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Re: **Comments on DEIR – Haystack Landing – Dutra Materials (PLP04-0046)**  
**3355 Petaluma Blvd. South - APN: 019-220-001; 019-320-022 & 019-320-023**

Dear Mr. Dee:

Shamrock Materials, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above-referenced project. Our comments are made on Section J – Transportation and Traffic of the DEIR.

**Mitigation Measure TRANS – 13a:**

This mitigation measure in addition to requiring the applicant to make an irrevocable offer to the County of Sonoma of a 50 foot easement across APN: 019-220-001 contemplates “options for a future public roadway through Landing Way to allow access to Area A and neighboring residential properties along the River if the existing crossing is closed.” This appears to imply that all traffic would be routed along Landing Way and then have to traverse the parcels where our existing aggregate distribution facility is located in order to gain access to Area A (APN: 019-220-001) that borders our parcels to the south as well as neighboring properties south of Area A.

Having additional traffic, not associated with the facility would greatly impact the operations; contrary to the statement made in this mitigation measure. This may not be of major concern to the DEIR preparers; it certainly is a major concern to us for many reasons, not the least of which is traffic safety associated with both the facility and anyone who would enter the site for purposes of ingress or egress across the site. Dutra’s ability to access Area A periodically with maintenance trucks to service the offloading equipment is certainly acceptable to us. However, the notion of residential traffic and/or those invitees by the “neighboring residences” south of Area A presents the likelihood for significant safety and operational problems that cannot be ignored.

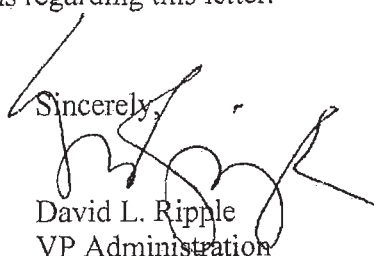
I do not believe “residences are familiar with the area” as stated in this mitigation measure particularly in terms of large equipment and trucks that are moving about the site. This could create a very hazardous condition and no doubt unintended consequences of this poorly conceived mitigation measure.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, please do not hesitate contacting the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this letter.

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Sincerely,



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