



February 25, 2004

Chris Adair
Central Coast Regional
Water Quality Control Board
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RE: Request for Explanation on the Limitation of Heavy Equipment Use in the Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ) for L2, and L3 on the Bartlebaugh THP #1-03-071 SCR

Dear Mr. Adair,

Landings L2 and L3 are the most reasonable and appropriate locations for operations. Both landings are existing and alleviate any further construction of landings. Both landing locations have withstood the test of time and show no sign of sediment deposition to the watercourse from the last harvest entry. Portions of these landings are in the class III ELZ and were approved by the review team at the PHI.

Landing L2: Limitations to operations for L2 will be bound by an existing berm, scheduled for reinforcement following operations, on north east side of the approved landing location. The landing is within 20 feet of the class III watercourse, so only a small portion of the landing area is actually in the ELZ. The class III flows above and generally north east of landing L2 and it is only that portion where the watercourse flows above the landing that is in the ELZ.

Landing L3: Limitations to operations for L3 will be bound by brow logs on the west side of the landing approximately 35-40 feet from the class III watercourse. This means that approximately 10-15 feet of the west side of the landing is in the class III ELZ. The brow logs will act as the limit for heavy equipment operations in this location and will also act as a barrier for any soil movement during operations.

I hope this better describes the limitations associated with heavy equipment operations and their bounds in the class III ELZ.

Sincerely,

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