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Mr. Matt Cogburn
Planning and Management Division
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 North Classen Boulevard
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RE: **Water Monitoring Plan Report, 1st Quarter 2018, for Dolese Bros. Co. Davis Quarry, Murray County, Oklahoma**

Dear Mr. Cogburn:

According to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's Title 785, Chapter 30, Subchapter 15, Part 4, *Mines with Preexisting Exemptions*, Dolese Bros. Co. Davis Quarry qualifies as a mine with a preexisting exemption. As part of maintaining this exemption status, the regulations require us to do the following:

1. Adopt and implement a plan to monitor and report to the Board the accumulation and disposition of pit water during the previous calendar year;
 - The Davis Quarry has adopted and implemented such a plan, and the tables below serve to report to the Board the accumulation and disposition of pit water during 1st Quarter 2018.
2. Make quarterly and annual reports of the measured or reasonably estimated groundwater and surface water volumes, separately stated, entering the pit, of the water that is diverted from the pit, of the disposition of the water from the pit, and of the consumptive use of the water from the pit on or before the deadlines provided by Title 82 of Oklahoma Statutes, § 1020.2(E)(1);
 - The Davis Quarry has continued to fulfill this obligation by compiling and submitting this 1st Quarter 2018 report. The specific information requested in this section is outlined in the tables shown below.
3. At any time after March 31, 2015, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board within the pertinent report or reports that the mine has not consumptively used during the previous twelve-month period, from the mining site, an amount of groundwater which combined with any amounts used from permitted groundwater wells exceeds the MEPS¹. Such demonstration may require providing to the Board a copy of the mine's monitoring plan and all of the data collected and procedures used to support the calculations and results reported.
 - After 31 March 2015, the Davis Quarry will be willing to demonstrate to the Board that the mine site has not consumptively used during the previous twelve-month period from the mining site, an amount of groundwater which combined with any amounts used from permitted groundwater wells exceeds the MEPS. Example calculations used in the First Quarterly Monitoring Report for 2013 have already been submitted to the OWRB for review and analysis.

¹ Mine's Equal Proportionate Share

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Below, in Tables 1, 2, and 3, are shown the 1st Quarter 2018 summary data collected at the Davis Quarry.

Table 1

Accumulation & Disposition of Pit Water during 1st Quarter 2018

	<u>Groundwater</u> Acre-Feet	<u>Surface Water</u> Acre-Feet	<u>Total</u> Acre-Feet
Water Entering The Mine Pit	58.07	174.74	232.81
Water Diverted From The Mine Pit Into Fresh Water Lake	58.07	174.74	232.81
Water Removed From Fresh Water Lake	172.83	761.36	934.19
Water Returned To Fresh Water Lake	164.50	724.68	889.18
Water Returned To Land Surface Overlying ASA² Basin	39.52	174.11	213.63
Water Consumptively Used	20.35	(See Table 3 for Calculations)	

Table 2

Water Fluctuations in Fresh Water Lake during 1st Quarter 2018

Average Size of Lake	32.14 acres
Gain in Water Elevation	2.92 feet
Gain in Lake Volume	93.85 acre-feet

Table 3

Consumptive Use Summary for 1st Quarter 2018

Activity or Location	Amount of Pit Water Used, Acre-Feet	Groundwater Content, Percent	Groundwater Component, Acre-Feet
1 North Water Well	0.00	All	0.20
2 South Water Well	0.00	All	1.74
3 Material Moisture Hauled from Site	4.59	18.50	0.85
4 Land Application for Roadway Dust Suppression	21.02	18.50	3.89
5 Evaporation from Mine Pit	2.97	24.94	0.74
6 Offsite Dewatering	69.89	18.50	12.93

Total Groundwater Consumption from ASA at Davis Quarry = 20.35 Acre-Feet

² Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer

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Below, in Table 4, please find the Groundwater Rights Summary for the Davis Quarry.

Table 4
Summary of Groundwater Rights for Davis Quarry

<p>From Acreage on the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer And Included in the ASA Groundwater Rights $(1,083 \text{ ac.} + 113 \text{ ac. on ASA}) \times (0.2 \text{ ac-ft/acre}) = 239.2 \text{ acre-feet on the ASA}$</p>
<p>From Acreage off the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer And Excluded from the ASA Groundwater Rights $(937 \text{ ac.} - 135 \text{ ac.} + 10 \text{ ac. off ASA}) \times (2.0 \text{ ac-ft/acre}) = 1,624 \text{ acre-feet off the ASA}$</p>

Based on the plan that we have adopted and implemented to monitor and report the accumulation and disposition of pit water, based on our actual consumptive use of groundwater quantities, and based on the timely submittal of all reports including this 1st Quarter 2018 report, we believe that the Davis Quarry is in full compliance with all of the regulations that allow us to maintain its preexisting exemption.

General Information

Our calculations show that Davis Quarry's total estimated groundwater consumption for 1st Quarter 2018 was 20.35 acre-feet. This equates to about 8.5% of Davis Quarry's Equal Proportionate Share (EPS) for the year.

- The calculations show the groundwater consumption to be this high because we were required to discharge off-site some water from the Fresh Water Lake (FWL) due to high water conditions as a result of rainfall received during the quarter. Approximately 64% of the groundwater shown to be "consumed" during the quarter was due to off-site dewatering.
- The remaining amount that we consumed during the quarter (less than 36% of the total amount consumed) pertains to all other consumptive use activities, which include groundwater usage from two (2) small water wells, material moisture hauled from the site, dust suppression waters, and evaporation of Mine Pit water.

Please note that we now have 239.2 acre-feet per year of groundwater rights available over the ASA at the Davis Quarry location, but our total available water rights for this site could also include other significant unused groundwater rights that we have at another site that overlies the ASA in Murray County.

During 1st Quarter 2018, the Davis Quarry logged 12.3 inches of rainfall, as measured using rain gauges. The effective runoff into the quarry lakes created from these rains was estimated to be 8.15 inches. Three of the individual rainfall events during the quarter were rather significant. One was measured at 2.0 inches, and the other larger rains were measured at 3.8 and 4.8 inches, which contributed to a significant percentage of the runoff into the Mine Pit; that is, about 95% of the actual runoff for the quarter.

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The "calculated" groundwater percentage in the Fresh Water Lake was 18.5% for the 1st Quarter 2018, and storm water comprised the other 81.5%.

In the Annual Water Monitoring Reports for this quarry, we have always included more of the details regarding the water calculations and how they were performed, than are in the quarterly reports. The annual reports also detail how we have always tried to use the least controversial methods of calculating and estimating groundwater consumption at this facility. Since these detailed explanations were just covered in the annual report for 2017, I will not outline them in these quarterly reports.

As we stated last quarter, water management always has been and continues to be very important to us at Dolese Bros. Co., especially at the Davis Quarry. We understand that the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer is a unique aquifer that must be protected. Our plant personnel make daily efforts to responsibly manage the waters within our quarry boundaries so that when they return to their nearby homes and properties, these same quality waters will be available for their personal and community uses.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments concerning this submittal. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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