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### Memorandum

To: Director (200), Room 5626, MIB  
Director (500), Room 5647, MIB

From: State Director, California

Subject: Field Inspection of Atlas Superfund Site

By previous agreement we have arranged for a field review of the Atlas Asbestos Superfund Site and adjacent Clear Creek Recreation Use Area.

The schedule will consist of the following:

#### July 5, 1988 (Tuesday)

A.M. Mr. Dean Stepanek and Mr. Bernie Hyde arrive Sacramento. Buz Kennedy will provide transportation at Sacramento airport.

\*\*WO - Please call Buz Kennedy at FTS 460-4725 as to arrival time of Mr. Hyde and Mr. Stepanek.

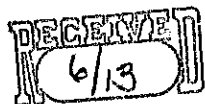
P.M. Stepanek, Hyde, Johnson, Kennedy, Rheiner, and Howell leave to overflight Atlas area.

Arrive Coalinga airport.

View asbestos contamination sites in Coalinga (Santa Fe Transportation Co., Los Gatos Creek)

Lodging - Cambridge Inn Motor Lodge  
Coalinga, CA  
(209) 935-1541

July 4 Coral Reef Motel  
July 5-6 Cambridge Inn Motor Lodge  
July 7 Coral Reef Motel.



July 6, 1988 (Wednesday)

8:00 - 8:35 Coalinga to White Creek

9:00 - 10:00 Atlas Asbestos Mine  
View mine and discuss RMP Implementation  
Actions

10:30 - 11:00 Lillis Mine, Coalinga Mine  
observe both sites, discuss  
impacts/ramifications on Cantua and Pine  
Canyon drainages

11:30 - 12:00 Joe Mine (King City Asbestos Mine)  
discuss operations, POO Modification,  
Rehabilitation Study

12:30 - 1:30 San Benito Mountain - Lunch - 30 Minutes  
Approx. 30 minute discussion regarding:

- Fire Management - CDF - Asbestos
- Prescribed burns completed those needed
- Unique plant community
- Unique soils
- Cost of 87 Wildfire in Natural Area

2:30 - 2:45 Indian Hill - Approximately 15 minute  
discussion regarding User attitudes,  
shooting, RTE recovery attempts, impacts  
associated with heavy use

3:15 - 3:30 Staging Area No. 1 - Approximately 15 minute  
discussion regarding First OHV grant, RTE  
species, watershed impacts (sediment  
loading) grant improvements

3:30 - 4:00 Oak Flat Campground - Approximately 30  
minute discussion regarding OHV grant  
program, management intent for the area,  
TRT planning process, asbestos issue, soil  
properties - geology of the area

4:30 - 4:40 View Condon Peak - Wildlife Projects -  
Approximately 10 minute discussion  
regarding access, habitat improvement,  
coordination with CDF&G, CMA w/FCSC

5:50 Coalinga

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July 7, 1988 (Thursday)

8:00 - 8:30	Atlas closeout overflight Kennedy, Hyde
8:30 - 9:30	Fly to Sacramento
3:00	Closeout with State Director, Johnson, Kennedy, Payne, Hyde, Rheiner, Howell

