

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH EPA, 3/15/90, ON ATLAS MINE ISSUE

On Thursday, March 15, 1990, State Director Hastey, Hollister Area Manager Bob Beehler and I met with EPA in San Francisco. EPA was represented by McGovern, Wise, Zelikson, Baker, Meers and an attorney.

We discussed various points related to EPA's draft remediation plan, including:

The need to pave the road around the Atlas Mine site. While EPA said paving was legally required under NSHAP, they would relook at that recommendation.

EPA cannot consider the area-wide problem as a separate operable unit without producing a RI/FS for that unit. They are unwilling to consider that.

EPA was agreeable to the Bureau using its planning process to determine the extent of public use in the Clear Creek (area-wide) area. EPA needs to know the start and end dates of our planning process so there is a firm commitment to complete a plan. Dick J. and Bob B. will get together to discuss this and get dates to be used by EPA in its draft remediation plan. Dick will pass this on to Greg Baker ASAP.

Hastey discussed the possibility of emergency closure of the Clear Creek area, but was reluctant to use this authority because it would not have public involvement as would the BLM's planning process.

EPA reviewed its current schedule for release of documents:
the RI/FS probably will be out by 3/23.
the draft plan will probably be out the week of 3/26.
two public hearing will be held - 5/8 or 9 or 10 - in both Coalinga and Hollister.
the ROD should be issued by 9/30/90.


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