

## STAFF REPORT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2020

FILE NO: LU-2020-0115 (SUP-10-115)

AGENDA ITEM: E.7

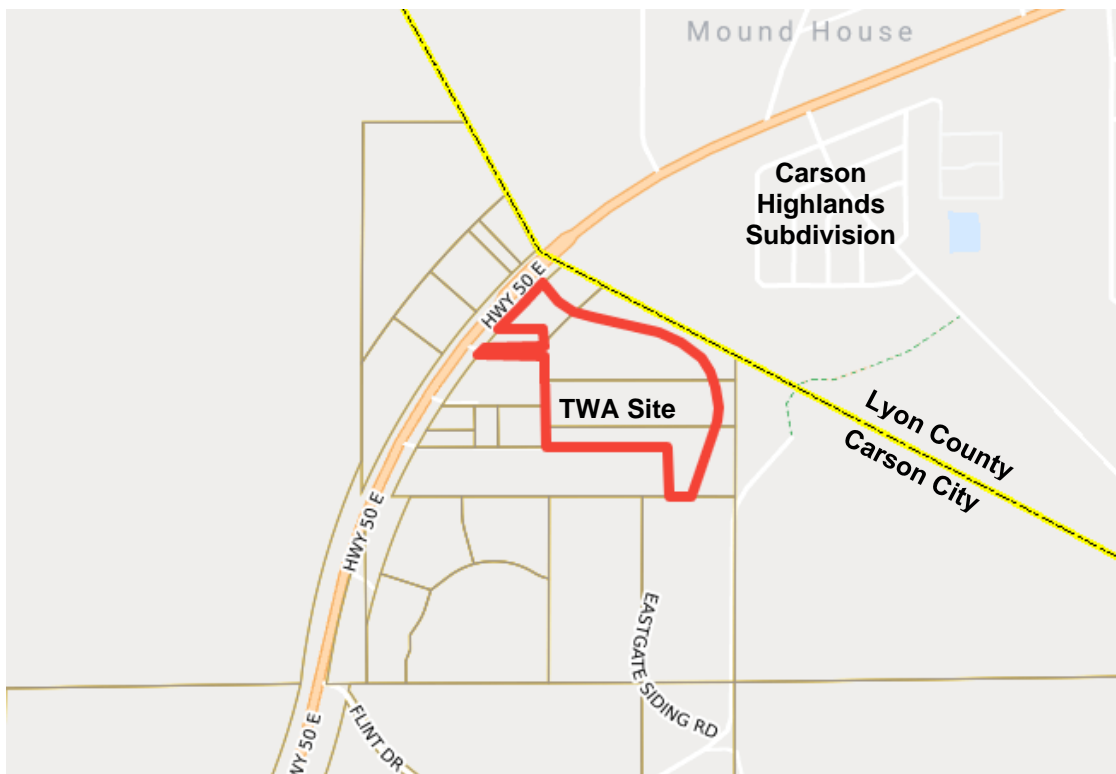
**STAFF CONTACT:** Lee Plemel, Community Development Director

**AGENDA TITLE:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the findings of the investigation into Special Use Permit SUP-10-115 and possible direction to staff to serve the applicant with an order to show cause why the Special Use Permit for the asphalt plant located at 8013 Highway 50 East, APNs 008-611-31, -33, -37 and -41, should not be revoked or reexamined based on the results of the investigation initiated by the Planning Commission on December 17, 2019. (Lee Plemel, [lplemel@carson.org](mailto:lplemel@carson.org))

**STAFF SUMMARY:** Pursuant to CCMC 18.02.090, a Special Use Permit may be revoked for good cause including but not limited to failure to comply with any conditions of the permit and any act relating to the Special Use Permit that creates a public nuisance or is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare. If the Planning Commission determines that grounds for revocation or reexamination of the Special Use Permit exist, the Commission may order a show-cause hearing, which would be at a future meeting. If a show-cause hearing is ordered, the applicant would have the opportunity to present evidence at that meeting as to why the Special Use Permit should not be revoked or reexamined.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "I move to direct staff to serve the applicant with a show-cause order based on the evidence presented at this meeting, including failure to comply with the conditions of the Special Use Permit and creating a public nuisance."

**VICINITY MAP:**



**BACKGROUND:**

On December 17, 2019, the Planning Commission directed staff to conduct an investigation regarding the Special Use Permit issued to Tahoe Western Asphalt, pursuant to CCMC 18.02.090 (Revocation or reexamination of variance or special use permit), based on complaints of odors from adjacent residents and allegations of violations of conditions of approval of the permit. The purpose of this item is for the Planning Commission to review the findings of the investigation and determine if grounds exist to initiate show-cause proceedings for the possible revocation of the Special Use Permit.

Following is a summary of approvals and other actions related to asphalt plant operations on the subject site.

The subject site has been used since 1984 for a portable rock crushing operation as approved under Special Use Permit U-83-37.

On January 26, 2011 the Planning Commission approved a Special Use Permit (SUP-10-115) for an asphalt plant and aggregate crushing facility on the subject site. Tahoe Western Asphalt (“TWA”) has been the operator of the asphalt plant under that Special Use Permit.

In January 2017 TWA was cited and assessed fines of \$1,750 by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for failing to notify NDEP of the initial startup. Between January 2017 and March of 2018, NDEP also cited TWA seven times for violations related to air quality and assessed fines of \$61,055.

On October 24, 2018 the Planning Commission, at the applicant's request, approved a modification to the Special Use Permit to allow for additional hours of operation. This modification was subject to additional conditions including the construction of a roof over the truck loading chute area; installation of a water fogging system at drop points when material drops to a different part of the equipment and is exposed to air; installation and maintenance of a vent condenser; and utilization of Ecosorb to suppress odors. Additionally, the Planning Commission conditioned the approval on a one-year review of the modified Special Use Permit primarily to evaluate the impacts from odors.

The October 24, 2018 modification request stemmed primarily from issues the business had with operating outside of the permitted hours as required by the Special Use Permit. Between February and September of 2018, City's Code Enforcement staff issued three notices of violation for operation outside of approved hours. Although only three notices were issued, 56 complaints were received during this period primarily related to working outside of hours of operation and odors.

On November 19, 2019 the Planning Commission conducted a one-year review of the Special Use Permit. During this meeting staff informed the Planning Commission of the 99 complaints that had been received following the October 24, 2018 meeting. Ninety-eight of the complaints were about odors, and one complaint was regarding hours of operation. The City's Code Enforcement staff documented six visits to Mound House following the complaints. During one visit, there was no odor detected, during four visits there was a faint odor detected, and during one visit there was a strong odor detected. NDEP also received 127 complaints during the year following the October 24, 2018 meeting. Although strong odors and opacity were observed, the threshold for a violation of NDEP standards was not met.

Many residents from the surrounding residential area (in Lyon Counter immediately to the east of the TWA facility) were present at the November 19, 2019 meeting. During the meeting they voiced their concerns and complaints regarding odors and hours of operation. Many of them also indicated their concerns with the long-term health implications that may result from living in close proximity to an asphalt plant.

Based on the public testimony received at the November meeting, the Planning Commission found the Ecosorb product was not effective in reducing odors and, based on information provided by NDEP staff to City staff, required utilization of a regenerative thermal oxidizer to address odor. The Commission required the equipment to be installed immediately, and that further operation without the regenerative thermal oxidizer is unlawful. The Planning Commission also eliminated the ability to perform work on Sundays and evenings up to 30 times per calendar year and included a condition to perform a review of the Special Use Permit in October 2020. The applicant appealed this decision of the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors.

On December 17, 2019 the Planning Commission reviewed the record of complaints regarding alleged violations of the Special Use Permit conditions of approval and directed staff to conduct an investigation regarding the alleged violations, including but not limited to ongoing odor complaints, working within the permitted hours of operation, and compliance with NDEP permits.

On February 6, 2020 the Board of Supervisors heard an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision of November 19, 2019, including an appeal of the conditions added by the Commission. Based on new information obtained by staff regarding the use of a regenerative thermal oxidizer, the matter was referred back to the Planning Commission for further consideration of the new information.

On February 26, 2020, after being referred back to the Planning Commission by the Board of Supervisors, the Commission reviewed the new information pertaining to its prior decision from November 19, 2019 and the amended conditions of approval. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to modify the conditions of approval to:

- 1) Delete the condition that allowed the plant to operate outside the permitted hours of operation for up to 30 days in a calendar year, thus limiting the operations strictly to Monday through Saturday, 6 AM to 6 PM (condition #13);
- 2) Delete the condition requiring the use of a regenerative thermal oxidizer—which was determined to be inappropriate for the use—and replaced it with a condition to prohibit asphalt odors from being detected outside the property on which the asphalt plant is operating (condition #17);
- 3) Require a one-year review of the Special Use Permit in October 2020 (condition #18); and
- 4) Require periodic code enforcement monitoring of the operation for off-site odors, with the ability to review the Special Use Permit before October 2020 if code enforcement finds that violations are occurring (condition #19).

(See attached Planning Commission Notice of Decision dated February 26, 2020.)

On June 4, 2020 the Board of Supervisors heard the appeal of the Planning Commission's decisions of November 2019 and February 2020. The applicant informed the Board that submittal of a new application to NDEP was pending, and that the application would address NDEP concerns. The Board generally upheld the Planning Commission's decision and conditions, except that the Board:

1. Required the applicant to report back to the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2020 regarding the revised NDEP application (condition #17); and

2. Abated any Special Use Permit review or show-cause actions against the operations prior to the Planning Commission's annual review in October in order to give the applicant time to address odor and other operations issues with the updated NDEP permit (condition #19).

(See attached Board of Supervisors Notice of Decision dated June 4, 2020, which are the most current conditions of approval applicable to the Special Use Permit.)

On August 20, 2020, the Board accepted the report from TWA, and no further action was taken. The representative of TWA noted that a new application had been submitted to NDEP in accordance with NDEP's request. City staff confirmed that the application was submitted by TWA to NDEP. However, on the date of the meeting, NDEP had not yet reviewed the application for compliance with NDEP requirements, only confirming that it was submitted and accepted.

On August 26, 2020, a stop-work order from NDEP to TWA became effective, based on alleged violations of NDEP regulations and permit requirements. See the attached notice of violation and stop-work orders from NDEP for details on the alleged violations that resulted in the order. The plant may not operate until NDEP requirements are satisfied and NDEP issues the applicable permits to resume operations. However, it should be noted that the permit that has been submitted by TWA to NDEP is effectively for the existing equipment that is used in the operations, and it is unlikely that the new permit will significantly reduce odor output from the facility. The NDEP's requirements related to the permit primarily focus on emissions and air quality standards, not odors. See the attached email from NDEP to the TWA operator, Robert Matthews, dated October 15, 2020, for the current status showing that the NDEP permit is pending the submittal of additional information by the applicant. To City staff's knowledge, the TWA asphalt plant has not been in operation since the stop-work order effective date of August 26, 2020.

#### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

CCMC 18.02.080 (Special Use Permits), CCMC 18.02.090 (Revocation or reexamination of variance or special use permit) CCMC 18.02.095 (Show cause procedure of variance or special use permit).

Carson City Municipal Code 18.02.090 states, in applicable part:

*Any of the following reasons or occurrences are grounds for a hearing on revocation or reexamination of a variance or special use permit, pursuant to Title 18 (Show Cause Procedures):*

1. *A failure or refusal of the applicant to comply with any of the terms or conditions of a variance or special use permit; . . .*
5. *Any act or failure to act by the applicant or its agents or employees directly related to the variance or special use permit which creates or tends to create a public nuisance or is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare.*

Carson City Municipal Code 18.02.095 outlines the process for show-cause procedures. Subparagraph 18.02.095(1)(b) states:

- (b) *After an investigation, if the commission determines that a ground for revocation or reexamination of a variance or special use permit exists, then the commission shall direct staff to issue and serve the applicant with an order to show cause why the variance or special use permit should not be revoked or reexamined.*

Should the Commission determine that grounds for revocation or reexamination of the Special Use Permit exists and direct staff to serve the applicant with an order, staff will send the appropriate order to the applicant and schedule a public hearing for a future Commission meeting, at which time the applicant will have an opportunity to address the alleged violations.

