

MONTEREY BAY DUNES COALITION

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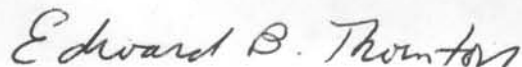
Dear Mr. D'Avignon,

Subj: Freedom of Information Act Request regarding CEMEX Sand Mining Plant

On behalf of the Monterey Dunes Coalition, I am submitting a Freedom of Information Act request for any jurisdictional determination by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding sand mining by CEMEX Inc., formerly owned by Lone Star Industries. The mining operation is located at the north end of the City of Marina, California at the shoreline. Beach deposits from just landward of the beach berm to the back beach are mined by a floating dredge. The dredge operation has been ongoing since 1965. Significant changes in the amount of sand mined occurred sometime after 1979 when a larger dredge was introduced.

The Monterey Dunes Coalition is composed of members from the Sierra Club, California Native Plant Society, and the Audubon Society.

Very Truly Yours,



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