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RE: Concrete Nor'west/Miles Sand & Gravel  
PL16-0097 - Mining Special Use Permit

Dear Ms. Nicoll:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Concrete Nor'west and Miles Sand & Gravel concerning the Grip Road Mine Application, PL16-0097 (Grip Road Mine). Below, we identify documents that are being resubmitted with notes to indicate what has changed and further notes to respond to comments made by you during our recent telephone call.

1. Special Use Narrative. This is being resubmitted with a few minor changes:
  - a. We have updated the references to the Ramboll US Corporation Noise and Vibrations Study to the version submitted with this letter dated November 21, 2018.
  - b. On page 13, an additional sentence is added explaining the term SWMM.
  - c. On page 4 under (D) a minor clarification was made to the prior sentence that referenced equipment operation.
2. Updated Noise and Vibration Study. (November 18, 2018)
  - a. Notes were added to Table 3 to explain potential reasons for high readings in current noise conditions.
  - b. The noise monitoring locations on Figure 1 have been corrected.
  - c. You asked about the analysis of vibration impacts at 50 feet from the road. Page 11 states that is a standard practice and consistent with the applicable measures.

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d. You had expressed a concern about the speed of vehicles for which a vibration assessment was made. As written (page 12) it is clear that adjustments were made to reflect the higher speed limits here (40 and 50 mph) and so no revision to the language was made.

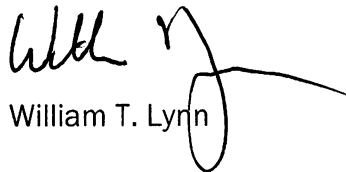
e. Page 12 was revised to make clear that, even if there were more truck trips, the threshold for vibration impact would not be met.

3. Plan Set. You had raised a concern about the fact that several of the plan sheets did not show the buffer. Each plan page has a different function and not all of them show all of the information. That is by design. In fact, it is what the Department of Natural Resources requires. Further, plans with less than all of the information are simpler and easier to read. The fact that the buffer is not depicted on each plan page does not mean it is not proposed. The plan set must be reviewed as a whole.

4. Road Issues. We have previously submitted an as-built drawing of the existing logging access road. I understand the County has made its own inspection.

Thank you for your comments and we hope they have been fully addressed. We look forward to getting this to hearing very soon.

Very truly yours,



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