



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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Annual Report Summary

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DRI #251 - FOUR CORNERS MINE ADDITION/PHASE 2 MANATEE COUNTY RY 2002-03

On September 5, 1991, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners granted a Development Order (Ordinance No. 91-62), a Substantial Deviation to only the Manatee County portion of DRI #52, to IMC Fertilizer, Inc. (now IMC Phosphates Company). DRI #52 authorized the mining of more than 18,500 acres, of which 9,952 acres are located within two tracts of northeast Manatee County (4,906 in the Jameson Tract and 5,052 acres in the Northeast Manatee Tract) and the remaining 8,727 acres located in southeastern Hillsborough County. The Four Corners Mine Substantial Deviation includes: revision of the mining and reclamation plan for the existing Jameson Tract; extension of Jameson Tract mining period to November 30, 2006 and reclamation period to 2010; and the addition of 211 acres for mining in the Jameson Tract which were not previously approved for mining.

The Development Order had been amended three times, most recently on September 26, 1996 (Ordinance 96-43). The amendments had cumulatively: resolved an appeal by the developer and TBRPC; reduced the aforementioned 211 acres to 170 acres; added water quality monitoring/reporting requirements; required the establishment of a Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan for the land addition; approved a specific truck haul route from Four Corners Mine to Piney Point/Port Manatee; required submittal of the approved Spill Notification, Containment and Contingency Plan for F-3 to TBRPC; and approved the two month and 28 days extension of the effective period for Ordinance 95-41 (to December 31, 1996) to effectuate the aforementioned land exchange and obtain the proper rezoning classification. The Development Order expires on December 31, 2018.

On November 21, 2002, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners approved an additional Substantial Deviation Development Order (Ordinance no. 02-58). The Ordinance supercedes and replaces all former Development Order authorizations for the project. The proposal essentially added provisions to mine an additional 1,111 acres. In total, the project allows for the mining of 10,450 acres of the overall 11,157 project acres. The anniversary date for the Annual Report is July 31st.

PROJECT STATUS

Development this Reporting Year: a total of 627 acres were mined during the reporting year.

Cumulative Development: to date, a total of 3,531 acres have been mined, of which 2,945 acres are within the Jameson Tract.

Projected Development: the developer anticipates mining 1,131 acres within the NE Tract next year.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT ORDER CONDITIONS

1. The mining and reclamation plans for the Jameson Tract provides that mining will be completed by November 30, 2006 (reclamation completed by 2018) and mining completed by 2006 (reclamation by 2010) within the Northeast Manatee Tract. (Sections 4.C. & 4.D., respectively)
2. Monitoring results of the Groundwater Monitoring Program [Conditions 6.B.(1) & 6.K.(1)] and Surface Water Monitoring Program [Conditions 6.C.(2) & 6.L.(2)] have been provided within the Annual Report as required by their respective Conditions. Results of the monitoring of mitigation areas and littoral shelves shall be provided within each Annual Report once conducted. [Conditions 6.D.(2)(d) & 6.M.(1)(c)]
3. A Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan was approved for the “170 Acre Addition” prior to mining, consistent with Condition 6.F.(3). A Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan must be submitted and approved for the “Land Exchange Area” prior to mining, as stipulated in Condition 6.F.(5).
4. The developer has provided the a.m. peak-hour and average daily traffic counts at the project entrance in order to verify that the projected number of external trips for the project have not been exceeded, as stipulated in Condition 6.I.(2). The results of the monitoring event conducted on June 17-18, 2003 revealed that the project is currently generating 1,044 of the approved 2,130 daily trips (49.01%) and 126 of the approved 239 a.m. peak hour trips (52.72%).
5. Mining under this Development Order shall terminate on December 31, 2018. This Development Order shall not expire until December 31, 2029, or until all reclamation has been completed and accepted by Manatee County, whichever occurs first. [Condition 6.U.(6)]
6. The Developer shall grant three parcels, totalling 700 acres, to FDEP for perpetual conservation easements. The timing and details of these requirements are outlined in Condition 6.U.(19).

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. Manatee County is responsible for ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Order.