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**Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed
Construction and Operation of an Aggregate Material Recycling Facility for
Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3674**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final CEQA document.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes the construction and operation of an aggregate material recycling facility that would involve an amount not to exceed 100,000 tons of material crushed per year. The proposed project estimates up to 30 daily truck trips until a stockpile of approximately 50,000 tons of material is reached. Afterwards, a portable crushing and screening plant will be brought to the site to process the aggregate material, which will then be sold onsite. Based on the onsite equipment listed in the Draft MND, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency confer with the SCAQMD Engineering and Compliance staff to ensure that the equipment list is complete and/or contains equipment that would need to have an existing SCAQMD permit(s) modified. Although only portable equipment is proposed for use as part of this project, SCAQMD permits may still be required depending on how long the equipment operates onsite. Permit questions can be directed to Engineering and Compliance staff at (909) 396-2591. Further, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) portable equipment registration provided to SCAQMD staff, presumably for the onsite diesel generator, shows an expiration date of August 31, 2013. This registration should be confirmed with the CARB and renewed as applicable. Finally, although operational air quality impacts are below the SCAQMD recommended thresholds of significance, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the applicant consider installing a permanent utility pole at the site to run the mechanical equipment instead of using a portable diesel fueled generator.

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Please provide the SCAQMD staff with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff would be available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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