



Aspen *Environmental Group*

Project Memorandum – PG&E Northeast San Jose

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Project Manager
Date: August 26, 2002
Re: Weekly Report #13: August 19, 2002 – August 25, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

On Monday, August 19, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard in the early evening. The CPUC EM inspected roads for dirt/gravel/dust control. Both roadways had excess dirt/gravel/dust, so a Project Memorandum was issued. The Project Memorandum comments are as follows:

For the past several weeks, PG&E has been inconsistent in keeping Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard roadways clean. The Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) (PG&E's environmental representative) has been informed on several occasions by the CPUC EM that this activity is out of compliance; thereby, providing the PG&E contractors with several opportunities to amend the problem. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard at 5:15 PM on August 19th, before night construction began, and observed dirt and gravel along both roadways (due to previous construction) that has not been cleaned-up yet. This activity is not in compliance with Mitigation Measure A-1: 'Sweep daily (with water sweepers) all paved access roads, parking areas and staging areas at construction site'. If the problem is not corrected, a Non-Compliance Report will be issued.

Construction activities in the area included installation of man-hole vault #3 on Fremont Boulevard at Station 30+00 on the right line. Crews used a crane to lower the floor of the man-hole vault into the pit. Traffic controls were set-up around the construction area.

The CPUC EM attended a safety meeting at 6:00 PM at the Northern Linelayers office where David Killen of Air Products discussed the dangers of working around his company's nitrogen pipe and what to do if they accidentally hit the pipe. Northern Linelayers construction management also discussed safety issues.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation in the evening, where crews had completed the disassembly of the building structure, with the exception of the building foundation.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore later in the night, where crews were trenching north along Fremont Boulevard from Line F at approximate Station 43+50. Excavation of the trench was causing a lot of dust. The Essex EI spoke with construction management about this and they got some hoses out there and sprayed down the dust as they excavated. Crews were still excavating the receiving bore pit at station 45+00 along Fremont Boulevard. Another crew was pumping water out of the right man-hole vault at Station 47+20, testing it for turbidity, and releasing it into the storm drain. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex EI about also testing the pH of the water. South of the right line man-hole vault, crews were pouring cement slurry into the right line trench.

On Wednesday, August 21, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation in the evening, where crews have put in more transformer foundations on the south and west sides of the property. The CPUC EM observed that a few trucks still have some small oil and/or hydraulic leaks as

follows: 1) Blue dump truck had a bucket under a leak, 2) White truck, Moza Construction has two small leaks, and 3) White truck with equipment on the back, Fulleton-Pacific, WA Lic.# A71732F. The CPUC EM passed on the information to the Essex EI who said they would take action tomorrow during the day shift. The area where dump trucks access the property at night has been well watered. The building foundation was still in place and has not been removed.

The CPUC EM inspected Cushing Parkway for dirt/dust/gravel in the evening and observed that the site looked better than the previous day. However, the CPUC EM was informed (and confirmed) that three other construction crews are doing other unrelated work in the area, which has been creating a lot of the dirt/dust/gravel. Crews did clean all the way along Cushing Parkway under the Essex EI's supervision.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore in the evening, where crews were trenching started north of Line F at approximate Station 38+00 on the right line. Concrete has been poured to approximate Station 40+00 on the right line.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Fremont Boulevard at 8:00 PM, where there was only one backhoe working at approximate Station 43+00 on the right line along Fremont Boulevard. Most of the crew was in a safety meeting until around 8:30 PM. They called a safety meeting because one of their workers fell 11 to 12 feet down a man-hole vault last night around 8:30 PM while they were working. She was not seriously injured. Later that night, crews were trenching north on Fremont Boulevard at approximate Station 38+00 on the right line.

The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex EI regarding where concrete trucks are being washed out. Essex EI said they always wash their trucks out into the trenches. The Essex EI gave the CPUC EM this week's erosion control checklist that he keeps and follows up on.

The CPUC EM called Louis Menard, Safety Coordinator for Northern Linelayers, and spoke with him regarding traffic issues on Fremont Boulevard. He said there have not been traffic problems lately since they have not had to close the road down to one lane at Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore.

Environmental Compliance:

On August 19, the CPUC EM issued a Project Memorandum regarding dust/gravel/dirt control along Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. All other construction was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements.

On August 21, CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements, with the exception of the identified oil/hydraulic leaks, which were reported to the Essex EI.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPs were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

No Variance Requests were submitted or reviewed during the subject week.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 8-27-02)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	6/11/02	Disposal of excavated material, corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway, Fremont.	Completed	6/11/02
2	6/13/02	Material/equipment yard, 42400 Boyce Road, Fremont.	Completed	See Underground NTP
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4	6/26/02	Reduce biological buffer from 250 to 15-feet at existing structure, Los Esteros Substation.	Completed; 25-foot buffer approved.	7/5/02
5	7/9/02	Extra work space area for Line F bore, west of Fremont Blvd.	Completed	7/12/02