



Agenda Item #1  
CRC - 4/25/05

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

March 28, 2004  
10:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Councilwoman Mary Alvarez, City of Tampa  
Reverend James T. Golden, City of Bradenton  
Mr. Kenneth Hoyt, Hillsborough County  
Mr. Michael Guju, Pinellas County  
Mr. Robert Kersteen, Pinellas County  
Councilperson Bob Langford, City of New Port Richey  
Mr. Todd Pressman, Pinellas County  
Mr. Kathleen Wolf, Pasco County

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Ms. Jill Collins, Hillsborough County  
Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City  
Mayor Ward Friszolowski, City of St. Pete Beach  
Councilwoman Virginia Littrell, City of St. Petersburg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Dee Allen, Mosaic Phosphates  
Mr. Bryant Grant, Mosaic Phosphates  
Mr. Ted Lincks, Lincks and Associates  
Ms. Joyce Nadar, Mosaic  
Mr. Phil Simpson, ECT for Mosaic  
Mr. William R. Smith, Florida Wildlife Commission  
Mr. Mike Stevenson, Hillsborough County  
Mr. Gary Uebelhoe, ECT for Mosaic  
Mr. Manny L. Pumariega, Executive Director, TBRPC  
Mr. Roger Tucker, General Counsel, TBRPC  
Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director, TBRPC  
Mr. John Meyer, Principal Planner, TBRPC  
Mr. Gerald Smelt, Principal Planner, TBRPC  
Mr. Randy Deshazo, Senior Planer, TBRPC  
Mr. Greg Miller, Planner, TBRPC  
Ms. Sue Young, Secretary, TBRPC

Mr. Robert Kersteen called the meeting of the Clearinghouse Review Committee of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to order on March 28, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

## **Agenda Item #1 - Minutes**

Mr. Kenneth Hoyt moved that the minutes from the October 25, 2004 meeting be approved. Mr. Michael Guju seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## **Agenda Item #2 - Consent Agenda**

Mr. Richard Albrecht moved that the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Guju seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## **Agenda Item #3 - Items Removed From the Consent Agenda**

None.

## **Agenda Item #4 - Developments of Regional Impact**

A. DRI #263 - Hillsborough County Mine Consolidation Substantial Deviation, Hillsborough County

Mosaic Phosphates Co. is seeking Substantial Deviation Development of Regional Impact (DRI) approval to add nearly 1,600 acres to the existing DRI mining site and remove nearly 8,650 acres which have been previously mined. The proposal is within the existing Hillsborough County Mine Consolidation DRI in southeast Hillsborough County, immediately north of Manatee County and west of Polk County. The 1,600-acre expansion is comprised of nine parcels scattered at the southern end of the existing project. The timing associated with the mining and reclamation of the expansion areas will be consistent with those schedules already approved. The Council's *Preapplication Conference Report* and the applicant's *Pre-Application Conference Document*, each of which are attached, provide greater detail of the proposal.

Mr. John Meyer, TBRPC staff, made the following presentation:

The purpose of the pre-application conference is an agreement between the review agencies and the applicant as to the extent of regional issues and methodologies which will be incorporated for the duration of DRI review. A correspondence from EPC of Hillsborough County is placed in the Council member's packets. This correspondence will be appended to the back of the report.

The proposed site is located in the extreme southeast corner of Hillsborough adjacent to Manatee and Polk counties. The applicant is proposing modifications to the existing Hillsborough County Mine Consolidation DRI, which was previously approved as a substantial deviation of three former mines in 1993. The mines were Lonesome Mine, Kingsford Mine and Four Corners Mine. While Kingsford and Four Corners Mine extended into Manatee, those portions are addressed under separate development order governed by Manatee County.

Mr. Meyer showed a graphic with the current proposal to mine nine additional parcels. They are interior outparcels totaling approximately 1,600 acres. They have been previously mined and reclaimed. The modifications included changes to the mine access corridor across the Little

Manatee River and relocation of three NPDES outfalls. The applicant's basis for requesting exemption of select regional entities was provided as Exhibit 1 of the Council's Report, pages 8 through 11.

The extent of appropriate regional issues is identified on pages 12 and 13, also known as Table 2. Following the presentation by Ms. Dee Allen of Mosaic Phosphates, Council staff would recommend approval of the pre-application conference report. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the review agencies have a period equivalent to about 50 days following this meeting to provide final comments and recommendations to be incorporated. He noted that representatives from Hillsborough County Planning and Growth Management and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation staff were present.

Ms. Dee Allen, Mosaic Phosphates, made the following presentation:

Ms. Allen stated that she is the Supervisor of Permitting and Reclamation for Mosaic. She will be doing an overview on DRI 263, as well as some background information on mining.

She described the permitting process before any mining can be initiated. In addition to the DRI process, the county also has a mining unit application process that goes through the planning and growth management department. Under that process there is review on wetland issues from the EPC and the natural resources team looks at uplands issues and wildlife issues.

Ms. Allen then summarized the changes Mosaic is requesting regarding DRI #263.

A brief Powerpoint™ presentation on the mining process followed.

Questions and comments followed:

Reverend Golden asked what would happen if there is a break in the pipeline carrying the slurry. Ms. Allen responded that the material would be in the river but that the sand material would drop to the bottom.

Mr. Hoyt asked if the committee members were comfortable with the comments from EPC of Hillsborough County. Ms. Allen noted that there will be several other review agency comments received during the 50-day comment period and that the issues raised will be addressed in the ADA and subsequent sufficiency process.

Mr. Guju inquired about the types of uses of the land after mining has been completed. Ms. Allen identified that there are no general limitations of land uses. Mr. Guju asked if, in removing Crossings D and M, the land bridge is actually removed. Ms. Allen stated that the land bridges were never constructed.

Ms. Cooper noted that most dragline structures are very temporary.

Mr. Pressman stated that the pre-application report indicated relocation of three NPDES surface water discharge outfalls. Ms. Allen said they currently have NPDES outfall locations designated within the Development Order, but they have not yet been constructed because there is no mining in those areas. Therefore, these NPDES outfalls are not necessarily proposed for

“relocation.”

Mr. Kersteen asked about the “state of the art” oil separation technique. Mr. Bryant Grant, Mosaic, responded by stating the replacement of the gravity process is more efficient.

Mr. Kersteen also asked if they have found many archeological materials. Ms. Allen stated that they generally do not find fossilized remains in the finer grained material.

Councilperson Langford asked what type of safeguards are in place in the clay settling ponds to prevent a bad situation during heavy rains. Ms. Allen answered that their existing facilities did not experience any incidents during last year’s hurricane season which included lots of rainfall.

The original DRI #213 acreage is over 153,000 acres; of that Mosaic was approved to mine 43,000.

Mr. Meyer stated that the statutes require the applicant to submit the application for development approval within a one-year period of the preapplication conference date. He has talked with the applicant; they expect to submit the ADA well before that. Shortly after that is submitted, he will contact the CRC members and invite them to a site visit. He recommended the committee adopt the pre-application conference report.

Mr. Guju made a motion to approve the pre-application conference report. Councilperson Langford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5 - Other Business - Chairman**

None.

**Agenda Item #6 - Announcement of Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be announced as needed.

**Agenda Item #7 - Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Young, Recording Secretary

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Mr. Robert Kersteen, Chair

