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**Report Commissioned by Opponents of Azusa Project Misleads and Relies on Scare Tactics
Document Seeks to Incite Unfounded Fear amongst Residents and Property Owners**

April 30, 2010 (AZUSA, CA) – In a tactic that can best be described as reckless, opponents of the Azusa Rock project recently submitted a report that makes a number of false claims about the proposed Reclamation Plan that is pending before the Azusa City Council.

“The report submitted by a consultant for the opposition is based on miscalculations and incorrect assumptions,” said Richard Jones, Manager of Mine Planning and Geology for Vulcan Materials, Western Division. “The false assertions of potential slope failure, landslides and flooding are blatantly irresponsible and are not based on proven engineering principles, sound science, nor the facts related to our project. Vulcan Materials never has, and never would, submit a Reclamation Plan that would endanger the lives of our employees or the public.”

The report also compares one of Southern California’s largest man-made dams, the San Fernando Dam reservoir, with Azusa Rock’s below-grade stormwater detention basin. Stormwater detention basins are dry most of the year and serve only to capture rainfall. “As scare tactics go, this report ranks as one of the most unbelievable and irresponsible,” said Todd Priest, spokesperson for Vulcan Materials. “To equate a large dam to a rain detention basin is absurd.”

“We continue to be disappointed that project opponents mislead the public regarding our proposed plan, this time in the name of science. Their consultant clearly failed to exercise the adequate standard of care that is required of professional service providers,” said Jones. “Our geotechnical consultants, trained at Caltech and UC Davis, have thoroughly reviewed each document and state categorically that these latest assertions regarding our pending Reclamation Plan are inaccurate and serve only to generate unfounded fear.”

The report is the latest in a series of attempts by opponents to misrepresent the proposed plan for Azusa Rock. In another example, opponents requested the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to reconsider its positive air analysis regarding the proposed plan, using guidelines not authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Following up on this request and after additional analysis, the Air Quality Management District maintained that the proposed plan continues to meet all state and federal clean air standards.

Pending before the Azusa City Council is a Reclamation Plan that will exchange 80 acres of existing mining rights on the east side of Azusa Rock for 80 acres of mining rights on the west side. No additional acreage will be mined under the proposed plan and the time period for mining remains the same. The many supporters of the proposed plan have pointed to the numerous significant benefits the proposal brings. These include dramatic visual improvements that will be made to the appearance of Azusa Rock by mandating the use of one-to two-foot benches in previous and future mined areas. Additionally, the proposed plan will reduce production limits at Azusa Rock from 10.8 million tons per year to six million tons per year.

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