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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Solicitor, Branch of Land Use and Realty  
ATTN: Wendy Dorman, Attorney

FROM: Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region

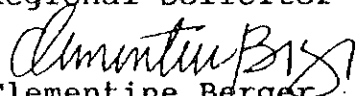
SUBJECT: Vinnell Mining and Minerals Corp., et al. v. BLM,  
Civ. No. 91-1324-JHG

Enclosed is the latest revision of the proposed settlement agreement negotiated in this case. This draft, which has been sent to Atlas and Vinnell for final review, reflects all modifications proposed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Solicitor's Office and the Department of Justice (DOJ). It is expected that Atlas and Vinnell will approve the agreement substantially as is.

In anticipation of formal review and approval of this agreement, it is requested that you, and others within the Solicitor's Office, BLM, and the Office of Environmental Affairs, informally review this agreement and provide me with revisions which you believe must be made to the agreement to obtain Departmental approval. The court granted a stay of the proceedings in the litigation until April 8, 1993, to allow final negotiation and approval of the settlement. As this date is fast approaching, and the draft agreement is substantially in final form, informal review should expedite the formal approval process.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me with any questions you may have concerning the agreement or review process. Also, please identify the individual(s) who will sign the agreement on behalf of the Department.

John W. Burke III  
Regional Solicitor

By:   
Clementine Berger  
Assistant Regional Solicitor

Enclosure

cc: State Director, BLM California