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RE: Hazel Creek Mine

Dear John:

On April 1, 1998, CalSPA inspected the Hazel Creek Mine. We also reviewed a copy of the Final Closure Report dated March 1998 and have the following comments:

1. On October 27, 1997, the Hazel Creek adit, the East Drift adit and the Squirrel Hunters Drift adit were plugged with a mixture of soil from the site and clay from the Van Vleck Quarry. Carlton Engineering appears to have performed no piezometric pressure measurements or discharge velocity calculations. What are the hydraulic conductivity requirements of these plugs?
2. In October 1997, Sierra Pacific altered the flow of Hazel Creek away from Pond 3. The Stream Alteration Agreement dated September 11, 1997 does not authorize this work. Fish & Game does state that the temporary stream crossings "may substantially adversely affect existing fish and wildlife resources." Did the Regional Board authorize this alteration to Hazel Creek?
3. Sierra Pacific intends to excavate 50,000 cubic yards of lead contaminated tailings and transport the tailings across Hazel Creek. The temporary crossings required by Fish & Game are Humbolt or Spittler type. What loading capacity for these crossings is being required?

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4. In the context of the Fish & Game finding that this project "may substantially adversely affect existing fish and wildlife resources," where is the CEQA review of this project?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan A. Beaven". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Alan A. Beaven

Cc: David P. Drake