**It is important to note that this item is not the appropriate time to debate whether the Special Use Permit should be revoked.** That discussion should be reserved for the appropriate public hearing at which the applicant has the chance to address the Commission. The purpose of this item is for the Planning Commission to determine, based on the investigation evidence, if grounds exist to consider revocation of the permit after a public hearing with the applicant.

#### **INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:**

Attached is the report from Code Enforcement staff identifying all complaints and site investigations related to the TWA operation. Staff notes the following conditions related to TWA's Special Use Permit approval and complaints from residents in the vicinity of the site, and discusses the investigation findings related to the conditions:

12. *The applicant shall comply with, applicable requirements of NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control Air Quality Operating Permit, including days and hours of operation. The applicant shall also comply with applicable requirements for noise, odors, erosion, air pollution and dust control.*

Staff findings: TWA has been in violation of its NDEP permit in violation of Special Use Permit condition number 12.

Attached are the most recent NDEP notices to TWA, including a Notice of Violation dated August 14, 2020, a stop-work order dated August 14, 2020 (which had a stop-work order effective date of August 26, 2020), and a stop-work order dated August 26, 2020. The stop-work order was enforced based on non-compliance with NDEP permit requirements.

In addition to these recent NDEP violations, TWA was cited and fined by NDEP for violations between January 2017 and March 2018, as noted in the background discussion above.

The NDEP violations relate primarily to pollution and dust control, in addition to technical NDEP permit requirements. Despite numerous complaints regarding offensive odors and actual observations of odors by NDEP and City staff, no violations of NDEP odor requirements have been documented.

Hours of operation are discussed below under condition of approval number 13.

13. *Operating hours are to be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with gates open to customers only during these hours. Startup of equipment may occur between 5:30 AM to 6:00 AM. Operating on Sunday would be on emergency basis only; emergency basis means fire, flood or other major event where the City is in need of material for a crisis. ~~The applicant may work at night or on a Sunday, other than on an emergency basis, up to 30 times in a calendar year. When work is to occur at night or on a Sunday (other than on the emergency basis), the operator shall advise the Community Development Director in writing at least 72 hours prior. Nothing in this condition shall be construed as superseding any limitation on hours of operation put in place by NDEP.~~*

Staff findings: There is no evidence that TWA has been in violation of working outside the permitted hours of operation.

The amended condition with the stricken text deleted became effective on June 4, 2020, when the Board of Supervisors upheld the Planning Commission's condition on appeal by TWA. Prior to June 4, 2020, this condition allowed TWA to operate outside the permitted hours of operation up to 30 days in a calendar year. Code Enforcement documented operations outside the permitted hours on several occasions, and TWA informed the Community Development Department on several occasions of their intent to operate outside the permitted hours in compliance with this condition. While there were occasions when TWA likely operated outside the permitted hours without notifying the Community Development Department, it is not likely, and there is no evidence that TWA exceeded the permitted 30 days of operating outside the hours of operation.

It should be noted that there are numerous complaints from nearby residents that TWA was operating outside the hours of operation. However, upon investigation into some of these complaints, it was found that while the odors were observed outside the permitted hours of operation, it is most likely that on at least some occasions the odors were from materials left at the site and not from the operation of the machinery. Staff believes that the odors tend to "pool" in the pit overnight then slowly drift to the east during the late-night or early-morning hours under certain weather conditions.

Also note that there was a complaint regarding odors during the period in which TWA was not supposed be working, after the NDEP stop-work order. It was determined by Code Enforcement that those odors were from a repaving project on nearby Flint Drive and not from the operation of the TWA plant.

17. ~~The operator shall utilize Ecosorb in operations to suppress odors. The operation of the facility shall require that odors are not detectable beyond the property line.~~

Staff findings: TWA has been in violation of condition number 17 by not suppressing odors from the plant and allowing odors to be detectable beyond the property after June 4, 2020, the effective date of the amended condition.

Code Enforcement staff detected odors from the residential neighborhood to the east of the TWA plant on 6 of 17 site visits between February 18, 2020, and July 14, 2020. On 4 of these occasions Code Enforcement staff characterized the odors as "strong" or "very strong." Note that this is just a sampling of inspections on days on which the TWA plant was in operation. Several complaints of odors were received on days on which Code Enforcement staff did not do site inspections, but it can be assumed that odors were present on other occasions when inspections were not conducted.

The amended condition became effective on June 4, 2020, when the Board of Supervisors upheld the Planning Commission's condition on appeal by TWA. Prior to that date, there was no specific odor standard in the conditions of approval other than complying with NDEP requirements. As noted above, there have been no documented violations of NDEP standards for odors.

However, TWA operated between June 4 and August 26, 2020 under the amended condition. While Code Enforcement staff made no direct observations of odors during the two inspections conducted after June 4, 2020, several complaints of odors were received from residents during that time. Since the TWA plant continued to operate with the same equipment it had used prior to

June 4, 2020, it can be assumed that the complaints were valid and that odors continued to leave the property depending on weather conditions at any given time.

Nuisance findings: In addition to the above conditions of approval, the Planning Commission may consider whether the operation “creates or tends to create a public nuisance or is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare” pursuant to CCMC 18.02.090(5). A nuisance is defined in CCMC 8.08 (Nuisances) as follows:

*"Nuisance" or "nuisance activity" means that which is injurious to health, or injurious, indecent and offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, or is against the interest of public morals, decency, safety, peace and order, including, but not limited to, an attractive nuisance, a nuisance per se, criminal activity, the presence of debris, litter, graffiti, garbage, rubble, abandoned, unregistered or junk vehicles or junk appliances, curfew violations, violations of building codes, housing codes, or any other codes regulating the health or safety of occupants of real property, excessive noise, the excessive emission of dense smoke and air pollution caused by excessive soot, cinders, fly ash, dust, noxious acids, fumes and gases, or any other activity, behavior or conduct defined by the Carson City Board of Supervisors to constitute a public nuisance. (Reference NRS Chapter 40 & 244)*

Code Enforcement staff have documented offensive odors noticeable from the neighborhood to the east of the TWA asphalt plant operation, which is approximately one-quarter mile from the operation. In addition, numerous complaints of odors have been received from those residents over the past four years.

**Summary of investigation findings:**

1. TWA has been in violation of its NDEP permit, as evidenced by the NDEP violation notices identified above, in violation of Special Use Permit condition number 12. (CCMC 18.02.090[1])
2. While TWA has operated outside the permitted hours at times in the past, there is no evidence that they exceeded their permitted number of days on which they were permitted to do so pursuant to condition of approval number 13, and no evidence that they operated outside the permitted hours after June 4, 2020.
3. The TWA operation has violated the requirement in condition number 17, which requires odors to be controlled and prohibits odors from being detected beyond the property line. (CCMC 18.02.090[1])
4. The TWA operation has created or tended to create a public nuisance to the residents to the east of the property due to odors leaving the site on an ongoing basis during hours of operations and when the plant is not in operation. (CCMC 18.02.090[5])

**Attachments:**

- 1) Planning Commission Notice of Decision from February 26, 2020
- 2) Board of Supervisors Notice of Decisions from June 4, 2020 (with conditions currently in effect)
- 3) Code Enforcement report dated September 17, 2020
- 4) August 14, 2020, NDEP notice of violations

- 5) August 14, 2020, NDEP notice of stop-work order
- 6) August 26, 2020, NDEP stop-work order
- 7) October 15, 2020, NDEP email regarding TWA permit status



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### PLANNING COMMISSION

February 26, 2020

### NOTICE OF DECISION – SUP-10-115-2

Discussion and possible action regarding the one year review of the approval of a modification to a Special Use Permit on property zoned General Industrial, located at 8013 Highway 50 East, APN 008-611-35.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2020, in conformance with City and State legal requirements and modified SUP-10-115-2 based on the required findings identified in Carson City Municipal Code 18.02.080, and subject to the following modified conditions of approval.

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

*Note the base language in these conditions are the conditions of approval approved on October 24, 2018 with SUP-10-115-2. Language proposed to be added appears in bold with an underline. Language proposed to be deleted appears bold with a strikethrough.*

The following shall be completed prior to commencement of the use:

1. The applicant must sign and return the Notice of Decision / conditions of approval within 10 days of receipt of notification. If the Notice of Decision is not signed and returned within 10 days, the item will be rescheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting for further consideration.
2. The applicant shall meet all the conditions of approval and commence the use (obtain and maintain a valid building permit) for which this permit is granted within twelve months of the date of final approval. A single, one-year extension of time may be granted if requested in writing to the Planning Division thirty days prior to the one-year expiration date. Should this permit not be initiated within one year and no extension granted, the permit shall become null and void.

Conditions required to be incorporated into the proposed development plan.

3. All development shall be substantially in accordance with the development plans approved with this application, except as otherwise modified by the conditions of approval herein.
4. All lighting must be directed downward. The design of the light standards must include cutoffs and shields, if necessary, to prevent any spillover of light or glare on to adjacent properties.
5. All improvements shall conform to City standards and requirements.

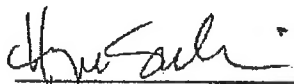
The following shall be submitted or included as part of a building permit application:

6. The applicant shall obtain a building permit from the Carson City Building and Safety Division for the proposed construction.
7. The applicant shall submit a copy of the Notice of Decision / conditions of approval, signed by the applicant and owner.
8. Details of the proposed light standards must be submitted with the building permit.
9. The applicant shall ensure that water or other appropriate wetting agents are utilized on the stock-piled material.

The following are associated with the use.

10. At all times when operations are not ongoing, the site must be secured by protection gate.
11. All federal, state and other local agency approvals shall be secured relative to the operation of this facility.
12. The applicant shall comply with, applicable requirements of NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control Air Quality Operating Permit, including days and hours of operation. The applicant shall also comply with applicable requirements for noise, odors, erosion, air pollution and dust control.
13. Operating hours are to be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with gates open to customers only during these hours. Startup of equipment may occur between 5:30 AM to 6:00 AM. Operating on Sunday would be on emergency basis only; emergency basis means fire, flood or other major event where the City is in need of material for a crisis. ~~The applicant may work at night or on a Sunday, other than on an emergency basis, up to 30 times in a calendar year. When work is to occur at night or on a Sunday (other than on the emergency basis), the operator shall advise the Community Development Director in writing at least 72 hours prior.~~ Nothing in this condition shall be construed as superseding any limitation on hours of operation put in place by NDEP.
14. A roof shall be installed and maintained over the truck loading chute area.
15. Water fogging systems at drop points when material drops to a different part of the equipment and is exposed to air shall be installed and maintained.
16. The vent condenser that has been installed must be maintained.
17. ~~The operator shall install and utilize a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer Ecosorb in operations to suppress odors.~~ The operation of the facility shall require that odors are not detectable beyond the property line.
18. This Special Use Permit is subject to review in October 2020 one year. In reviewing the Special Use Permit, the Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing, and the noticing for the public hearing shall be consistent with CCMC 18.02.045.
19. City Code Enforcement staff will monitor off-site odors a minimum of three times a month and maintain a detailed log. The log will be presented to the Planning Commission at its October 2020 meeting. Notwithstanding this, if City Code Enforcement staff observes odors from the plant in the residential areas of Moundhouse three times, the review of the Special Use Permit will be scheduled for the next available Planning Commission meeting for review of the Special Use Permit.

