environmental, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	March 18, 2005; 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
Inspector:	Matthew Weinand (Essex Environmental)	
Weather:	Raining, approximately 58 degrees Fahrenheit, and approximately 0 to 5 mph wind.	
Compliance Status:	Non-compliance due to construction occurring adjacent to potential Alameda whipsnake habitat without an exclusion fence.	

Non-compliance

A non-compliance was observed onsite today. Last week Jeff Dreier (WRA) and I discussed the contractor's plans to gravel/rock the access road parallel to I 580. Jeff and I reviewed the work area and determined that new exclusion fencing parallel to I 580 was necessary. It was agreed that the fence should be extended slightly upslope and parallel to the access road prior to work on the road. Jeff communicated this need to the contractor verbally and included it in the WRA weekly biological summary report. I observed today that gravel/rock had been spread along the access road prior to the required fencing installation. Work in this area occurred directly adjacent to potential Alameda whipsnake habitat without the protection of exclusion fencing. Installation of fencing parallel to the access road, at the direction of WRA, may still be necessary if any further work or construction-related vehicle access is anticipated in this area.

Details regarding the non-compliance were immediately communicated to Jeff and Jun Osalbo (City of Oakland) to expedite resolution of the situation.

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence and General Site Inspection

Inspected the entire length of Alameda whipsnake protection fence. The fence was in very good shape overall and compliant with the requirements of the project's Special Status Species Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (SSSMMP). I performed routine fence maintenance in some areas and noted that the contractor had made recent maintenance-level repairs to the fence.

Recent fencing relocation and installation in the north slope area was inspected. Fencing necessary for compliant work to occur in the upper areas of the north slope has been partially relocated and installed. Fencing extending up the northwestern side of the slope was installed correctly as required by SSSMMP. Fence installation in the upper north slope area is difficult due to cliffs and steep rocky slopes. If possible, this section of fencing should be extended further up the slope to exclude additional potential whipsnake habitat as directed by WRA. Extension of the fencing on the southeast side (other side) of the north slope has not yet been

completed. Existing fencing on southeast side of the north slope has been removed exposing potential whipsnake habitat to work areas and the plastic mesh used to stabilize the slope. The fencing along the southwest side of the north slope area should be installed, as directed by WRA, as soon as possible. Jeff and I spoke last week and determined an acceptable alignment for the new southwest extension to follow that would exclude potential whipsnake habitat and allow for work to occur in the upper north slope area. A biological monitor should supervise removal of the black plastic sheeting along the north slope bench.

Previously cut vegetation (slash) is still stockpiled in several areas within the site and poses the risk of attracting nesting birds or whipsnakes within the construction footprint. These stockpiles should be disposed of offsite as soon as possible, following inspection for nesting birds and whipsnake by WRA. Results of the fencing and general site inspection were communicated to Jeff to expedite proper fencing installation and slash removal.