

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	June 9, 2004; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Inspector:	Kevin Kilpatrick
Weather:	Clear, approximately 75 degrees Fahrenheit, and approximately 2 to 5 mph wind

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence Inspection

COMMENTS: Met with Construction Monitor Eric Vance (Wetlands Research Associates). We inspected the condition of the whipsnake fence in the Lower Development Area and discussed maintenance issues that need to be performed on the fence. Deficiencies included a few areas that did not meet the 24-inch height requirement, and a few areas where the bottom of the fence was not buried by at least 6 inches of soil. Also, we were informed by a DeSilva Gates Construction foreman (Clayton) that a section of the whipsnake fence on the southwestern end of the project that is currently placed across an access road is blocking access for the Oakland Fire Department. The fire department is requiring that the road stay open. Since removal of the fence would leave an open gap in potential whipsnake habitat I told Eric that the contractor needs to determine an alternative protection measure and seek approval from the City of Oakland. The area is located near the southwest corner of the site adjacent to Highway 580. I suggested that as an alternative, they consider extending the fence parallel to the access road (away from the construction area) for several hundred feet.

ACTIVITY: Pothole work on the North Slope

COMMENTS: Pothole excavation work was conducted this week on the North Slope, in the Lower Development Area, up to the border of the potential whipsnake habitat. The pothole work caused loose soil to move down the slope, which damaged the whipsnake fence. Eric was on site to monitor for whipsnakes and said that the fence was repaired after the work was completed.

The contractor has told Eric that when work proceeds up the north slope they will be unable to install whipsnake protection fencing around the entire area (due to safety concerns). I told Eric that if the fence cannot be installed, then they would need to determine an alternative protection measure for whipsnakes and seek approval from the City of Oakland before proceeding with the activity.