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Mr. Kent Wilkins
Assistant Chief, Planning & Management Division
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

RE: Application of SB597 to Dolese Bros. Co. Big Canyon Quarry

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Dolese Bros. Co. (Dolese) owns an inactive quarry site southeast of Dougherty, Oklahoma called the Big Canyon Quarry. Big Canyon Quarry is located in parts of Sections 19, 20, 30, 31, and 32, T2S, R3E; and in Section 36, T2S, R2E, in Murray and Carter Counties. Approximately 1,635 acres within these sections are permitted with the Oklahoma Department of Mines (ODOM).

Dolese purchased this property in 1910, and it is likely one of the oldest quarries in the state of Oklahoma. This quarry has been inactive for mining operations since 1993, except for the occasional removal of some stockpiled stone for a few nearby projects. Most of the plant processing equipment has been removed from the facility, and the site is unstaffed. However, this site continues to remain permitted with the ODOM.

Concerning the upcoming requirements of SB597 that apply to producing mines, we believe that the Big Canyon Quarry will be exempt from these requirements—primarily because it is not a “producing” mine. Additionally, since this facility was a permitted mine site on 01 August 2011, we believe that if or when this site reopens, it will fall under the “exempt” mine classification.

We propose to submit Quarterly and Annual Reports for the Big Canyon Quarry indicating that no water use activities pertaining to mining will occur at this mine site as long as the site remains a non-producing mine. And, if in the future this mine site reopens, we propose to immediately notify your office of the planned reopening so that we can develop a Site Specific Water Management and Conservation Plan for Exempt Mines (Plan) and schedule a consultation to discuss this Plan.

Please let us know if you agree with our interpretation of how SB597 applies to the Big Canyon Quarry. We would like to schedule a consultation with your staff by 28 December 2012 to discuss this matter further. Please let us know what day you would have some time to meet with us.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,
DOLESE BROS. CO.

Daniel E. Becker

Daniel E. Becker
Environmental Engineer

Wilkins, Kent

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Kent,

Attached is the letter that I mentioned on the phone concerning our Big Canyon Quarry.

As mentioned in the letter, we would like to meet with you next week to discuss this quarry as it pertains to SB597.

Thanks,

Dan

Dan Becker

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