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**Review of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Addendum No. 3  
for the Reliance I Quarry Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are intended to provide guidance to the lead agency. AQMD staff first became aware of the pending certification of this project on October 25, 2011 from a phone call from a concerned community member. AQMD staff appreciates that the FEIR, Addendum No. 3 to the FEIR, and the staff report were provided expeditiously upon request by city staff.

Based on the information made available to our agency, it is not clear that the FEIR Addendum No. 3 is the appropriate level of CEQA review for this project. For example, without knowing the current permit requirements and historical activity for the Azusa side of the Reliance I Quarry, it is impossible to know if the proposed new project conditions could have the potential to increase peak *daily* emissions from the entire quarry. As a reminder, AQMD recommends use of its daily significance thresholds for CEQA analyses. Without this substantial evidence required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15164, it appears that the project could have the potential for significant air quality impacts. Therefore, AQMD staff requests that the lead agency not approve this project until all relevant information and analysis has been made available to the public.

AQMD staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Feel free to contact me at (909) 396-3244 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

Ian MacMillan  
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