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REPORT OF NEEDED PROJECT - FISCAL YEAR 1987

PARENT AGENCY:

Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Mangemer

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CA-141107226

FACILITY NAME:

Atlas Asbestos Site (Abandoned Milling & Mining Site).

FACILITY LOCATION:

Near town of Coalinga; Fresno County, CA (on BLM

Lands)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR PROJECT: CAA Sec. 112 & 40 CFR 61(m).

DATE COMPLIANCE MUST BE ACHIEVED: As soon as possible. This project should be designated "High Priority". For Immediate Funding.

COMPLIANCE STATUS OF FACILITY IN MEETING STATUTORY REQUIREMENT: ESDP

POLLUTION CONTROLS REQUIRED: Atlas Asbestos Company, now out of business, mined & milled asbestos on BLM public lands. Currently, 140 acres of exposed, uncovered asbestos tailings piles are blowing into the air, and the area is also heavily used by hikers, ORV users, hunters, etc. These 140 acres need to be capped or covered. The program is required under the air program for NESHAPS violations, and is currently in violation of CAA &40 CFR 61 (m).

PESTIMATED COST OF CONTROLS: \$10.0 million

WHY PROJECT MUST BE FUNDED IN FY 87: Project must be rated "High Priority". The asbestos tailings piles blow into the area, across a heavily used State highway, etc., causing an on-going, severe threat to public health. BLM's position is that it is not their responsibility to reduce of alleviate the probelm, and the site does not qualify for CERCLA remedial actions because ground water is not currently imperiled. The site is currently in violation of both CAA Sec. 112 & 40 CFR 61 (m).

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