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Memorandum

To: Service Center Director (D-470)

From: State Director, California

Subject: Request for Technical Review Assistance for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (FI/FS) for the Atlas Asbestos Mine

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX is currently preparing documents for a RI/FS for the Super Fund listed Atlas Asbestos Mine. This mine is located in our Hollister Resource Area, Bakersfield District in southwestern Fresno County. EPA has established very tight deadlines for review of documents associated with the RI/FS. Unfortunately, the expertise required to afford these products adequate review is limited here in the state and outside capability, i.e., contracting is limited by the schedule developed by EPA. It is essential that we afford these products timely and credible review and comment. This entire issue has nationwide implications regarding Bureau management, 3809 surface mining regulations, and the 1872 Mining Law.

On February 25, 1988, a briefing on this issue was conducted by Bakersfield District Staff for D-471, D-474, and D-150 at the Service Center. The purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibility of obtaining technical review assistance for the EPA generated documents for the Atlas Asbestos Mine FI/FS. The following is a schedule developed during that session and modified based on subsequent telephone conversations between Dave Howell (AM, Hollister RA) and Bruce Van Haveren (D-474).

SCHEDULE FOR EPA DOCUMENT REVIEW

PRODUCT RECEIPT DATE *	ACTION	DSC STAFF INVOLVED	DSC TIME REQUIREMENTS ** WORKING DAYS
3/14/88	GIS support - - Digitizing and output	Carol Wilson	20
4/08/88	Review and comment on Soil Report	Alan Amen F. Rhio Jackson	10

SCHEDULE FOR EPA DOCUMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

PRODUCT RECEIPT DATE *	ACTION	DSC STAFF INVOLVED	DSC TIME REQUIREMENTS ** WORKING DAYS
4/15/88	Review and comment on Air Quality Report.	Ron Clark to coordinate, Al Rebau Wyoming S.O. to review	10
***	Review and comment on draft Endangerment Assessment Report	Bruce Van Haveren to research possible expertise	15
5/30/88	Review and comment on draft Remedial Investigation Report	D-471, D-474 staff	20
7/15/88	Review and comment on draft Feasibility Study.	D-471, D-474 staff	15

* Dates are tentative

** From date of receipt by SC.

*** Pending Notification by EPA

As previously mentioned, this issue has potential Bureauwide implications and will require our timely and credible review. I hope that a definite commitment can be made by the identified staffs. I have identified Dave Howell as Project Manager for this issue. I would request that if you are able to provide us an assist on this very important issue that all actions be coordinated through Dave for the purpose of continuity and consistency. Dave can be reached at (408) 637-8183.

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cc: B.R. Hyde, WO-509
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