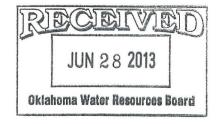




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Mr. Kent Wilkins, Assistant Chief Planning and Management Division Oklahoma Water Resources Board 3800 North Classen Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73118



RE: Exemption from Water Monitoring Plan for Dolese Bros. Co. Big Canyon Quarry, Murray and Carter Counties, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

We understand that the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) requires "producing" mines in the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer (ASA) region to submit their initial quarterly monitoring reports to the OWRB by 30 June 2013. However, as I informed you during our December 2012 consultation meeting, the Dolese Bros. Co. Big Canyon Quarry is no longer considered to be a producing mine. Below please find information that pertains to the Big Canyon Quarry, some of which I provided to you in December 2012.

The Big Canyon Quarry is located southeast of Dougherty, Oklahoma. This inactive quarry is located along the bank of the Washita River. This quarry is located in Parts of Sections 19, 20, 30, 31 and 32, Township Two South, Range Three East IM, Murray County, OK; in Part of Section 36, Township Two South, Range Two East IM; Murray County, OK; and in Parts of Section 19 and 30, Township Two South, Range Three East IM, Carter County, OK. Within these sections, 1,635 acres remain permitted with the Oklahoma Department of Mines (ODOM), as they have been for decades.

Dolese purchased this property in 1910, and it is likely one of the oldest quarries in the State of Oklahoma. This quarry has been inactive for mining operations since 1993, except for the occasional removal of some stockpiled stone for a few nearby projects. Most of the plant processing equipment has been removed from the facility, and the site is unstaffed.

Given the fact that this site is not a "producing" mine, we are not required to submit quarterly and annual water monitoring information to your office. However, if this site should ever reopen, we will immediately notify your office of the planned reopening, and we will design and implement a monitoring plan similar to the one we are using at the Davis Quarry.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments concerning the information shown above. Thank you.

Sincerely, DOLESE BROS. CO.

Daniel E. Becker

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