This decision was made on a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

  
Hope Sullivan, AICP  
Planning Manager

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By Lena E Beseck  
Deputy  
Carson City, Nevada

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This is to acknowledge that I have read and will comply with the Conditions of Approval as approved by the Carson City Planning Commission.

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ATTACHMENT 2

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 4, 2020

By Lena E. Reseck  
Deputy  
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## NOTICE OF DECISION – SUP-10-115-2 Tahoe Western Asphalt

Discussion and possible action regarding the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to amend a special use permit for an asphalt plant and aggregate crushing facility known as Tahoe Western Asphalt, located at 8013 Highway 50 East, APN 008-611-35.

The specific items that constituted the appeal were as follows.

1. Remove the November 20, 2019 condition regarding a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer;
2. Remove the requirement that odors are not detectable beyond the property line;
3. Remove the requirement for code enforcement monitoring;
4. Find that EcoSorb is effective in mitigating odor;
5. Remove the requirement for a lighting specification at the time of building permit application; and
6. Allow the facility to operate at night and on Sundays, up to 30 times per calendar year.

The Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on June 4, 2020, in conformance with City and State legal requirements. The Board considered each of the six above items individually, and voted as follows based on the required findings identified in Carson City Municipal Code 18.02.080, and subject to the following modified conditions of approval.

- Item 1: Denied the appeal and upheld the decision of the Planning Commission. (This condition was previously removed by the Planning Commission.)
- Item 2: Denied the appeal and modified the decision of the Planning Commission, with a modification to Condition of Approval 17 as shown below.
- Item 3: Denied the appeal and modified the decision of the Planning Commission, with a modification to Condition of Approval 19 as shown below.
- Item 4: Denied the appeal and upheld the decision of the Planning Commission.
- Item 5: Denied the appeal and upheld the decision of the Planning Commission.
- Item 6: Denied the appeal and upheld the decision of the Planning Commission.

Given the action on Item 6, effective immediately, operations outside the regular permitted days and hours are prohibited.

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

*Note the base language in these conditions are the conditions reflect the approval of the Planning Commission at its meeting on February 26, 2020. Language proposed by the Board to be added appears in bold with an underline. Language proposed by the Board to be deleted appears bold with a strikethrough.*

The following shall be completed prior to commencement of the use:

1. The applicant must sign and return the Notice of Decision / conditions of approval within 10 days of receipt of notification. If the Notice of Decision is not signed and returned within 10 days, the item will be rescheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting for further consideration.
2. The applicant shall meet all the conditions of approval and commence the use (obtain and maintain a valid building permit) for which this permit is granted within twelve months of the date of final approval. A single, one-year extension of time may be granted if requested in writing to the Planning Division thirty days prior to the one-year expiration date. Should this permit not be initiated within one year and no extension granted, the permit shall become null and void.

**Conditions required to be incorporated into the proposed development plan.**

3. All development shall be substantially in accordance with the development plans approved with this application, except as otherwise modified by the conditions of approval herein.
4. All lighting must be directed downward. The design of the light standards must include cutoffs and shields, if necessary, to prevent any spillover of light or glare on to adjacent properties.
5. All improvements shall conform to City standards and requirements.

**The following shall be submitted or included as part of a building permit application:**

6. The applicant shall obtain a building permit from the Carson City Building and Safety Division for the proposed construction.
7. The applicant shall submit a copy of the Notice of Decision / conditions of approval, signed by the applicant and owner.
8. Details of the proposed light standards must be submitted with the building permit.
9. The applicant shall ensure that water or other appropriate wetting agents are utilized on the stock-piled material.

**The following are associated with the use.**

10. At all times when operations are not ongoing, the site must be secured by protection gate.
11. All federal, state and other local agency approvals shall be secured relative to the operation of this facility.
12. The applicant shall comply with, applicable requirements of NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control Air Quality Operating Permit, including days and hours of operation. The applicant shall also comply with applicable requirements for noise, odors, erosion, air pollution and dust control.
13. Operating hours are to be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with gates open to customers only during these hours. Startup of equipment may occur between 5:30 AM to 6:00 AM. Operating on Sunday would be on emergency basis only; emergency basis means fire, flood or other major event where the City is in need of material for a crisis. Nothing in this condition shall be construed as superseding any limitation on hours of operation put in place by NDEP.
14. A roof shall be installed and maintained over the truck loading chute area.
15. Water fogging systems at drop points when material drops to a different part of the equipment and is exposed to air shall be installed and maintained.

16. The vent condenser that has been installed must be maintained.
17. The operation of the facility shall require that odors are not detectable beyond the property line. **Tahoe Western Asphalt shall report their Nevada Department of Environmental Protection permit information at the August 20, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.**
18. This Special Use Permit is subject to review in October 2020. In reviewing the Special Use Permit, the Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing, and the noticing for the public hearing shall be consistent with CCMC 18.02.045.
19. City Code Enforcement staff will monitor off-site odors a minimum of three times a month and maintain a detailed log. The log will be presented to the Planning Commission at its October 2020 meeting. ~~Notwithstanding this, if City Code Enforcement staff observes odors from the plant in the residential areas of Moundhouse three times, the review of the Special Use Permit will be scheduled for the next available Planning Commission meeting for review of the Special Use Permit.~~

This decision on each of the six items was 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

  
Hope Sullivan, AICP  
Planning Manager

Emailed on: 6/9/20

By: CE

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Lee Plemel, Community Development Director

FROM: William Kohbarger, Code Enforcement

DATE: September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Tahoe Western Asphalt LLC  
 8025 Hwy 50 E

The following is a Code Enforcement summary of all the complaints, inspections and interactions involving Case #101162, Tahoe Western Asphalt LLC.

**Number of Complaints:** = 260

Odor complaints = 232

Hours of operation = 28

**Notice of Violations:** = 03

April 10, 2018: NOV #2036 (18.02.030 & 18.02.090)

August 21, 2018: NOV #1900 (18.02.030 & 18.02.090)

August 24, 2018: NOV #1902 (18.02.030 & 18.02.090)

### Visits to Mound House/TWA Plant:

September 27, 2017: 4:43 a.m., strong odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)

February 20, 2018: 2:31 p.m., plant not operational (TWA Plant)

March 13, 2018: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)

July 25, 2018: 4:15 p.m., strong odor detected (west of TWA Plant)

August 14, 2018: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., plant not operational (TWA Plant)

August 17, 2018: 8:00 a.m., no odor detected (hill above TWA Plant)

August 21, 2018: 6:00 a.m. to 6:35 a.m., plant was operational before SUP prescribed hours – no odor detected (hill above TWA Plant)

September 04, 2018: 10:30 a.m., no odor detected (TWA Plant)

November 05, 2018: 8:25 a.m., faint odor detected at both sites (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision & TWA Plant)

December 18, 2018: 9:10 a.m., not operational (TWA Plant)

February 01, 2019: 8:40 a.m., not operational (TWA Plant)

April 26, 2019: 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m., no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision & hill above TWA Plant)

August 01, 2019:	9:30 a.m., strong odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
August 30, 2019:	9:40 a.m., strong smell detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
September 18, 2019:	8:45 a.m. to 9:10 a.m., faint odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
September 20, 2019:	7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., faint odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
October 02, 2019:	9:10 a.m. to 9:40 a.m., faint odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
November 25, 2019:	Various times, no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
November 26, 2019:	Various times, no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
February 18, 2020:	8:25 a.m., no odor detected (TWA plant – just starting up their operations)
February 20, 2020:	7:45 a.m. to 8:22 a.m., no odor detected (TWA plant; Mound House/Carson highlands subdivision and hill above TWA plant)
February 27, 2020:	8:58 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., strong odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision and hill overlooking TWA plant)
March 23, 2020:	1:48 p.m., no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision and hill overlooking TWA plant)
April 03, 2020:	3:30 p.m., faint odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision)
April 08, 2020:	2:25 p.m., no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision) and the hill overlooking the TWA plant.
April 10, 2020:	9:17 a.m. to 9:47 a.m., no odor detected (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision) and hill overlooking the TWA plant which was operational.
April 20, 2020:	3:26 p.m. to 3:36 p.m., detected a strong odor of asphalt Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision – Highlands & Miriam. Odor continued up Miriam to Traci. After 10 minutes of driving around the subdivision the odor dissipated. Note: TWA plant was operational as a dump truck full of asphalt was exiting upon CE arriving at the plant.
April 28, 2020	09:52 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) further driving around the community. No odor was detected. CE then visited the hill overlooking the TWA plant which was operating.
May 12, 2020	10:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after receiving a complaint from a Mound House citizen about the smell from TWA. Note: the complaint was received at 9:57 hrs., and CE Officer Kohbarger arrived in Mound House at 10:13 hrs. CE Officer Kohbarger drove around the subdivision until 10:36 hrs., detecting a very faint smell

	of asphalt. The conditions were overcast with a low ceiling and the wind blowing from the west.
May 20, 2020	14:09 hrs. to 14:59 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision). CE Officer Kohbarger drove around the entire subdivision stopping in various locations. No asphalt odors were detected. CE Officer Kohbarger then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. At 14:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger observed a dump truck receive a load of asphalt. The plant is operational. CE Officer Kohbarger then proceeded back to the subdivision and drove around the subdivision again detecting no asphalt odors.
May 27, 2020	09:30 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after received a complaint about smell. CE Officers drove around the entire subdivision detecting no odors for the TWA Plant. CE then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. The plant was operational.
May 28, 2020	08:20 hrs. – 08:56 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after receiving two complaints. At 08:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger detected a faint odor of asphalt at 241 Miriam and again at 08:42 hrs., at 225 Miriam. At 08:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger detected a strong odor of asphalt at 249 Miriam and again at 08:53 hrs., at 414 Traci. At 09:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger visited the TWA plant where he was greeted by Mr. Matthews. After several minutes of talking, CE Officer Kohbarger contacted via telephone Ms. Sullivan placing her on a speaker call with Mr. Matthews listening to the call. During this call we discussed Mr. Matthews (TWA plant) operating hours. NOTE: CE Officer Kohbarger recorded three videos of the TWA plant operating showing smoke coming from the TWA smokestack.
June 02, 2020	09:30 hrs. – 09:45 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after receiving a complaint. CE Officers drove around the subdivision for 15 minutes detecting no odors from the TWA plant.
June 03, 2020	09:05 hrs. – 09:46 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Carson Highlands subdivision. CE Officers detected numerous strong asphalt odors at 245 and 243 Miriam Way over a 41-minute period. Photos and video taken. Clouds of smoke kept coming over the hill and dropping down into the subdivision. Strong odors persist.
June 12, 2020	09:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision). During the visit, CE met with Mr. Homestead, LCCE and a Mound House resident. No odors detected. CE drove around entire subdivision.

July 14, 2020	08:25 hrs. – 08:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) area. CE Officer Kohbarger drove around the community for 20 minutes detecting no odors. At 08:46 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger drove to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. CE Officer Kohbarger remained on the hill until 08:57 hrs. during which time he observed little activity. No trucks entered the plant to load with asphalt, the loader was not loading material, and no smoke was coming from the smokestack.
September 17, 2020	07:58 a.m., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit and observed no activity.

### **Inspection Log:**

Sept 26, 2017 05:40 hrs., received a phone message asking for help with the odor being emitted from the TWA plant. At 11:54 hrs., CE Officer McCoy received a call asking for a complaint form regarding the same issue.

Sept 27, 2017 04:43 hrs., CE Officer McCoy was traveling into work and smelled odors near Alex Upholstery, near the entrance into the TWA property, Bunny Ranch Blvd at HWY 50, 261 Miriam, 251 Miriam, and Jenni at Carson Dr, 249 Miriam. At 0602 hrs., CE Officer McCoy conducted a site visit to the TWA property and spoke to Teal and he stated they turn on the machines around 06:30 hrs., and start loading trucks around 07:00 hrs.