*Ed Hunter*

Attachments

cc: District Manager - Bakersfield  
Area Manager - Hollister

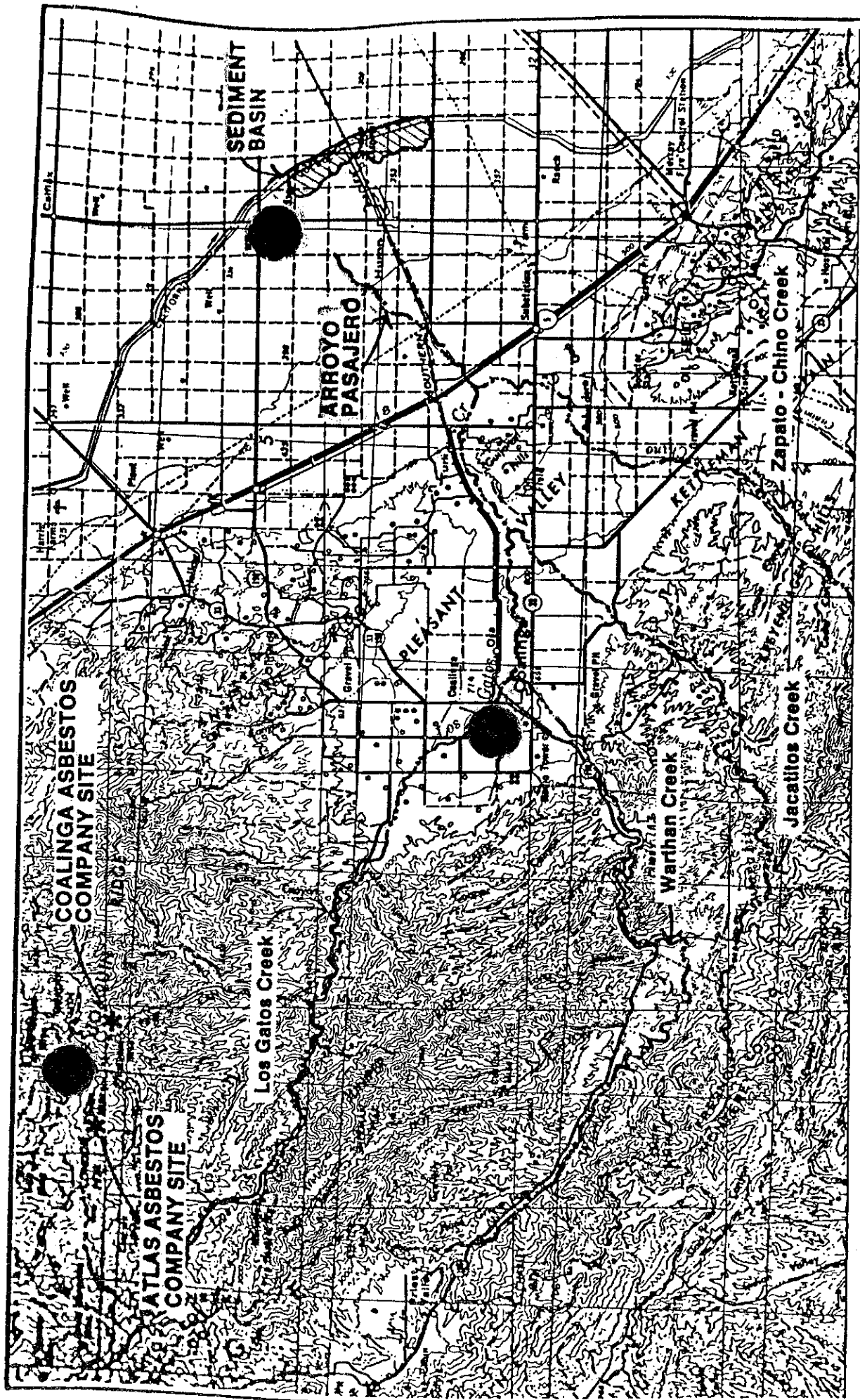
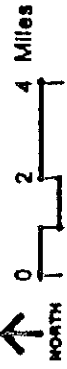


