



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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Annual Report Summary

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DRI #213- HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MINES SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY RY 2002-03

On July 21, 1993, Hillsborough County granted a Development Order (Resolution R93-0170) to IMC Fertilizer, Inc. (IMCF) for consolidation of IMC's existing approved mines in Hillsborough County (Kingsford, Lonesome and Four Corners Mine) into one mine. The Development Order authorized changes to these mines during Phase I, also referred to as the "Consolidation Phase." Although the Kingsford (KFD) and Four Corners Mine (FCO) are located in more than one county, this Substantial Deviation only addresses those portions of the Mines located in Hillsborough County. The latter development, Phase II or the "Expansion Phase," was not addressed as part of this Development Order.

The changes to the original mines included the following: the removal of approximately 850 acres from the Lonesome Mine (LSM) site; the addition of 3,248 mineable acres within the existing mines' boundaries; a revision to the mining schedule and equipment utilization; a time extension for mining; a revision to the clay and sand tailing storage areas and disposal methods; the approval of trucking as a method for transporting product from the plants; the addition of a railroad to connect all three mine plants; the upgrading of the Lonesome Plant operations; and additional 25-year floodplain, wetland and roadway crossings requirements.

Phase II of the project, "the Expansion Phase" was approved by the County on March 23, 1995 (Resolution No. 95-062) for the addition of 17,915 acres (14,706 mineable acres) to the project. The amendment also: extended the mining schedule to 2017 (a cumulative four year extension); extended the reclamation schedule to 2026 (a cumulative 11 year extension); extended the Development Order by 14 years (to December 31, 2027); added nine new tributary floodplain crossings; and revised tailings and clay disposal plans, including the size, capacity and general location of nine clay settling ponds in the Expansion area. The amendment indicates which conditions are applicable to which part of the project. Generally, the conditions of the older DRIs are applicable to the added areas, unless superseded by stricter conditions. The anniversary date for the Annual Report is July 31st.

The Development Order has been amended four times, the latest occurred on February 11, 2003 (Resolution No. R03-026). The amendments have cumulatively added 549 acres to the project and authorized a "temporary" rerouting of truck trips exiting the Lonesome Mine facility.

PROJECT STATUS

The project has been approved to mine 43,641 acres of the entire 53,937-acre site.

Development this Reporting Year: 710 acres were mined within the Four Corners Mine.

Cumulative Development: a total of 22,246 acres have been mined through June 30, 2003. The developer has reported that all mining activities within the Kingsford Mine are now complete. A total of 5,565 mined acres have already been released by FDEP.

Projected Development: the developer anticipates mining approximately 227 acres within Four Corners Mining Units 16E and 17E, as well as Lonesome Mining Unit 14, during the next reporting period. In addition to completing construction of the F-4 clay settling pond, the developer projects more than 2,000 acres will experience reclamation activities.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT ORDER CONDITIONS

1. The developer has identified that all required monitoring programs continue to be instituted with results provided to the appropriate agencies. The following monitoring events have been conducted, most of which have been included in the Annual Report: *Industrial Wastewater Surface Water and Groundwater Discharge, Domestic Wastewater Monitoring, Groundwater Pumping* (Condition C.9.), *Production Well Sampling* (Condition C.8.), *Rainfall*, and *Ambient Surface Water Sampling* (Conditions D.5. and D.7.).
2. The developer is required to dedicate 300 acres to the County for construction of a water reservoir, the location to be determined by the County. The developer has identified that this Condition will be met at the end of the mine life. (Condition D.4.)
3. The developer will continue to obtain gopher tortoise relocation permits, as necessary, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. (Conditions I.7 and I.14.a.)
4. Condition O.5 requires the developer to submit Mining Unit Drainage Plans to TBRPC for review and to SWFWMD and Hillsborough County for approval. To date, the developer has complied with this requirement.
5. Pursuant to Condition P.1., the developer shall provide automatic signals at any new railroad grade crossing of public roads related to the DRI and warning gates at the proposed rail crossings of SR 674. Automatic signals and warning gates have been installed at SR 37 crossing.
6. Consistent with Condition P.8., IMCF shall provide peak-hour and daily traffic counts at the project entrances in annual report submittals when mine and plants are operating at capacity. The developer indicated that this will not occur until the Lonesome Mine is reactivated.
7. Condition Q.4. identifies mining completion in 2018 with completion of all reclamation activities by December 31, 2026.

The project appears to be in compliance with all other conditions at this time.

DEVELOPER OF RECORD

IMC Phosphates Company, Post Office Box 2000, Mulberry, FL 33860 is the firm responsible for adhering to the conditions of the Development Order.

DEVELOPMENT ORDER COMPLIANCE

The project appears to be proceeding in a manner consistent with the Development Order. Hillsborough County is responsible for ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Order.