Feb. 20, 2018 @ 14:31 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston performed a follow up visit and did not observe any operations taking place.

March 13, 2018 @ 9:30-10:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the area in question pursuant to receiving a call from two citizens living in the Mound House area who advised the smell was back. CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston did not smell any odors. The TWA plant was operational.

March 23, 2018 @ 03:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message that the plant was in operation.

April 09, 2018 @ 06:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House advising that the plant is operational and burning/mixing their material. Photo taken and sent via email. At 9:01 hrs., another citizen from Mound House contacted CE Officer Kohbarger via telephone and advised him that the Asphalt plant was operating at 6:00 a.m. and that it was operating yesterday, Sunday.

April 10, 2018 @ 16:00 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit and issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) #2036: Violations - 18.02.030 Enforcement & 18.02.090 Operating outside the set-times and days as established within the special use permit. The NOV was taped to the door of the Control Room due to no one present at the time of CE's arrival.

April 11, 2018 @ 08:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by Mr. Robert Matthews, co-owner from the TWA plant asking why they received Notice of Violation #2036. CE Officer Kohbarger explained to Mr. Matthews it was because the Plant was operating at 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on several mornings outside the directives as set forth in the Special Use Permit. Mr. Matthews stated, "yes we did and that is my fault and it won't happen again." "We will not start operation until 7:00 a.m., thank you."

April 20, 2018 @ 11:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell and advising that the plant was operational. At 11:41 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 23, 2018 @ 05:10 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House advising, "I stepped outside, before leaving for work, and could smell asphalt odors at 4:50 a.m."

April 24, 2018 @ 23:53 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House advising, "This time odors woke me out of a dead sleep." "Approximately 11:51 p.m., at this time I had my bathroom window open for fresh air only to have sleep disturbed!"

April 29, 2018 @ 13:30 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 03, 2018 @ 08:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 17, 2018 @ 16:46 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 18, 2018 @ 08:56 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 10:08 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 23, 2018 @ 18:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 24, 2018 @ 08:50 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 29, 2018 @ 09:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 04, 2018 @ 07:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 07, 2018 @ 08:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 11, 2018 @ 17:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant with a photo attached.

June 13, 2018 @ 08:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 23, 2018 @ 09:41 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 26, 2018 @ 15:50 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 06:15 hrs. At 17:37 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the TWA plant operating at 06:17 hrs., with a picture attached.

June 27, 2018 @ 09:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received two (02) complaints that TWA was operating at 06:15 hrs.

June 28, 2018 @ 07:34 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to TWA that they were operating at 05:30 hrs. At 08:17 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating outside their special use requirements.

June 29, 2018 @ 07:34 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 06:50 hrs.

July 11, 2018 @ 08:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to TWA that they smell emission odors at 12:40 p.m. July 02, 2018; 7:05 a.m. July 03, 2018; 11:45 p.m. July 10, 2018; and 8:45 a.m. July 11, 2018. At 09:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating outside of the days/hours in the Special use Permit.

July 16, 2018 @ 09:44 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:57 hrs., received another email from a citizen of Mound House that another individual from Mound House also smelled the odor.

July 17, 2018 @ 09:36 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 19, 2018 @ 08:17 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a phone call from a citizen of Mound House advising the TWA plant was operating before 06:00 hrs. At 08:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 06:20 hrs., and again 01:00 hrs.

July 20, 2018 @ 07:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 24, 2018 @ 10:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 25, 2018 @ 16:15 p.m. CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston while investigating another case close to the TWA plant smelled a strong odor coming from the Plant. Upon driving onto the TWA Plant property CE Officers observed no one at the Plant and observed that the Plant was not operational.

July 26, 2018 @ 08:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 10:09 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 27, 2018 @ 08:50 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 01, 2018 @ 08:36 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from CE Officer Johnston advising that Mr. Myers, NDEP contact him and advised that the TWA Plant was operating at 6:00 a.m.

August 09, 2018 @ 09:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 22:30 hrs., on August 08, 2018.

August 10, 2018 @ 08:00 hr., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 11:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger

received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 12, 2018 @ 21:16 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant and that the plant was operating at 21:08 hrs.

August 13, 2018 @ 10:29 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 14, 2018 @ 06:00 to 07:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger observed the TWA plant. Three individuals walking around getting ready for the day starting at 06:00 hrs., but the plant was not in operation. No smoke, no smell, no noise.

August 15, 2018 @ 08:34 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a telephone call from Mr. Osterhout, NDEP advising that he was at the TWA plant this morning between 06:45 and 07:45 hrs., and the plant was not in operation before 07:00 hrs. The plant started operating at approximately 07:15 hrs.

August 17, 2018 @ 08:00 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston met with Mr. Osterhout on the hill above the TWA Plant. Mr. Osterhout explained how the plant worked and showed CE the previous violations. In addition, Mr. Osterhout gave CE an email from Mr. Matthews, dated Monday, June 25, 2018 with the Plant Procedures included as an attachment. Mr. Osterhout also provided the attachment, which was a flyer "Typical Plant Protocol". This flyer outlined that TWA employees are to start working at the Plant at 5:30 a.m. NOTE: The TWA SUP states their work hours are set from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

August 20, 2018 @ 06:36 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to TWA operating early. At 11:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to TWA that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 06:32 hrs., on August 20, 2018.

August 21, 2018 @ 06:00 CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to TWA (Parked on the hill above the Plant) and observed that the Plant was in full operations. CE Officer Kohbarger proceeded to take two (02) videos from the TWA plant in operations from 06:03 hrs., to 06:35 hrs. In addition, the second video shows the owner, Mr. Robert Matthews speaking to CE Officer Kohbarger and admitting that TWA was operating early, 6:00 a.m. NOTE: CE Officer Kohbarger upon arriving back at the Office went to Carson City Information Technology (IT) (City Hall) and had IT transfer the videos from CE Officer Kohbarger's cell phone to CE Officer Kohbarger's "H" drive on the computer system. The videos remain the same and have not been altered in any way shape or form.

August 22, 2018 @ 07:29 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 23, 2018 @ 08:12 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:09 hrs., CE Officer received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 24, 2018 @ 06:17 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

Sept 04, 2018 @ 10:30 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the TWA plant and spoke with Mr. Matthews. CE prepared and presented Mr. Matthews with two (02) Notice of Violations #1902 and #1900 for operating outside the hours set forth by his SUP

for 08/21/18 and 08/24/18, in which Mr. Matthews signed for both. Mr. Matthews further advised he made a choice to operate before hours that week to fill an order for the South Lake Tahoe people.

September 07, 2018 @ 08:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 10, 2018 @ 08:29 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 11, 2018 @ 12:18 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the smell being put out by TWA.

September 12, 2018 @ 09:29 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 18, 2018 @ 08:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 19, 2018 @ 07:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message on the Office telephone from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the smell being created by TWA. At 08:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 21, 2018 @ 03:33 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 07:50 hrs., CE Officer received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the smell being created by TWA. That citizen advised that today's smell was the worst odor in two years. At 08:44 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Krupp, NDEP advising that they received a complaint from a citizen of Mound House about the TWA plant operating at 12:35 a.m.

September 25, 2018 @ 09:09 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant with a photo attached.

September 26, 2018 @ 08:35 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contact via telephone by a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the smell being created by TWA.

October 05, 2018 @ 09:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 08, 2018 @ 11:04 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 11:11 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House with photo attached.

October 09, 2018 @ 08:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight pertaining to TWA smells/odor.

October 17, 2018 @ 09:17 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 23, 2018 @ 09:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from A citizen of Mound House with photo attached.

October 24, 2018 @ 10:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 24, 2018 @ 18:00 hrs., SUP-10-115-2 Asphalt Plant 8013 Hwy 50 E was discussed by the Planning Commission. The SUP was modified pursuant to staff recommendations.

October 25, 2018 @ 08:33 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Krupp, NDEP pertaining to a complaint filed with NDEP pertaining to TWA smell.

October 26, 2018 @ 08:26 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 12:35 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 27, 2018 @ 11:50 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 14:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 29, 2018 @ 09:44 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Krupp pertaining to complaints filed with NDEP pertaining to TWA smell. At 11:02 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from Mr. Booth, CCH&HS pertaining to complaints filed with CCH&HS about TWA odors. At 16:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP pertaining to complaints NDEP received pertaining to TWA smells.

November 02, 2018 @ 08:27 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 05, 2018 @ 07:47 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant with attached photo showing smoke/stream coming from stack. At 08:25 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a sit visit to Mound House and TWA Plant site. A very faint smell could be detected in both locations. At 09:37 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant

November 06, 2018 @ 10:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 09, 2019 @ 08:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight, NDEP advising that they received a complaint that TWA was operating at 1:30 a.m.

November 15, 2018 @ 09:05 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

December 14, 2018 @ 07:55 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a fax from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell and advising that the plant was operating at 4:30 a.m. on 12/13/18. At 08:11 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. McKnight advising that she received a telephone call about TWA operating early.

December 18, 2018 @ 09:10 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the location and observed that the plant was not in operation.

December 19, 2018 @ 09:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

January 04, 2019 @ 08:39 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

January 15, 2019 @ 06:38 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

February 01, 2019 @ 07:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the TWA plant and observed no one working. There were no individuals at the plant site.

February 04, 2019 @ 08:51 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by Mr. Matthews who advised that the plant was not operational on Friday. He was in Florida.

March 14, 2019 @ 12:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

March 19, 2019 @ 08:59 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:51 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from TWA. At 10:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House advising that the smell being created by TWA was awful.

March 25, 2019 @ 13:41 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

March 26, 2019 @ 08:44 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House who was complaining about the TWA smell. At 08:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 11:08 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Mr. Osterhout advising they had NDEP staff in mound House this morning and they detected odors briefly. At 12:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 01, 2019 @ 10:18 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 10:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from TWA.

April 08, 2019 @ 13:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 14:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 12, 2019 @ 10:07 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 13, 2019 @ 09:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 22, 2019 @ 06:33 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 23, 2019 @ 09:55 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 24, 2019 @ 12:16 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 25, 2019 @ 08:32 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:35 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice mail from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 26, 2019 @ 04:51 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 07:30 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the TWA Plant area and did not smell any odors. CE Officer Kohbarger then drove around Mound House and did not smell any odors. CE Officer Kohbarger spoke with a citizen of Mound House and that individual advised he has been out walking his dog and smelled no fumes. CE Officer Kohbarger was in the area from 07:30 to 08:10 hrs.

April 28, 2019 @ 07:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

April 30, 2019 @ 08:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 01, 2019 @ 07:56 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 10:39 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received email from another citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 07, 2019 @ 07:59 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:58 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 14, 2019 @ 07:26 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 20, 2019 @ 10:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

May 21, 2019 @ 11:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant with an attached photo.

May 31, 2019 @ 09:05 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant with an attached photo.

June 03, 2019 @ 15:11 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 06, 2019 @ 08:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 10, 2019 @ 09:26 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 17, 2019 @ 10:06 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 19, 2019 @ 10:18 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

June 25, 2019 @ 07:12 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 03, 2019 @ 10:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 15, 2019 @ 07:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:39 CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odor from the TWA plant.

July 22, 2019 @ 07:06 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 12:53 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

July 31, 2019 @ 14:29 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

August 1, 2019 Code Enforcement Officer Johnston arrived to work and received 2 voice mail messages regarding a bad smell being emitted from the asphalt plant. I also received an email from a citizen of Mound House with a photo of the plant operating.

