




Essex Environmental, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	November 23, 2005; 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
Inspector:	Lincoln Allen (Essex Environmental)	
Weather:	Mostly sunny, approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and winds approximately 0 to 7 mph.	

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence Inspection

The entire continuous line of fence in the lower quarry, as well as the two separate fences in the upper quarry at Campus Drive (one located at the western terminus, and the other at the eastern terminus of the construction area) were inspected. Overall, the lower and upper quarry fencing complied with the requirements of the project's Special Status Species Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. However, a portion of the lower fence located at the eastern extent (i.e., the portion terminating in a steep embankment and rocky outcrop upslope of the Ridgemont Basin) contained a hole approximately two feet in diameter (this same hole was reported on 11/18/05). This hole was at a height which could facilitate the movement of animals into the construction area, and should be mended. Also, I identified a portion of this fence just below the Ridgemont Basin that needs to be re-staked and re-embedded in the soil where the fence contacts the ground. The un-embedded portion of this fence could facilitate the movement of animals into the construction area. Both of the problematic portions of fencing in the lower quarry were flagged with blue tape.

The eastern upper-quarry fence contained a large collapsed section approximately 3 feet in length, which needs to be repaired, as it is essentially an open breach (this breach was reported on 11/18/05). In addition to this breach, two other areas along the line of fence were in need of repair: (1) the portion of fence that is located at the midway point along the length of fence, and (2) the length of fence which terminates in a westerly direction. All three of these problematic portions of fencing were flagged with blue tape. The western upper-quarry fence was in the process of being mended and repaired by a work crew as I approached to inspect the fence. I identified a hole in this fence where a fire hose intersects and extends beneath the fencing along the downhill terminus of the fence. This breach (which was flagged with blue tape) could facilitate the movement of animals into construction areas, and should be mended. Areas of this western upper-quarry fence identified as problematic on 11/18/05 were fully repaired and mended.

ACTIVITY: Communication

The above findings were communicated to Peter Helseth, as well as Jun Osalbo. Peter informed me that the crew was supposed to have already mended all three fences following my requests and communications on 11/18/05. I also communicated to both Peter and Jun the following: 1) that a crew was working on the western upper-quarry fence when I arrived to inspect the upper-quarry fences; and 2) that I had communicated to the crew (i) the locations of the other two fences (i.e., the eastern upper-quarry fence and the lower-quarry fence) that were in need of repair, and (ii) that I had flagged problematic portions in need of repair for all lines of fencing (i.e., upper and lower quarry fences).