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Subject: Southwest Region Update - October 16, 1998

ISSUES:

- Hall and Ludwig met with about 100 residents and civic officials in Mission to discuss concerns arising from a recent amendment to Allard Contractors' Keystone gravel pit permit. The Branch has committed to follow up on issues of noise, hours of work, sedimentation of streams and air particulates.
- Permits for mineral exploration work on the Lara Property (Chemainus) and Easy 3 Property (Monteith Bay) were unreasonably delayed due to MOF failure to recognize Schedule H of the Notice of Work as an application for cutting authority. This points to the need for further education of MOF district officials regarding the MX Code.
- Other inefficiencies of the review process under the MX Code have been identified by regional staff, such as the need for permitting of minor slashing on overgrown trails, the lengthy MOF process of tenure statusing that makes the legislated timelines difficult to achieve, and processing of draft MOF approvals prior to issuance of final documents. HQ may want to consider an MX Code progress review to initiate de-bugging of the process.

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FYI:

- VIMDRC meeting is scheduled for October 20th in Nanaimo to review Boliden-Westmin Myra Falls seismic upgrading project and long-term tailings storage strategies.
- Hall meeting with MOF and MELP reps in Squamish October 21 to attempt resolution of road access issues through Britannia mine property.

ADMIN:

- Penny Jansen has accepted the position of Office Assistant, replacing Trudy Burroughs who retires at the end of November. Penny has a long history of government service at BC Ferries and the Liquor Distribution Branch, and is presently working at Energy and Mines in Victoria.
- The Nanaimo Mineral Planning Geologist position has been confirmed as an LSO3 classification by PSERC; the position should be posted on November 6th.

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ISSUES:

- Wedgemont Contracting Ltd. have trespassed onto Crown Land at their Indian Head Quarry near Whistler without a licence-to-cut and in contravention of their mine permit. Squamish Forest District will hold a hearing Oct. 5th and make a determination under the Forest Practices Code. A. Ludwig will attend the hearing.
- A land developer in Maple Ridge is excavating a 500,000 cubic metre gravel deposit to make way for an industrial park, and is supplying the aggregate to the commercial market without a mine permit, by under-bidding local competition. This has resulted in a complaint by members of the Aggregate Producer's Association; regional staff are investigating.
- Cominco have withdrawn their offer to complete the sealing of mine openings at the abandoned Sunro Mine, for fear they will be seen to assuming responsibility for the site. MEM will now need to tender the work out under Section 17 of the Mines Act, although Cominco may cost share a portion of the work.
- Construction Aggregates jumped the gun by carrying out land clearing, drilling and blasting at the Monteith Bay silica quarry before their permit was issued. Operations have now ceased for this season, and full scale production is scheduled for 1999. The permit is to be issued upon receipt of securities.

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FYI:

- Copper Beach Estates plan to file a comprehensive permit application on Oct. 5th, to include a water treatment plant, landfill operation and site reclamation plan for the Britannia property. The application review will be coordinated by the Lower Mainland MDRC in cooperation with the Fraser Basin Council and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

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ISSUES:

- Despite strong opposition from the municipal council, MEM intends to issue a permit for the proposed North Parkhurst gravel pit in the Resort Municipality of Whistler next week. It is expected that Whistler may choose to publicly politicize the issue and media attention is anticipated. A communications plan has been developed in cooperation with Communications Division.
- The Squamish Rod and Gun Club is attempting to discredit Great Pacific Pumice Inc. by suggesting they are not complying with the approved mine plan and permit conditions at the Mount Meager Quarry. Regional staff will investigate and ensure compliance.

FYI:

- Tilbury Cement have purchased the Montieth Bay geyserte quarry and intend to re-activate a 1995 approval for a 60,000 tpy quarry operation. Subject to issuance of the permit, plans are to mine 20,000 tonnes in the fall of 1998. Regional staff are reviewing outstanding foreshore issues with BC Lands and DFO.

ADMIN:

- T. Hall on vacation August 10 to September 4. A. Ludwig and G. Carriere will share regional manager responsibilities.

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