



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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Development Order Amendment Report

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DRI #213 - HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MINES HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

On February 14, 2003, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioner rendered to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Resolution No. R03-026. The Resolution reflects an amendment adopted by Hillsborough County on February 11, 2003.

BACKGROUND

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 minable 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 Development Order was subsequently amended four additional times, the latest occurred on September 26, 2000 (Resolution No. R00-223). These subsequent amendments have cumulatively added 549 acres to the project.

DEVELOPMENT ORDER AMENDMENT

The Amendment authorized the temporary redistribution of truck trips associated with the exiting of the Lonesome Mine facility. As authorized, the developer is entitled to direct all 160 daily trips northbound on C.R. 39 to the Tampa Bay Water Regional Reservoir site in order to deliver sand tailings. The period for this haul route redesignation shall terminate 11 months from the effective date of the amendment (January 11, 2004).

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Section 380.07, Florida Statutes (F.S.), this Development Order has been reviewed and determined to be consistent with the Council's *NOPC Report*, adopted on February 10, 2003 and with the Council' *Final Report* adopted May 9, 1994.

It is recommended that the Department of Community Affairs concur with the Development Order amendment issued by Hillsborough County for DRI #213 - Hillsborough County Mines.