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September 20, 2000

Via Facsimile (922-5380) and U.S. MailMr. Kirby B. Green, III
Deputy Secretary
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you very much for your letter dated September 20, 2000. See attached. Please be advised that Florida Rock Industries has stopped adding mill scale to the raw mix used at the Thompson S. Baker Cement Plant in Newberry for the manufacture of cement. Following the constructive discussions with Department staff in Jacksonville on September 19th, the company decided to discontinue the use of mill scale. This has resulted in Florida Rock's inability to produce the AASHTO Type II cement presently required under Florida DOT specifications and the market at large in Florida.

The company will continue to operate the facility so as to produce Type I cement until an alternative source of iron is located which would allow both FDOT specifications and FDEP Permit requirements to be met. As we discussed, the company will explore all options and closely coordinate with the Department to ensure compliance with all applicable standards and permit conditions.

To reiterate the company's position conveyed to you yesterday, the company has been willing and will continue to be willing to immediately cease any operation which will result in exceedences of any applicable standard.

The company looks to the Department for assistance and cooperation in choosing acceptable modes of operation and conducting any necessary tests or trial runs of process modifications to enable it to operate within all applicable standards.

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I was informed late this afternoon that Mr. Christopher L. Kirts, P.E., Air Program Administrator of the Northeast District Office, is already in contact with Dr. John Koogler, Ph.D., P.E., consultant for Florida Rock, to arrange for performance of the stack test referred to in your letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Segundo J. Fernandez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Segundo J. Fernandez

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Enclosure

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