At approximately 0930hrs., Officer Johnston performed a site visit to the Mound House Mobile Home Park area where all the complainants live. He arrived within the area and stopped at the intersection of Carson and Traci streets. He easily identified an odor that is the smell of asphalt within the area. Officer Johnston continued to drive in the neighborhood, and he was able to smell the same asphalt odor in the upper Miriam St. area. Officer Johnston performed another drive through the neighborhood and smelled the same odor again within the same locations at the intersection of Carson and Traci, Traci and Miriam and the entire Miriam St. After stopping and writing down the locations of the odor Officer Johnston went to observe the asphalt plant. He observed them operating from the water tank and took photos and video of the plant loading an A&K Earthmovers Truck with asphalt. Officer Johnston was sitting at a higher elevation than the plant and did not smell the asphalt odor. He did observe the wind was traveling East in the direction of the mobile home park being affected. Officer Johnston called and notified NDEP Supervisor Travis Osterhout.

Officer Johnston also notified Carson City Planning Manager Hope Sullivan who called Tahoe Western Asphalt Owner Mr. Mathews. Mr. Mathews stated he ran low of propane supply which makes his asphalt plant burn differently than from a normal supply. Mr. Mathews stated that is the reason why his operation has changed today. Ms. Sullivan also asked him if he has made any changes to his operation and he said no, and he has been extremely busy with business. Ms. Sullivan asked him if he is still using and supplying the odor eliminating additive and he said yes. Mr. Mathews informed us that he has repaired the propane shortage and is back to normal operating procedures.

August 30, 2019 @ 08:18 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At approximately 09:00hrs., CE Officer Johnston received a fax addressed to Hope Sullivan regarding a noxious smell and pollution complaint from a citizen of Mound House. The fax stated: Tahoe Western Asphalt is polluting the air again with that terrible smell. Thanks! a citizen of Mound House.

CE Officer Johnston called a citizen of Mound House at approximately 09:20 hrs. and asked if he would be willing to meet at his house in about 25 minutes. That citizen agreed. As CE

Officer Johnston was driving towards Mound House, he observed that Tahoe Western Asphalt was currently operating and emitting large plumes of white smoke or vapor from the plant. The smoke was coming from both the large tall cylinder tank and the asphalt plant loading tower. There was also quite a bit of dust coming from the N.E. aggregate mine within the property. As Officer Johnston drove East on HWY 50 passing the entrance to the asphalt plant and continued towards Mound House, he also smelled what he recognized as burning asphalt. Officer Johnston entered the citizens' mobile home housing complex and the smell became stronger. Officer Johnston drove through the housing complex to the citizen's residence and observed the smell at the way to their house. The smell and odor were noxious and unpleasant. Officer Johnston met with a citizen of Mound House who stated his concerns and described how he has had to tolerate the unbearable smell for over a year. He engaged in a long conversation with that citizen and his wife. Officer Johnston explained to the both how asphalt is made, transported and how it is used to build roads. He also explained to them that the Carson City Code Enforcement Department has received all their complaints and documented everything regarding Tahoe Western Asphalt and their operations and violations. Officer Johnston told the citizens that our Departments have done everything we possibly can to ensure the company is in compliance with the CCMC's and have corrected their violations. Officer Johnston advised them that they do have the right to file a criminal complaint with the Carson City District Attorney's Office and they may do so with the NRS nuisance violation. Officer Johnston explained that he would not know which jurisdiction would be best and they may want to file a criminal complaint with the Lyon County DA's Office as well.

I instructed them that we will continue to take their complaints and document them for City public record and if we are able to take Code Enforcement action we would continue to do so.

September 04, 2019 @ 09:55 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 10, 2019 @ 09:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 17, 2019 @ 09:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 18, 2019 @ 08:25 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:45 hrs., to 09:10 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to Mound House. While in Mound House CE only smelled the TWA plant once and it was a very faint smell. At 10:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 19, 2019 @ 07:39 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 20, 2019 @ 07:15 to 08:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site to Mound House and only once in that forty-five minute period did CE smell any odors and it was very faint. The faint smell was noticed at Traci Lane @ Miriam. The plant was operational and could be heard in Mound House. At 11:53 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 25, 2019 @ 07:55 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 09:42 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger

received another email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 26, 2019 @ 08:34 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. In addition, CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by another citizen of Mound House who was also complaining of the smell.

September 27, 2019 @ 09:18, 10:03, 12:18, and 14:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received four emails from citizens of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

September 28, 2019 @ 08:46 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 02, 2019 @ 09:21 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 9:10 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House. CE Officer Kohbarger parked in front of 231 Miriam - No smell detected. At 09:16 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger parked at the corner of Miriam @ Traci - No smell detected. At 09:25 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger parked at the intersection of Traci @ Carson - Smell detected, lasted for about two minutes. At 09:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger proceeded to the TWA Plant which was operational.

October 07, 2019 @ 07:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 08, 2019 @ 11:29 and 12:47 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 10, 2019 @ 09:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger hand delivered a letter to Mr. Matthews at Ms. Sullivan's request.

October 12, 2019 @ 10:27 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 16, 2019 @ 09:22 and 10:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 18, 2019 @ 08:33 and 14:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 21, 2019 @ 09:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 22, 2019 @ 10:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

October 23, 2019 @ 09:22 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 01, 2019 @ 09:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 02, 2019 @ 09:10 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 04, 2019 @ 09:56 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 05, 2019 @ 08:51 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 07, 2019 @ 07:53 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice mail from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant. At 08:52 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a telephone call from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the odors from the TWA plant.

November 08, 2019 @ 09:21 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 11, 2019 @ 09:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 13, 2019 @ 08:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:27 and 10:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received emails from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 15, 2019 @ 13:09 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 16, 2019 @ 09:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 17, 2019 @ 10:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 19, 2019 @ 09:55 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House complaining about the odors from the TWA plant.

November 21, 2019 @ 08:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger hand delivered the Notice of Decision of SUP 11-115-02 at Ms. Sullivan's request to Mr. Matthews, at the TWA Plant. At 11:23 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 22, 2019 @ 09:52 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell and smoke from the TWA plant. At 13:36 and 14:58 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received emails from another citizen of Mound House pertaining to the odors from the TWA plant.

November 23, 2019 @ 08:41 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell and operations from the TWA plant. At 11:23 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

November 24, 2019 @ 09:30, 09:46, 10:32, and 10:38 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received four emails from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 10:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

November 25, 2019 @ 09:59 & 11:28 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant with a picture and video attached.

November 25 & 26, 2019 @ various times, CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted site visits to Mound House, NV visiting with five different citizens, further collecting witness statements from them pursuant as to the TWA Plant operations on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

December 18, 2019 @ 07:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Mr. Matthews requesting to: "Is it possible to do some nasal ranger testing with at least one person from each entity on site! Would be huge to get everyone to agree what an odor is! Thx".

December 19, 2019 @ 08:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice message from Mr. Matthews requesting a meeting to discuss the TWA plant. CE Officer Kohbarger met with Ms. Sullivan advising Ms. Sullivan of the phone request. Ms. Sullivan stated she would email Mr. Matthews regarding the request.

February 18, 2020 @ 08:25 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the area and observed TWA plant was just starting up their operations. No odor detected.

February 20, 2020 @ 07:45 hrs. CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the area and observed a belly dump truck pulling out of TWA. CE drove around Mound House. No smell/odor detected. CE then observed the plant from the hill overlooking same. Lots of activity but, no odor/smell detected. CE was in the area from 07:45 to 08:22 hrs.

February 27, 2020 @ 08:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant with a photo attached. At 08:58 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to Mound House after receiving the above-mentioned complaint. An odor was detected throughout the entire complex being emitted from the TWA plant which was operational. CE then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. After being up on the hill for about 10 minutes with were met by Mr. Nathan Rash, NDEP Environmental Scientist and his partner who were there due to several complaints they received this morning. While observing the TWA operations, three (03) NDEP Water Pollution employees joined us. They were investigating a water retention pond on TWA property. After ten minutes, the Water Pollution staff requested an escort to the TWA facility since CE knew Mr. Matthews. CE spend approximately 45 minutes on site speaking with Mr. Matthews and observing as the Water Pollution staff performed their jobs/taking water samples from the retention pond. Before leaving the property, NDEP Water Pollution staff presented Mr. Matthews with a Cease and Desist Letter pertaining to the retention Pond.

March 18, 2020 @ 11:10 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Sullivan, Planning Manager pertaining to an email she received from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell of the TWA plant. At 11:24 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

March 20, 2020 @ 11:21 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Mr. Plemel, CDD that TWA will be operating on Sunday, March 22, 2020 pursuant to their SUP specially condition #13.

March 21, 2020 @ 09:21 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 12:21 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant with photo attached.

March 23, 2020 @ 08:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice mail from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. This citizen stated the smell was bad and flumes of smoke was coming from the TWA plant on the following dates: March

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. At 10:13 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Mr. Plemel who forwarded an email from Mr. Matthews advising the TWA plant would not be operating on Sunday (March 22, 2020) but might be operating on Monday (02/23/2020). At 10:50 hrs., CE Officer Johnston was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 13:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site to Mound House (Carson Highlands sub-division). CE drove around the neighborhood detecting no odors from the TWA plant. CE then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant and did not detect any odors. TWA plant was operational.

March 24, 2020 @ 10:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant with picture.

March 31, 2020 @ 10:07 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails, one each from Mr. Plemel and Ms. Sullivan pertaining to voice mails they received from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 02, 2020 @ 09:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Sullivan pertaining to a voice mail she received from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 03, 2020 @ 07:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell. At 13:30 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell. At 14:35 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 15:30 hrs., CDD Plemel conducted a site visit to Mound House. Drove to Miriam Way and Traci Lane, and at the northwest end of Miriam Way. Conditions: Winds estimate 12 mph out of the WSW (as reported at the CC Airport). Report: Smelled a very faint odor of asphalt. Drove to the entrance of the plant, where no odor was detected (due to wind direction). The plant was not in operation at the time.

April 04, 2020 @ 11:22 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Sullivan pertaining to a voice mail she received from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

April 06, 2020 @ 08:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded email from Ms. Sullivan with an attachment. The email was sent to Ms. Sullivan by Mr. Matthews. The attachment was an A1969 Draft NOAVs 2783-2786 letter to Mr. Matthews from NDEP cited several violations and requesting an enforcement conference.

April 08, 2020 @ 14:25 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to (Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision) and the hill overlooking the TWA plant. No odor detected at either location.

April 10, 2020 @ 09:17 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site to Mound House/Carson Highlands subdivision. Drove throughout the entire subdivision. No odor detected. TWA Plant appears to be operational smoke coming from brown pipe coming out of the bag house. CE then observed the TWA plant from the hill overlooking the plant. Time left was 09:47 hrs.

April 14, 2020 @ 13:14 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded email from Ms. Sullivan. The email was sent to Ms. Sullivan by Mr. Clarke, Esq, which stated the TWA plant was not operational due to vandalism.

April 15, 2020 @ 10:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded email from Ms. Sullivan. The email was sent to Ms. Sullivan by Mr. Pyzel, Lyon County Planner. The email

was from a Mound House citizen complaining about the TWA plant. At 11:54 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another forwarded email from Ms. Sullivan. The email was a response to the above-mentioned Mound House citizen from Mr. Pyzel.

April 19, 2020 @ 08:38 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded email from Ms. Sullivan. The email was sent to Ms. Sullivan by Mr. Matthews who requested any additional complaints field on the TWA plant.

April 20, 2020 @ 14:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 15:26 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision). Detected a strong odor of asphalt upon entering the subdivision at Highlands & Miriam. Odor continued up Miriam to Traci. After 10 minutes of driving around the subdivision the odor dissipated. Left subdivision at 15:36 hrs. Note: TWA plant was operational, a dump truck was exiting full of asphalt upon arriving.

April 22, 2020 @ 09:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Mr. Homestead, Lyon County Code Enforcement. The email had a detailed excel spreadsheet attached detailing all the complaints his department has received pertaining to the TWA plant.

