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Mr. Eric Scott
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RE: Lakewood Brick and Tile Co.
Church Pit - M-1977-045

Dear Eric,

On behalf of my client Lakewood Brick and Tile Co. I am submitting the following explanation and photos showing that the corrective actions you noted in the December 19, 2022, inspection report, were completed before the April 28, 2023 deadline. All photos attached were taken on Wednesday - 4/12/23.

CA #1 - Hydrologic Balance - Noted the standing water in the clay pit that had accumulated during the winter (frozen) and needed to be removed.

Response:

The majority of the water is seepage from the wash water pond located south of the ditches. The pond water is purchased from Church Ranch from water they own in Smart Reservoir and is approved for use to wash gravel and dust control. It is pumped into the pond created when the ditches were rerouted to across the pre-law excavated end of the clay pit area. The fill material used was, waste rock and rubble from historic mining and no attempt was made to seal the north end of the pond. Over the years water has been seeping thru the fill into the main operating area of the clay pit and accumulates in on the clay surface and commingles with the minor amount of stormwater that fall on the disturbed area.

This water is pumped back into the pond where over time it leaks out of the pond and back into the mining area. This is not storm or ground water but seepage from the storage pond. Water depth shown in photo is 12" or less and is what had

accumulated since the last pumping 2 days prior to the photo. The pump runs every 2 day or as needed to return the water to the pond since the loss affects the ability of Burnco to wash gravel. Since this water is purchased any loss from evaporation off the seepage only affects the owner of the water. All attempts are made to removed stormwater from the pit within 72 hours of the storm event.

CA#2 - Trash & Waste - Clean up area around supply storage trailers.

Response:

All trash and waste has been removed leaving only scrap iron and parts used for maintenance of equipment. The waste was haul to the local land fill and disposed of properly.

CA#3 - Improper Fuel Storage - Removed obsolete tanks and dirt berms and clean spilled areas.

Response:

The obsolete fuel tanks have been removed and the contaminated dirt was removed and disposed of properly at a local land fill approved for disposal of the contaminated dirt. The area was cleaned, and resurfaced with recycled crushed asphalt. The remaining fuel tank is in a secondary containment structure sized to contain 110% of fuel tank capacity.

If you have any questions or need more information please let me know so I can get it for you.

Sincerely,



Stevan L. O'Brian
President

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cc Lakewood Brick and Tile Co.
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file



CA#2 - Cleaned work area
Photo 4/12/23



CA#3 - Cleaned fuel storage area.
Photo 4/12/23



CA#1 - Reduce water accumulation. Depth 12
inch or less
Photo 4/12/23



CA#3 - Fuel storage area
Photo 4/12/23