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Mr. Pat Richards
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Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Ozena Valley Ranch – CUP 5170
Weight Ticket Information and Flyer to Contractors

OZE100

Dear Mr. Richards:

West Coast Environmental and Engineering (WCE) has prepared the following response to your letter dated February 20, 2008 on behalf of Ozena Valley Ranch (Ozena), CUP 5170. To facilitate your review, WCE has organized this information using the format and original comments of your letter followed by our reply.

1. The weight tickets you provided for August 14, 2007 did not include the arrival direction... Please provide this office with a sample copy of the revised weight ticket format by February 27, 2008.

Reply: *Please see the attached copies of a weight ticket dated February 8, 2008. Please note the highlighted area of the slip where it shows where the truck originated, as well as the trucks' destination.*

2. On January 28, 2008, I sent you an email request to address two questions surrounding the August 14, 2007 weight tickets. The first was how two trucks could be weighed and exit within one minute? The second question was how could multiple trucks have identical weights?

Reply: *Ozena is a small family operation with one person running the scale house and loading operation. If there are two trucks waiting to be loaded, one person loads both trucks, then each truck is weighed and trimmed or topped off to make maximum legal load. After the loading process is complete, each truck is then run over the scale and the weight ticket is stamped, then the next truck follows. A cycle time of less than 30 seconds is very achievable in these conditions. This process is the most efficient way for Ozena to load multiple trucks at one time.*

Trucks that frequent Ozena are weighed once and entered into the operations system. The majority of loads leaving Ozena are 80,000 pounds and the scale rounds off to the nearest twenty pounds. In addition trucks from the same manufacturer can have the same weights.

3. Revised flyer to all contractors, vendors and other personal.

Reply: *Please see the attached revised flyer To All Contractors, Vendors and Other Personnel Dealing with Daily Operations reflecting the Counties current interpretation of Condition 72 of CUP5170-1. Please provide your comments and or OK to proceed.*

Please do not hesitate to call me or Jane Farkas at (805) 644-7976 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best Regards,



John Hecht
President
West Coast Environmental and Engineering

Copy: Tony Virgilio, Ozena Valley Ranch

Attachments: Example of Weigh Tickets with arrival direction
Revised Flyer to All Contractors, Vendors and other Personnel

ALL CONTRACTORS, VENDORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL DEALING WITH DAILY OPERATIONS

Ozena Valley Ranch Mining Company is required by Condition 7 of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 5170 to notify you of the pertinent conditions of the CUP.

Condition 41 – Compliance with State Vehicle Code states in part:

All trucks leaving the site shall comply with State Vehicle Code Section 23114 regarding the prevention of aggregate and aggregate related materials spilling onto public streets. All trucks must be free of loose soil, particularly around fenders, wheels, and axles. The wheels and tires of trucks leaving the site shall be free of loose dirt before the trucks leave the site.

Condition 71 c. – Number of Truck Trips states in part:

Vehicle operators are not permitted to stage their vehicles along Lockwood Valley Road or Highway 33 prior to the hours of operation.

Condition 72 – Days and Hours of Operation states in part:

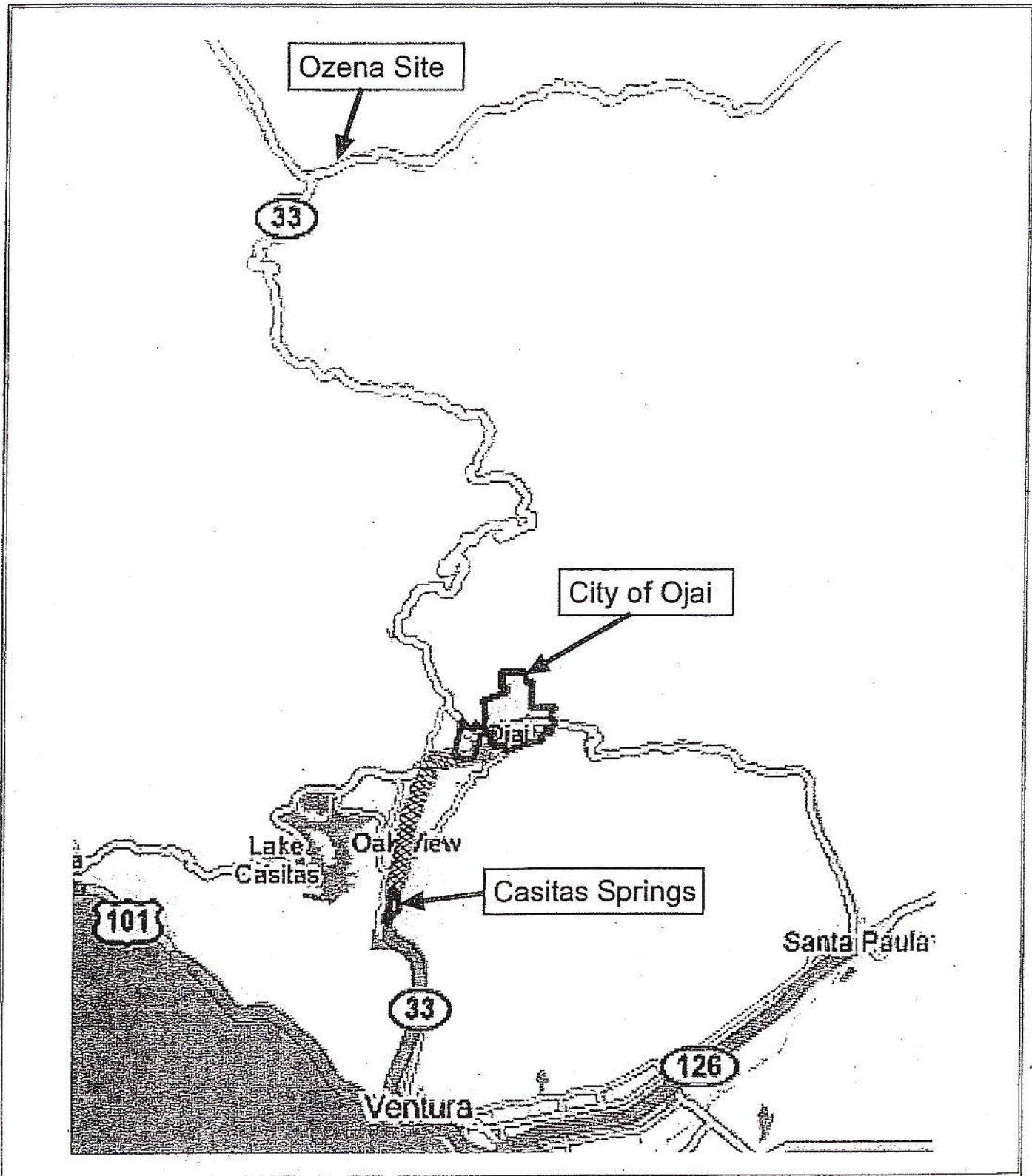
Activity	Days per Week	Normal Hours of Operation
Loading, Trucks Entering or Departing	Monday – Saturday	3:00 AM to 5:00 PM
All Project-Related Travel on Highway 33 between Casitas Springs and City of Ojai	Monday - Friday	6:00 AM to 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
	Saturday	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM

While Ozena Valley Ranch may not agree that it is legal for the county to place these restrictions on our operation, the County of Ventura has stated that trucks going to and from our operation are only allowed on highway 33 between Casitas Springs and the Southern boundary of the City of Ojai (see map on back of this flyer) between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 AM and again between 9:00 and 3:00 PM, Monday – Friday, 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday. Until further notice, if we discover that a truck has traveled through Ojai during that time, that truck/driver will not be loaded again for 30 days.


I agree to be bound by the above conditions.

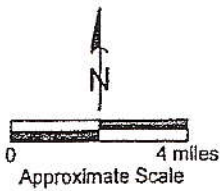
Name (Print) _____ Signature _____

Company _____ Date _____



Source: Google Maps, 2007
Navteq, 2007

 Haul Route Between Ojai and Casitas Springs
5.1 Miles



Regional Map
Showing "Casitas Springs Segment"
and Ozena Site

Ozena Valley Ranch-Aggregate Mine and Processing Facility
Lockwood Valley Road, Ventura County, CA

PROJECT: OZE100-300-04		FIGURE 1
DRAWN BY: DSM	DATE: 1/11/08	REVISION:
APPROVED BY: JAH	DATE: 1/11/08	PRINTED: 1/11/08
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