April 30, 2020 @ 09:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

May 08, 2020 @ 07:39 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a voice mail from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

May 12, 2020 @ 09:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 12:47 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

May 18, 2020 @ 14:07 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

May 19, 2020 @ 11:31 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 14:09 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision). CE Officer Kohbarger drove around the entire subdivision stopping in various locations. No asphalt odors were detected. CE Officer Kohbarger then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. At 14:45 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger observed a dump truck receive a load of asphalt. The plant is operational. CE Officer Kohbarger then proceeded back to the subdivision and drove around the subdivision again detecting no asphalt odors. Time left 14:59 hrs.

May 20, 2020 @ 14:33 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded email from Mr. Plemel with a NDEP NOVA No. 2778 letter attached; cited and fining TWA for a Fugitive Dust violation in the amount of \$500.00.

May 27, 2020 @ 08:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:30 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after received a complaint about smell. CE Officers drove around the entire subdivision detecting no odors for the TWA Plant. CE then proceeded to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. The plant was operational.

May 28, 2020 @ 08:02 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by a Mound House resident complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 08:04 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 08:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after received the above listed complaints staying in the subdivision until 08:56 hrs. At 08:20 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger detected a faint odor of asphalt at 241 Miriam and again at 08:42 hrs., at 225 Miriam. At 08:49 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger detected a strong odor of asphalt at 249 Miriam and again at 08:53 hrs., at 414 Traci. At 08:40 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from Ms. Sullivan who was forwarding an email complaint she received pertaining to TWA plant and smell. This complaint alleged that the TWA plant was operating at 11:20 p.m. on May 27, 2020. At 09:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger arrived at the TWA plant where he was greeted by Mr. Matthews. After several minutes of talking, CE Officer Kohbarger contacted via telephone Ms. Sullivan placing her on a speaker call with Mr. Matthews listening to the call. During this call we discussed Mr. Matthews (TWA plant) operating hours. NOTE: CE Officer Kohbarger recorded three videos of the TWA plant operating showing smoke coming from the TWA smokestack. At 09:05 hrs., CE Officer received another email from Ms. Sullivan who forwarded yet another complaint she received via telephone. At 09:25 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

May 29, 2020 @ 06:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

June 02, 2020 @ 08:59 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. 09:30 hrs. – 09:45 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) after receiving a complaint. CE Officers drove around the subdivision for 15 minutes detecting no odors from the TWA plant.

June 03, 2020 @ 08:29 hrs., CE Officer Johnston was contact via telephone by a Mound House citizen complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 08:48 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from another citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:05 hrs. – 09:46 hrs., CE Officers Kohbarger and Johnston conducted a site visit to the Carson Highlands subdivision. CE Officers detected numerous strong asphalt odors at 245 and 243 Miriam Way over a 41-minute period. Photos and video taken. Clouds of smoke kept coming over the hill and dropping down into the subdivision. Strong odors persist.

June 04, 2020 @ 7:58 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 08:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by another Mound House resident complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

June 05, 2020 @ 7:26 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:08 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger was contacted via telephone by another Mound House resident complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:48 hrs., CE Officer received an email from Ms. Sullivan who forwarded yet another complaint she received via telephone.

June 06, 2020 @ 6:44 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 9:23 hrs., CE Officer received an email from Ms. Sullivan who forwarded yet another complaint she received via telephone.

June 08, 2020 @ 10:38 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 12:02 and 12:43 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received two emails from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

June 11, 2020 @ 06:01 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:00 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision). During the visit, CE met with Mr. Homestead, LCCE and a Mound House resident. No odors detected. CE drove around entire subdivision.

July 01, 2020 @ 08:03 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received a forwarded voice mail from the Planning Department from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

July 07, 2020 @ 13:22 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

July 14, 2020 @ 05:41 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 09:07 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received another email from the same citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. NOTE: 08:25 hrs. to 08:57 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit to the Mound House (Carson Highlands subdivision) area. CE Officer Kohbarger drove around the community for 20 minutes detecting no odors. At 08:46 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger drove to the hill overlooking the TWA plant. CE Officer Kohbarger remained on the hill until 08:57 hrs. during which time he observed little activity. No trucks entered the plant to load with asphalt, the loader was not loading material, and no smoke was coming from the smokestack. At 09:37 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received yet another email from the same citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 13:32 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received yet another email from the same citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant. At 13:34 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received yet another email from the same citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

August 19, 2020 @ 11:15 hrs., CE Officer Kohbarger received an email from a citizen of Mound House complaining about the smell from the TWA plant.

September 17, 2020 @ 7:58 a.m., CE Officer Kohbarger conducted a site visit and observed no activity.



August 14, 2020

Robert Matthews  
Owner  
Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
P.O. Box 21645  
Carson City, NV 89721

**RE: Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation and Order Nos. 2783, 2784, and 2786  
Class II Air Quality Operating Permit 1611-3748 (FIN A1969)**

Dear Mr. Mathews:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) alleges that Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) has violated one or more conditions of its Class II Air Quality Operating Permit No. AP1499-0504.03 (AQOP).

On April 16, 2020, NDEP held an enforcement conference with TWA to determine whether issuance of Notices of Alleged Air Quality Violation and Order (NOAV) Nos. 2783, 2784, and 2786 were or were not warranted. During the enforcement conference TWA did not supply evidence that NOAV Nos. 2783, 2784, and 2786 did not occur. Based on the information provided by TWA, NDEP has determined that formal issuance of NOAV Nos. 2783, 2784, and 2786 are warranted.

In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, NOAV Nos. 2783, 2784, and 2786 constitutes major violations. For the purpose of determining the modifiers for the history of non-compliance, TWA's has been issued nine prior NOAVs within the last 60 months. Pursuant to NAC 445B.281, the alleged violations under NOAV No. 2784 are major violations due to the violations issued under NOAV No. 2602, on January 24, 2017, being a first, second, and third offense minor violations of NAC 445B.275.1.e in the previous 60 months.

NDEP makes recommendations to the Nevada State Environmental Commission (SEC) as to what an appropriate penalty may be for an air quality violation. The date for the next SEC hearing has not been determined. It is possible that the SEC hearing will be conducted by teleconference due to COVID. You will be notified when the time and location for the hearing has been finalized.

Appeals of NOAV & Orders Nos. 2783, 2784 and 2786 may be requested pursuant to **Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445B.360 Appeals to Commission: Appealable matters; action by Commission; regulations** and SEC administrative rules. A copy of SEC Appeal Form #3 is enclosed. Appeals must be received within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice, pursuant to **NRS 445B.340 Appeals to Commission: Notice of appeal**. A copy of SEC Appeal Form #3 is enclosed and can also be found on the SEC website at: <https://sec.nv.gov/participate/forms-and->

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov) (preferred) or at (775) 687-9340 (response may be delayed due to limited presence in the office because of the COVID-19 emergency).

Sincerely,



Danilo Dragoni  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

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enc.: 1. Notices of Alleged Air Quality Violation and Order No. 2783, 2784, and 2786  
2. SEC Form #3

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING  
901 SOUTH STEWART ST., SUITE 4001  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701-5249  
**NOTICE OF ALLEGED AIR QUALITY VIOLATION NO. 2783**

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**Person(s) to Whom Served:** Robert Matthews, Owner  
**Company Name:** Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
**Address:** P.O. Box 21645, Carson City, NV 89721  
**Permit Number:** AP1611-3748 **FIN:** A1969  
**Site of Alleged Violation:** 8013 US 50 East, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
**Date of Observation:** March 23 & 24, 2020 **Time:** N/A

**It is alleged that the following regulation was violated by the person named in this notice:**

**Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.275 Violations: Acts constituting; notice.**

*1. Failure to comply with any requirement of NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3689, inclusive, any applicable requirement or any condition of an operating permit constitutes a violation. As required by NRS 445B.450, the Director shall issue a written notice of an alleged violation to any owner or operator for any violation, including, but not limited to:*

*(c) Failure to construct or operate a stationary source in accordance with any condition of an operating permit;*

**It is alleged that the following act or practice constitutes the violation:**

Failure to maintain permit-required air pollution controls.

**Evidence:**

Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) currently holds Class II Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) AP1611-3748 to operate a hot mix asphalt plant. The AQOP was issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on May 23, 2016.

On March 23, 2020, NDEP staff conducted a full on-site inspection of the TWA facility. The plant was not operating when NDEP staff arrived on-site. Upon request of NDEP staff, the plant equipment was activated and aggregate was processed to demonstrate the equipment in operation. NDEP staff attempted to verify that the emission controls were present and operational. NDEP staff observed that the permit-required fogging water spray (FWS) for one emission unit under System 1 (PF1.002) was installed but was not operating. NDEP staff noted that Mr. Matthews stated that the FWS had not been operating because they freeze in the cold weather. NDEP staff advised Mr. Matthews that the air pollution controls must be operating if the process equipment is operating.

On March 24, 2020, NDEP staff returned the facility to review facility records that were not on-site on the previous day. While on-site, NDEP staff observed that the plant was in operation, but the air pollution controls for System 1 still did not appear to be in operation.

On April 16, 2020, NDEP held an enforcement conference with TWA by teleconference. TWA was represented by Mr. Jeremy B. Clarke, Esq., as TWA's legal counsel. The enforcement conference was held to discuss

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alleged violations, including the alleged violations listed in this NOAV, and provide an opportunity for TWA to provide evidence that the alleged violations did not occur. During the enforcement conference Mr. Clarke informed NDEP that TWA was not contesting the alleged violation for failure to maintain controls.

After the enforcement conference Mr. Clarke was allowed time to confer with his client before following up with additional information. In Mr. Clarke's follow-up response on May 1, 2020, there was also no indication that TWA was contesting the alleged violation.

Based on the information provided by TWA's legal counsel during the enforcement conference the NDEP has determined that issuance of NOAV No. 2783 is warranted. In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, the alleged violation constitutes a major violation.

Signature



Issued by: Danilo Dragoni, PhD  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

Phone: 775-687-9340 Date: August 14, 2020

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CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701-5249  
**NOTICE OF ALLEGED AIR QUALITY VIOLATION NO. 2784**

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**Person(s) to Whom Served:** Robert Matthews, Owner  
**Company Name:** Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
**Address:** P.O. Box 21645, Carson City, NV 89721  
**Permit Number:** AP1611-3748 **FIN:** A1969  
**Site of Alleged Violation:** 8013 US 50 East, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
**Date of Observation:** March 23 & 24, 2020 **Time:** N/A

**It is alleged that the following regulation was violated by the person named in this notice:**

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*(e) Failure to comply with any requirement for recordkeeping, monitoring, reporting or compliance certification contained in an operating permit;*

**It is alleged that the following act or practice constitutes the violation:**

Failure to conduct permit-required recordkeeping and monitoring.

**Evidence:**

Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) currently holds a Class II Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) to operate a hot mix asphalt plant under the requirements of AQOP AP1611-3748, issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on May 23, 2016.

On March 23, 2020, NDEP staff conducted a full on-site inspection of the TWA facility. During the inspection, NDEP staff attempted to conduct a complete records review. At that time TWA was only able to provide records for the daily plant-wide production totals, operational dates, and total daily hours of operation for January 4, 2019, to November 23, 2019. Mr. Matthews, the owner of TWA, indicated that he had more records at home and offered to allow the NDEP staff to accompany him to his home to retrieve them, but the offer was declined. NDEP staff requested that Mr. Matthews bring the records to the facility the following day, at which point they would return to review the records at that time.

On March 24, 2020, NDEP staff reviewed the remaining records that TWA was able to produce. The provided records consisted of:

1. Logs of hours of operation and drum temperatures for System 2 (S2.001) from April 8, 2017 to November 25, 2019.
2. Records of that EPA Method 9 Visual Emission Observations (VEO) conducted on one day, August 12, 2018, for Systems 1, 3, 4, and 5 (PF1.001-PF1.012, and S2.002).
3. Records of twelve Method 9 VEOs for System 2 (S2.001).

