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Matt Jenkins, Fire Chief

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Kit Matlick
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SUBJECT: DRC2006-00222 / Oil Well Production Facility

Dear Kit:

On August 29, 2008, a site visit was conducted at the Porter Ranch to analyze the viability of using an existing gravel road as a travel route for trucks hauling oil from the proposed oil production facility, located at 6254 Huasna Townsite Road, Arroyo Grande. The road extends from the west end of Huasna Townsite road and leads south, through the Porter Ranch to Highway 166 at Alamo Creek Road. This road would be closed to the Public.

Utilization of the road as a thoroughfare for oil trucks shall require compliance with County Fire Codes, California Public Resources Code, Land Use Ordinances, Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) requirements. This road is a secondary access road to the proposed oil facility. The main access for fire and emergency vehicles to the site will be Huasna Townsite Road.

Specifically, CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department mandates the following requirements for utilizing the gravel road as a travel route.

- It is understood that this is a secondary access route for emergency vehicles and may, at times, be inaccessible during wet winters when the Twitchell Reservoir is filled to capacity.
- The bridge on the north end leading into the ranch must be maintained to support 20 ton fire vehicles. Weight limits shall be posted on both ends of the bridge.
- Culverts underneath the road shall be maintained to support 20 tons.

- Soft, sandy portions of the road shall be reinforced with additional road base to maintain a solid surface. CAL FIRE does not require paving for this project.
- Grass and weeds shall be mowed or grazed off within ten feet of either side of the road.
- Turnouts are required every half mile, and shall be wide enough to accommodate an oil truck. Ideally, turnouts should be located on flat terrain with no slope.
- Vertical clearance directly above the road shall not be less than 13.6 feet. Tree branches shall be trimmed to meet this requirement.
- The “oak forest canopy” at the south end of the ranch may be maintained as is provided that grass and weeds underneath are grazed off or mechanically removed, so that annual vegetation does not grow taller than three inches.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (805) 543-4244

Sincerely,

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Fire Captain

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