

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	September 15, 2004; 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Inspector:	Mark Cassady (Essex Environmental)
Weather:	Sunny, approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and approximately 2 to 5 mph wind.

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence Inspection

COMMENTS: Inspected the entire length of the Alameda whipsnake protection fence along the north side from the west end near Hwy 580 to beyond the north slope excavation area. The first section of fence from Hwy 580 to the north slope excavation area is in good shape with only a few minor holes near the base, easily covered with rock or soil. The fence is absent at the north slope area and there was no work going on here other than scrapers using the road at the base of the slope to access cut and fill locations on either side. In accordance with a letter from De Silva Gates, dated July 26, the gates allowing scraper access through the fence are to be reinstalled at the end of each workday.

The fence east of the north slope area was also in pretty good shape although it had more holes, particularly where sticks have been poked through to help keep it upright. These should be patched with duct tape or other suitable means. The fence no longer exists at the location where the rock outcrop had been removed. This area now consists of a talus slope and is not suitable for fencing. De Silva Gates requested an exemption from the fencing requirement, dated July 26, which we have been told received verbal approval from the City of Oakland.

No sensitive species were observed in the work area. White-throated swifts were abundant at the north slope area, apparently investigating the cut slope for possible future nesting locations. This may be as a result of the removal of the rocky outcrop that was previously used for nesting.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

1. The Contractor needs to make patch holes as needed to the Alameda whipsnake fence and ensure that it has an outward lean or is tall enough to preclude snakes from easily getting over the top.