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The permit requires TWA to maintain a contemporaneous log of each parameter identified in sections V.A.4, V.B.4, V.C.4, V.D.4, and V.E.4 of the AQOP. Based on the records provided during the inspection, TWA has not met the monitoring recordkeeping requirements for Systems 1 through 5.

On April 16, 2020, NDEP held an enforcement conference with TWA by teleconference. TWA was represented by Mr. Jeremy B. Clarke, Esq., as TWA's legal counsel. The enforcement conference was held to discuss alleged violations, including the alleged violations listed in this NOAV, and provide an opportunity for TWA to provide evidence that the alleged violations did not occur. NDEP agreed to allow Mr. Clarke to confer with his client before responding to some questions from NDEP. During the conference Mr. Clarke indicated that some of TWA's records were allegedly stolen by a former employee and that TWA was trying to recover these records. The records that were allegedly stolen have not been produced and no evidence was provided to support the claim.

On May 1, 2020, Mr. Clarke emailed written commentary to NDEP with TWA's concerns regarding the alleged violations. TWA's contention of the alleged violations were based on the following additional points:

1. TWA asserted that their recordkeeping requirements were limited to hours of operation, throughput/tonnage and fuel usage and those records were provided.
2. TWA also asserted that EPA Method 9 VEOs cannot be conducted when making minimal tonnages of asphalt mix.
3. The VEOs could not be completed because TWA's EPA Method 9 VEO certification had expired.
4. TWA alleged that a portion of their records had been stolen.

On May 7, 2020, NDEP held a follow-up call with Mr. Clarke and to discuss the contentions that TWA identified. Additionally, the NDEP also provided additional feedback with regard to the recordkeeping deficiencies through a number of emails with TWA and their legal counsel. For the following reasons NDEP believes TWA's arguments fail to demonstrate that the alleged violations did not occur:

1. The records that were provided to NDEP staff for review during the inspection records did not include records for each permitted system as required by the AQOP.
2. The records TWA provided for inspection did not meet the hourly, monthly or annual requirements for material throughput, fuel usage, or hours of operation.
3. The records were substantially deficient in the requirements to monitor and record the weekly or monthly Method 9 VEOs required for each System. This requirement is not conditional on the facility having someone on staff that is certified to conduct Method 9 VEOs. TWA could have contracted a third party to conduct Method 9 VEOs if they did not have staff that were certified to conduct them.
4. A Method 9 VEO takes six minutes to conduct. TWA has not provided evidence to support the claim that VEOs could not be conducted due to limited operations of the plant.
5. Records of the daily observations of visible emission for System 2 were deficient.
6. There is a significant period of time since operations started at the facility in 2016 that TWA was unable to provide even partial records. The AQOP requires that records be maintained for five years.
7. No additional information was provided to corroborate TWA's claim that the records had been stolen.

Based on the information provided by TWA's legal counsel during and after the enforcement conference the NDEP has determined that issuance of NOAV No. 2784 is warranted. In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, the alleged violation constitutes a major violation. TWA's first, second, and third instance of a minor violations for NAC 445B.275.1.e were issued in NOAV No. 2602 on January 24, 2017.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by: Danilo Dragoni, PhD  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

Phone: 775-687-9340 Date: August 14, 2020

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**NOTICE OF ALLEGED AIR QUALITY VIOLATION NO. 2786**

**Person(s) to Whom Served:** Robert Matthews, Owner  
**Company Name:** Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
**Address:** P.O. Box 21645, Carson City, NV 89721  
**Permit Number:** AP1611-3748 **FIN:** A1969  
**Site of Alleged Violation:** 8013 US 50 East, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
**Date of Observation:** March 23 & 24, 2020 **Time:** N/A

**It is alleged that the following regulation was violated by the person named in this notice:**

**Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.275 Violations: Acts constituting; notice.**

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(c) Failure to construct or operate a stationary source in accordance with any condition of an operating permit;

**It is alleged that the following act or practice constitutes the violation:**

Failure to comply with permitted opacity limits.

**Evidence:**

Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) currently holds Class II Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) AP1611-3748 to operate a hot mix asphalt plant under. The AQOP was issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on May 23, 2016.

On March 23, 2020, NDEP staff investigated the complaints and observed opacity emitting from the stack for System 2 - Asphalt Plant Drum Dryer Mixer/Burner (S2.001). NDEP staff conducted four six-minute Method 9 Visual Emission Observations (VEO) on S2.001 between 8:50 am and 10:00 am. The average opacities for each of the Method 9 VEOs were 62.5%, 25%, 63.5%, and 53.5%. The AQOP and 40 CFR Part 60.92(a)(2) restrict opacity in excess of 20% to be emitted from S2.001. The individual opacity readings that were taken during each of the four Method 9 VEOs are listed in the four tables below.

**Table 1: Method 9 Visible Emission Observations**

Method 9 VEO #1 – Date: 3/23/2020 – Time: 8:53am - 8:59am				
	Seconds: 0	Seconds: 15	Seconds: 30	Seconds: 45
Minute: 1	45%	45%	45%	45%
Minute: 2	50%	50%	60%	70%
Minute: 3	70%	70%	70%	75%
Minute: 4	70%	75%	70%	70%
Minute: 5	65%	65%	70%	60%
Minute: 6	60%	70%	70%	60%

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**Table 24: Method 9 Visible Emission Observations (continued)**

<b>Method 9 VEO #2 – Date: 3/23/2020 – Time: 8:59am - 9:05am</b>				
	<b>Seconds: 0</b>	<b>Seconds: 15</b>	<b>Seconds: 30</b>	<b>Seconds: 45</b>
<b>Minute: 1</b>	45%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Minute: 2</b>	45%	30%	25%	30%
<b>Minute: 3</b>	25%	25%	20%	20%
<b>Minute: 4</b>	20%	20%	15%	15%
<b>Minute: 5</b>	15%	15%	15%	15%
<b>Minute: 6</b>	15%	15%	10%	15%
<b>Method 9 VEO #3 – Date: 3/23/2020 – Time: 9:31am - 9:37am</b>				
	<b>Seconds: 0</b>	<b>Seconds: 15</b>	<b>Seconds: 30</b>	<b>Seconds: 45</b>
<b>Minute: 1</b>	75%	75%	70%	75%
<b>Minute: 2</b>	80%	80%	75%	70%
<b>Minute: 3</b>	70%	70%	75%	70%
<b>Minute: 4</b>	80%	90%	100%	90%
<b>Minute: 5</b>	80%	90%	40%	15%
<b>Minute: 6</b>	15%	10%	15%	15%
<b>Method 9 VEO #4 - 3/23/2020 - 9:41am - 9:47am</b>				
	<b>Seconds: 0</b>	<b>Seconds: 15</b>	<b>Seconds: 30</b>	<b>Seconds: 45</b>
<b>Minute: 1</b>	90%	90%	90%	95%
<b>Minute: 2</b>	90%	95%	95%	95%
<b>Minute: 3</b>	100%	85%	40%	40%
<b>Minute: 4</b>	40%	35%	35%	30%
<b>Minute: 5</b>	30%	25%	20%	15%
<b>Minute: 6</b>	15%	10%	10%	15%

On April 16, 2020, NDEP held an enforcement conference with TWA by teleconference. TWA was represented by Mr. Jeremy B. Clarke, Esq., as TWA's legal counsel. The enforcement conference was held to discuss alleged violations, including the alleged violations listed in this NOAV, and provide an opportunity for TWA to provide evidence that the alleged violations did not occur. During the enforcement conference NDEP and TWA agreed to allow Mr. Clarke to confer with his client before responding to some questions from NDEP.

On May 1, 2020, Mr. Clarke emailed written commentary to NDEP with TWA's concerns regarding the alleged violations. TWA's contention of the alleged violation was based on the following three main points:

1. TWA was not operating continuously from 8:50 am to 10:00 am on March 23, 2020.
2. NDEP's staff did not have valid certifications to conduct EPA Method 9 VEOs at the time they were conducted.
3. TWA asserted that EPA Method 9 VEOs are not valid if conducted under overcast conditions.

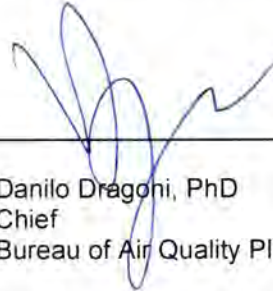
On May 7, 2020, NDEP held a follow-up call with Mr. Clarke and to discuss the contentions that TWA identified. The NDEP responded to TWA's contentions as follows:

1. The NDEP clarified that it was not asserting that the facility was operating continuously from 8:50 am and 10:00 am on March 23, 2020 but had just used the time range to give a general description of the timing of the event and specific times of the VEOs were given in Table 1.
2. The NDEP informed Mr. Clarke that both compliance officers that conducted the Method 9 VEOs had valid certifications to conduct EPA Method 9 VEOs at the time they were conducted.
3. NDEP informed Mr. Clarke that we were unaware of such a requirement and if he could provide documentation to support the assertion that partial cloud cover that was present at the time of the VEOs would invalidate the results. No documentation was ever provided by TWA to support their claim. NDEP staff also reviewed EPA's

documentation for requirements for conducting valid EPA Method 9 VEOs and found nothing indicating that partial cloud cover would invalidate the results.

After taking into consideration the information provided by TWA's counsel, the NDEP has determined that issuance of NOAV No. 2786 for one event of failure to comply with the opacity is warranted for one event of exceeding the permitted opacity limit. In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, the alleged violation constitutes a major violation.

Signature



Issued by: Danilo Dragoni, PhD  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

Phone: 775-687-9340 Date: August 14, 2020

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**1. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of appellant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative capacity (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Attach copy of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection final decision, such as permit or notice of alleged violation, being appealed.**

**3. Specify grounds of appeal: (check all that apply)**

- ☐ Final decision in violation of constitutional or statutory provision;
- ☐ Final decision made upon unlawful procedure;
- ☐ Final decision was affected by other error of law;
- ☐ Final decision was clearly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative and substantial evidence on the whole record;
- ☐ Final decision was arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion;

**4. For each ground of appeal checked above, please list the constitutional, Nevada Revised Statute (NRS), and/or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) provision allegedly violated. Also list the statutes and/or or regulations that give the State Environmental Commission jurisdiction to hear the appeal.**

**5. For each ground of appeal checked above, provide a brief and concise statement of the facts which provide the basis for the appeal.**

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Supporting Documents



After signing and submitting this form (below), attach the permit or notice of alleged violation that you are appealing directly to your email message. Include other supporting documents as needed.

**Send form to:** Executive Secretary, State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701



August 14, 2020

Robert Matthews  
Owner  
Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
P.O. Box 21645  
Carson City, Nevada 89721

**RE:    *STOP ORDER NO. 2021EA-02***  
***TAHOE WESTERN ASPHALT, LLC***

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) was issued draft Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV) No. 2784 by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP), which alleged that TWA failed to comply with the requirements of Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) AP1611-3748 pursuant to NAC 445B.275.e. Subsequent to the enforcement conferences that the NDEP held with TWA's legal counsel, TWA was issued Order 2020-E-11A (Order) on May 14, 2020, which required TWA to return to compliance with regard to the recordkeeping and monitoring requirements specified in the AQOP that TWA had allegedly violated. The Order mandated that TWA would immediately comply with the AQOP requirements, provide records to the NDEP fourteen (14) days after delivery of the order, and submit follow-up reports to the NDEP every two weeks thereafter.

Recordkeeping and monitoring of emission units are crucial elements to demonstrate that TWA is operating within the limits that meet federal and state ambient air quality standards and therefore is protective of human health. Because TWA has not performed complete recordkeeping and reporting, NDEP cannot verify compliance with the operating limits. Therefore, NDEP cannot verify that TWA is operating in such a way that is protective of human health.