FIGURE 1-1

Atlas Asbestos Site/  
Arroyo Pasajero  
Drainage Basin



SOURCE: USGS 1:250,000  
Monterey, California



# Environmental Protection Agency studying Coalinga asbestos situation

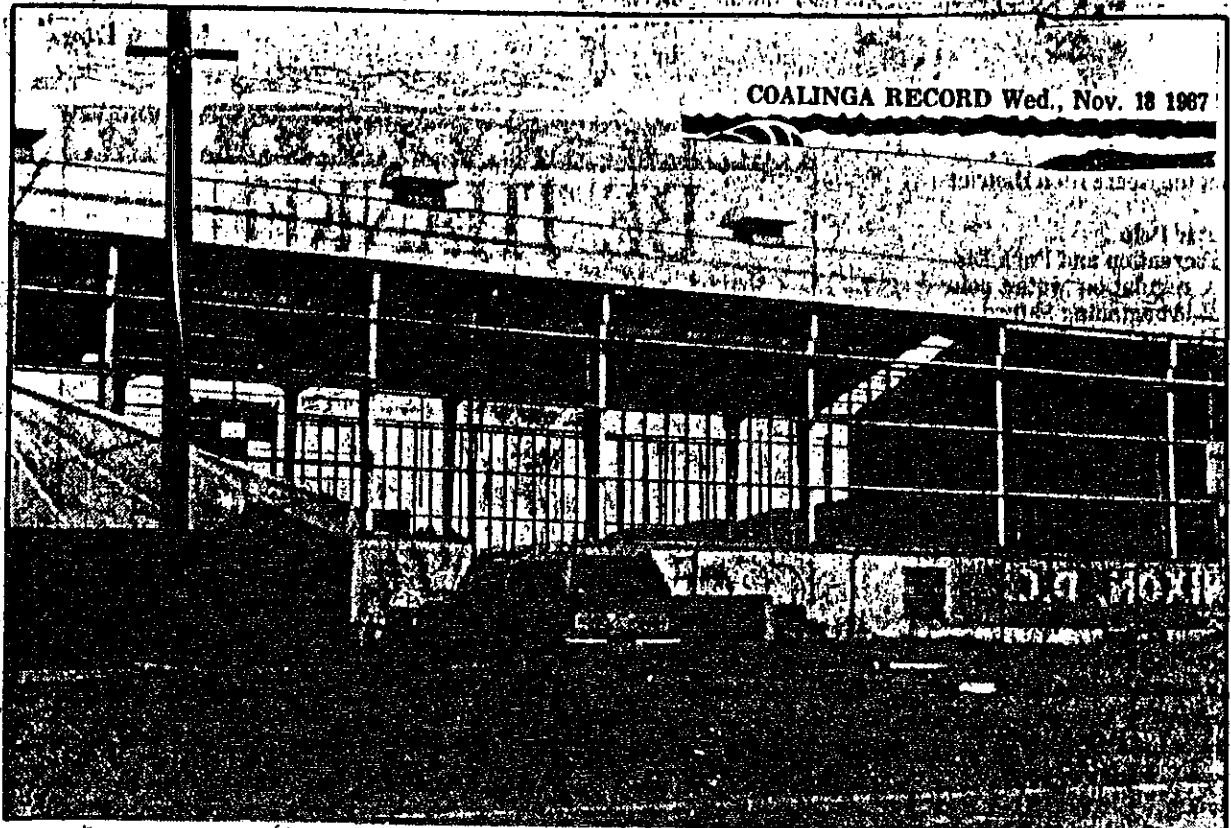
Jennifer Decker of the United States Environmental Agency and Sue Johnson of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc in Pasadena were in Coalinga this week, gathering all historical information on the mining and milling operations of asbestos in the Coalinga area.

Their investigation had a dual motive. First is the cleanup of the railroad right of way property south of Polk Street and secondly is part of what will be the eventual solution to halting or slowing addi-

tional asbestos from being carried downstream during runoffs in rainy periods.

Jacobs Engineering is currently stabilizing the loose asbestos that has been identified in the railroad right of way until a permanent cleanup solution is arrived at.

According to Johnson, several alternatives are being considered and when a solution is arrived at, the EPA will advise the residents of the area by press release.



While a study is being conducted as to the best means of cleaning up asbestos from the 100 acre railroad property south of Polk Street, workers are busy identifying and stabilizing present sites such as this abandoned warehouse on Elm. This building was built by Johns Manville over 20 years ago during the height of the Asbestos industry in Coalinga. Presently the EPA is attempting

to run down responsible parties to assist paying for cleanup. Ultimately the responsible party appears to be Southern Pacific who owns the property and leased it to tenants who left the deposits. This building, in addition to storing chrome ore containing asbestos fibers, was sided with the then latest in asbestos corrugated siding.