

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Resolution No. R1-2000-49

for

Noranda, Inc.
Noranda Grey Eagle Mines Inc.,
1000 Luther Gulch Road
Happy Camp, CA 96039
And
Siskon Gold Corporation
10556 Combie Road, Suite 6206
Auburn, CA 95602

Grey Eagle Mine Reclamation Project

Siskiyou County

- WHEREAS,** Noranda Grey Eagle Mines Inc. submitted a report “Attachment to Application for Facility Permit/Waste Discharge” to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), proposing continued reclamation of the Grey Eagle Mine designed to reduce the production of acid waters and coincident solubilization of metals in the historical mine workings. The purpose of the project is to reduce the need for continued operation of a water treatment plant located in the South Fork of Luther Gulch and allow for a more passive closure program. South Fork of Luther Gulch Creek is a tributary of Luther Gulch Creek which is a tributary of Indian Creek which is a tributary of the Klamath River.
- WHEREAS,** the Regional Water Board is the lead agency for approval of water quality control measures and waste management plans, and to ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Regional Water Board has conducted an Initial Study in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, entitled Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- WHEREAS,** copies of the Initial Study, proposed Negative Declaration, and draft Waste Discharge Requirements were transmitted to all agencies and persons known to be interested in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board has considered and addressed all written comments received regarding the Initial Study, proposed Negative Declaration, and Draft Waste Discharge Requirements; and

WHEREAS the Regional Water Board considered all testimony and evidence at a public meeting held on July 27, 2000, in Willits, California, and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration and the Waste Discharge Requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, approves the Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and Waste Discharge Requirements for implementation of the continued reclamation program for the Noranda Grey Eagle Mine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that considering the record as a whole, this project will involve no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife. Therefore, the Executive Officer is directed to sign a Certification of Fee Exemption for “De Minimus” Impact Finding.

Certification

I, Lee A Michlin , Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on July 27, 2000.

Lee A. Michlin
Executive Officer