Based on the information available, NDEP has reason to believe that TWA has failed to comply with following requirements pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.275:

1. Failure to comply with any requirement of NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3689, inclusive, any applicable requirement or any condition of an operating permit constitutes a violation. As required by NRS 445B.450, the Director shall issue a written notice of an alleged violation to any owner or operator for any violation, including, but not limited to:

(e) Failure to comply with any requirement for recordkeeping, monitoring, reporting or compliance certification contained in an operating permit;

Stop Order No. 2021EA-02 (Stop Order), attached hereto, orders TWA **to cease operation of all emission units** located at 8013 U.S. Highway 50 East, Carson City, Nevada starting on Close of Business on August 25, 2020. The Stop Order is in accordance with **NAC 445B.277 Stop orders**, which states in part:

*2. A stop order may be issued at any time by the Director upon his or her determination that there has been a violation of any of the provisions of NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3689, inclusive any applicable requirement or any condition of the operating permit.*

Please be advised that you must comply with the terms of Stop Order 2021EA-02 until the order is revoked by NDEP or, if the order is appealed, until the SEC rules that the order should be revoked. Failure to comply with the terms of the order is a violation punishable by a penalty of up to \$10,000 per day per violation, pursuant to **NAC 445B.281**.

In order for NDEP to suspend the Stop Order before it goes into effect, TWA must:

1. Adhere to all monitoring and recordkeeping requirements specified in the AQOP.
2. Submit to NDEP records demonstrating that TWA is fully compliant with all monitoring and recordkeeping of the AQOP. The submitted records must at least include the period from August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020, inclusive.

The records demonstrating that the above requirements have been met must be submitted to NDEP by no later than 5:00 pm on August 24, 2020. Failure to submit records demonstrating compliance by the specified date and time, or submitting records that fail to demonstrate compliance with the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements of the AQOP will result in the Stop Order going into effect until it is revoked or rescinded by NDEP.

Documentation of the records and weekly VEO's can be submitted by email to [ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov) or addressed to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection – BAQP  
Attn: Danilo Dragoni  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

If you believe this action is not warranted, an appeal of Stop Order No. 2021EA-02 may be requested pursuant to **Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445B.360** and State Environmental Commission (SEC) administrative rules. A copy of SEC Appeal Form #3 is enclosed and may also be found at <https://sec.nv.gov/participate/forms-and-documents/>. The request for an appeal must be received within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice, pursuant to **NRS 445B.340**. Appeals are processed through Valerie King, the Executive Secretary for the SEC, at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. Ms. King can be reached at (775)

687-9374, or by fax at (775) 687-5856. Please provide me with a copy of any correspondence your company may have with the SEC.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov) (preferred) or at (775) 687-9340 (response may be delayed due to limited presence in the office because of the COVID-19 emergency).

Sincerely,



Danilo Dragoni  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

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IN THE MATTER OF:  
TAHOE WESTERN ASPHALT, LLC  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

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**STOP ORDER NO. 2021EA-02**

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**Company Served:** Robert Matthews, Owner  
**Company Name:** Tahoe Western Asphalt  
**Address:** P.O. Box 21645, Carson City, Nevada 89721  
**Effective Date:** Close of Business on August 25, 2020

**Under the authority of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.277.2:**

*2. A stop order may be issued at any time by the Director upon his or her determination that there has been a violation of any of the provisions of NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3689, inclusive any applicable requirement or any condition of the operating permit.*

**The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is ordering Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC to cease operation of all emission units located at 8013 U.S. Highway 50 East, Carson City, Nevada.**

**The following act or practices give rise to the issuance of this Stop Order:**

Based on a review of the records submitted by Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) in response to the requirements of Notice of Findings and Order No. 2020-E-11A, TWA has allegedly failed to comply with the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements of Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) No. AP1611-3748. Failure to comply with the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements of an AQOP is a violation pursuant to NAC 445B.275.

*August 14, 2020*  
Date

  
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Greg Lovato  
Administrator  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

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## Revised 6-2012



Representative capacity (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## Revised 06/2012

**5. For each ground of appeal checked above, provide a brief and concise statement of the facts which provide the basis for the appeal.**

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Supporting Documents



After signing and submitting this form (below), attach the permit or notice of alleged violation that you are appealing directly to your email message. Include other supporting documents as needed.

**Send form to:** Executive Secretary, State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701



NEVADA DIVISION OF  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**

ATTACHMENT 6

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Steve Sisolak, *Governor*  
Bradley Crowell, *Director*  
Greg Lovato, *Administrator*

August 26, 2020

Robert Matthews  
Owner  
Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC  
P.O. Box 21645  
Carson City, Nevada 89721

**RE: STOP ORDER NO. 2021EA-02  
TAHOE WESTERN ASPHALT, LLC**

Dear Mr. Matthews:

On August 24, 2020, NDEP received the following information from Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC (TWA) and its representatives:

- a spreadsheet with records for System 1 through System 3
- a document with a number of addendums to the records
- a document describing the methodology used to estimate propane consumption
- three charts depicting propane levels in a storage tank
- a document with a table of values of propane levels in a storage tank
- three Method 9 VEO forms
- a letter from you to Greg Lovato and Danilo Dragoni
- a letter from Mr. Clarke stating that the aforementioned documents were being submitted on TWA's behalf and in response to Stop Order 2021EA-02

Some of these documents were received by hand delivery and other were provided in an email sent by TWA counsel Mr. Jeremy Clarke. NDEP Air Program Enforcement Staff reviewed all of the records and documents that were provided.

Based on our review of the records provided by TWA for activities that occurred at the facility in the period from August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020, inclusive, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has deemed that the Stop Order 2021EA-02 issued on August 14, 2020 (attached) requiring TWA to cease operation of all emission units shall be effective beginning on August 26, 2020.

The decision is based on, but not limited to, the following findings:

1. Daily aggregate throughput, hours of operation, and stack outlet temperature for System 2 are required to be monitored and recorded using a data logger system by the air quality operating permit. No evidence was provided that a datalogger system was used to collect the required data and no stack temperature records were provided.
2. Monitoring of the propane usage is required by the operating permit. TWA did not provide any indication that such monitoring has been implemented or even considered or attempted. In addition, the claim that the installation of a meter device would pose a safety hazard is not documented, and anecdotal at best.
3. According to what was discussed during the enforcement conference (April 16, 2020), you are not currently certified for Method 9 VEO testing. Therefore, the weekly Method 9 VEO for system 2 cannot be considered valid. NDEP is accepting expired Method 9 certification as long as the certification expired after Governor's Sisolak Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 (March 13, 2020).
4. The operational status of the equipment at the facility for the last three days of records that were required is ambiguous. In particular, there are multiple ways used to positively identify non operational periods, but none of this ways are clearly documented or defined.
5. A statement made after the fact that equipment on-site was not operated during a period of time, such as was made for Systems 4 and 5, does not meet the requirements for contemporaneous records unless there is additional documentation demonstrating the equipment could not have been operated.
6. Documentation submitted by TWA with the records stated that reported hourly aggregate throughputs may be incorrect. The documentation does not specify for which systems this comment applies to. TWA cited deficiencies in the reporting format for the inaccuracies. It is TWA's responsibility to ensure that the format for recordkeeping is adequate and that recordkeeping provides an accurate representation of the operations of the equipment.

As stated in NDEP's August 14, 2020 cover letter to the Stop Order, recordkeeping and monitoring of emission units are crucial elements to demonstrate that TWA is operating within the limits that meet federal and state ambient air quality standards and therefore is protective of human health. Because TWA has not performed complete recordkeeping and reporting, NDEP cannot verify compliance with the operating limits. Therefore, NDEP cannot verify that TWA is operating in such a way that is protective of human health.

Please also note that Stop Order 2021EA-02 is not automatically stayed by the filing of an administrative appeal<sup>1</sup> and/or bankruptcy petition.<sup>2</sup>

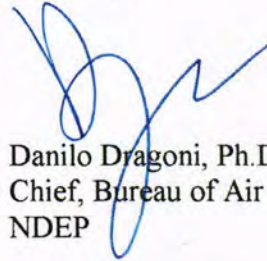
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<sup>1</sup> Stop Orders issued by the Director or his designee are not automatically stayed by administrative appeal to the SEC. See NAC 445B.277; 875-899 (failing to provide for an automatic stay of a Stop Order); NRS 445B.340-360 (failing to provide for an automatic stay of an appealed-from order); NRS 233B.140 (providing for a stay of only a final decision and only by motion in proceedings for judicial review before a District Court).

<sup>2</sup> Environmental enforcement actions are exempt from Bankruptcy stays under 11 U.S.C. Section 362(b)(4), the exception for police or regulatory power. See *United States v. Nicolet, Inc.*, 857 F.2d 202 (3d Cir. 1988); *In re Phillips*, 368 B.R. 733, 738 (Bankr. N.D. Ind. 2007) ("Section 362(b)(4) provides that the filing of a petition does not operate as a stay of 'the commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.' The term 'police or regulatory power' is not defined in the Bankruptcy Code. However, the statute's legislative history states that § 362(b)(4) includes a governmental unit's suits against a debtor 'to prevent or stop violation of fraud, environmental protection, consumer protection, safety, or similar police or regulatory laws.' H.R.Rep. No. 595, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. 343 (1977)"); *In re Commonwealth Oil Ref. Co., Inc.*, 58 B.R. 608, 611 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 1985), *aff'd sub nom. Matter of Commonwealth Oil Ref. Co., Inc.* (W.D. Tex. Nov. 5, 1985) ("EPA's potential enforcement action, however, is designed to obtain CORCO's compliance with hazardous waste, storage and disposal regulations and falls squarely within the exception to the automatic stay codified at 11 U.S.C. § 362(b)(4).").

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Danilo Dragoni at [ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov). If your legal counsel has any questions please contact Peter Handy at the Nevada Attorney General's Office, [phandy@ag.nv.gov](mailto:phandy@ag.nv.gov).

Sincerely,



Danilo Dragoni, Ph.D.  
Chief, Bureau of Air Quality Planning  
NDEP

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**Subject:** A1969, AP1611-3748, Tahoe Western Asphalt, LLC. Modeling results  
**Date:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 4:33:40 PM

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Mr. Matthews,

As you are aware, part of the process of evaluating your permit application (like any other permit application) is to verify that the operations at TWA will not cause emissions that could cause exceedances of the national and state air quality standards. This is done by using an EPA approved air pollutant dispersion modeling tool. I am sure Gay will be able to explain all the details, if needed.

NDEP has completed the modeling analysis for Tahoe Western Asphalt. Based on the operating conditions requested in the current application, we established that the following standards will not be met:

**PM<sub>10</sub>24 Hr.**

**PM<sub>2.5</sub>24 Hr.**

**PM<sub>2.5</sub>Annual**

Until the modeling analysis shows compliance with the air quality standards, NDEP won't be able to continue working and issuing the permit.

In order to solve this issue, could you please

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- b) let us know what restrictions you would like to propose to implement in order to show compliance with the Nevada Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the National Ambient Air Quality Standards

This request for additional information is pursuant to the authority of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445B.210, NRS 445B.300, and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.297. The permit issuance timeline will be extended by the corresponding number of days it takes to receive a complete response and determine permit restrictions that show compliance with the Nevada Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the National Ambient Air Quality Standards beginning today.

Because this issue is highly technical, and in the interest of solving it as quickly as possible, I would propose that direct communication between Gay and our modeling team (and only between Gay and our modeling team) could proceed without having to go through me, you, or our legal counsels. Our modeling team will keep me posted on the progress. Any

communication regarding any other topic, or involving other people, will still go only through me.

If you agree, I am sure we can start working on solving this issue right away.

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