

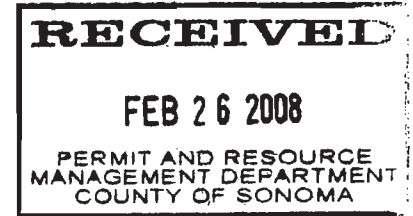
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 25, 2008

Steve Dee
County of Sonoma
2550 Ventura Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2829



RE: Dutra Haystack Landing Asphalt Plant/Concrete Recycling Facility,
SCH# 2006022107

Dear Mr. Dee:

As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, we recommend that any development projects planned adjacent to the rail corridor in the County be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at at-grade highway-rail crossings. This includes considering pedestrian circulation patterns/destinations with respect to railroad right-of-way.

Of specific concern is the impact from increased traffic on the existing private crossing that provides access to the site. The adequacy of the warning devices need to be assessed for the usage proposed. Continuous vandal resistant fencing or other appropriate barriers should be installed to deter trespassing over the rail corridor.

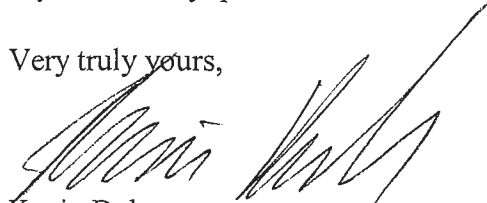
The above-mentioned safety improvements should be considered when approval is sought for the new development. Working with Commission staff early in the conceptual design phase will help improve the safety to motorists and pedestrians in the County.

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If you have any questions in this matter, please call me at (415) 703-2795.

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Very truly yours,


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Rail Crossings Engineering Section
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