

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 30
was approved as Minute Item
No. 30 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 5-1-91
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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PRC 7384

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**AMEND A MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT TO INCLUDE AN EXPLORATORY
DRILLING PROGRAM FOR VALUABLE MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL,
GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL,
IMPERIAL COUNTY**

APPLICANT:

American Girl Mining
Joint Venture
P. O. Box 879
Winterhaven, CA 92283

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 607.52 acres of vacant, State-owned school
land further described as Section 16, T15S, R21E, SBM and
located in the Cargo Muchacho Mountains of southeast
Imperial County, about 10 miles northwest of Winterhaven,
California.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Permittee has completed Phase I surface mapping and hand
sampling activities in Section 16. Based on an analysis of these
data, the Permittee proposes a Phase II exploratory drilling
program to obtain subsurface samples and determine if gold
mineralization is present in economic grades and tonnage.

The proposed exploratory drilling program would be an amendment
of the existing mineral prospecting permit (PRC 7384), and
includes drilling 32 reverse circulation drill holes with total
depths varying from 200 to 400 feet. A total of approximately
10,000 feet of drilling at 5-1/2 inch diameter is proposed.
Existing roads will be used to the extent possible for both
access routes and drill sites. Approximately 2,700 feet of new
access road 14 feet in width will be required to complete the
proposed drilling project. Total new surface disturbance will
total approximately 1.4 acres. Disturbed areas will be returned
to original contour and its natural state to the extent possible.

Lead agency for this project was Imperial County Planning
Department under authority of the Surface Mining and Reclamation
Act. The Imperial County Planning Department prepared and
circulated Conditional Use Permit No. 975-91 (Reclamation Plan

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No. 147-91 and Initial Study No. 3192-91) for the purpose of the proposed exploratory drilling program. The County certified on March 1, 1991 that the project will not have an adverse effect on the environment. Subsequently, the County's environmental document was forwarded to the State Clearinghouse within the Office of the Planning and Research via the Commission's Environmental Planning and Management staff for additional circulation as EIR ND 547, SCH #91041001. No comments were received.

The proposed authorization is to approve amendment of the existing mineral prospecting permit to include an exploratory drilling program.

CONSIDERATION:

Filing fee of \$25 in addition to \$2,475 under Reimbursement Agreement R06690 for a total of \$2,500.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

1. Filing fee and Reimbursement Agreement have been submitted by the applicant.
2. Royalty payable under any preferential lease will not be less than 10 percent of the gross value of all mineral production from the leased lands, less any charges approved by the Commission while transporting or processing of the State's royalty share of production.
3. At this time, the subject parcel is not known to contain commercially valuable mineral deposits.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Section 2000.

AB 884:

N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines, staff forwarded Imperial County's environmental document to the State Clearinghouse within the Office of Planning and Research for circulation as EIR ND, SCH #91041001. Such proposed Negative Declaration was circulated for

public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A copy of the environmental document is attached as Exhibit "C".

There is no substantial evidence that the project, as amended, will have a significant effect on the environment [14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b)].

2. Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6895, upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Commission that commercially valuable mineral deposit have been discovered within the limits of the permit, the applicant would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 607.52 acres embraced within the permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The amendment of this permit shall not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such a lease because of environmental or other conditions.
3. A reclamation bond in the amount of \$3,200 has been required by the Imperial County Planning Department to provide for reclamation of all disturbed areas of the proposed project. Staff has required, in the proposed amendment, a performance bond in the amount of \$8,000 as additional security for the reclamation of the permitted lands.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6890, the amendment application and form have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General for compliance with the applicable provisions of the law.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration.
- D. Site Map.
- E. Prospecting Permit Amendment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, THE LEAD AGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA, AND THAT SUCH DOCUMENT WAS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION AS EIR ND 547, SCH # 91041001,

AND CIRCULATED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH FOR THE AMENDED PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

2. AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF THE MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMITS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "D" TO AMERICAN GIRL MINING JOINT VENTURE FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON SECTION 16, T15S, R21E, SBM, IMPERIAL COUNTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 607.52 ACRES. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

PRC 7384.2

That parcel of state owned school land in Imperial County, California, describes as follows:

All of Section 16, T 15 S, R 21 E, SEM

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED MARCH, 1991 BY LLB

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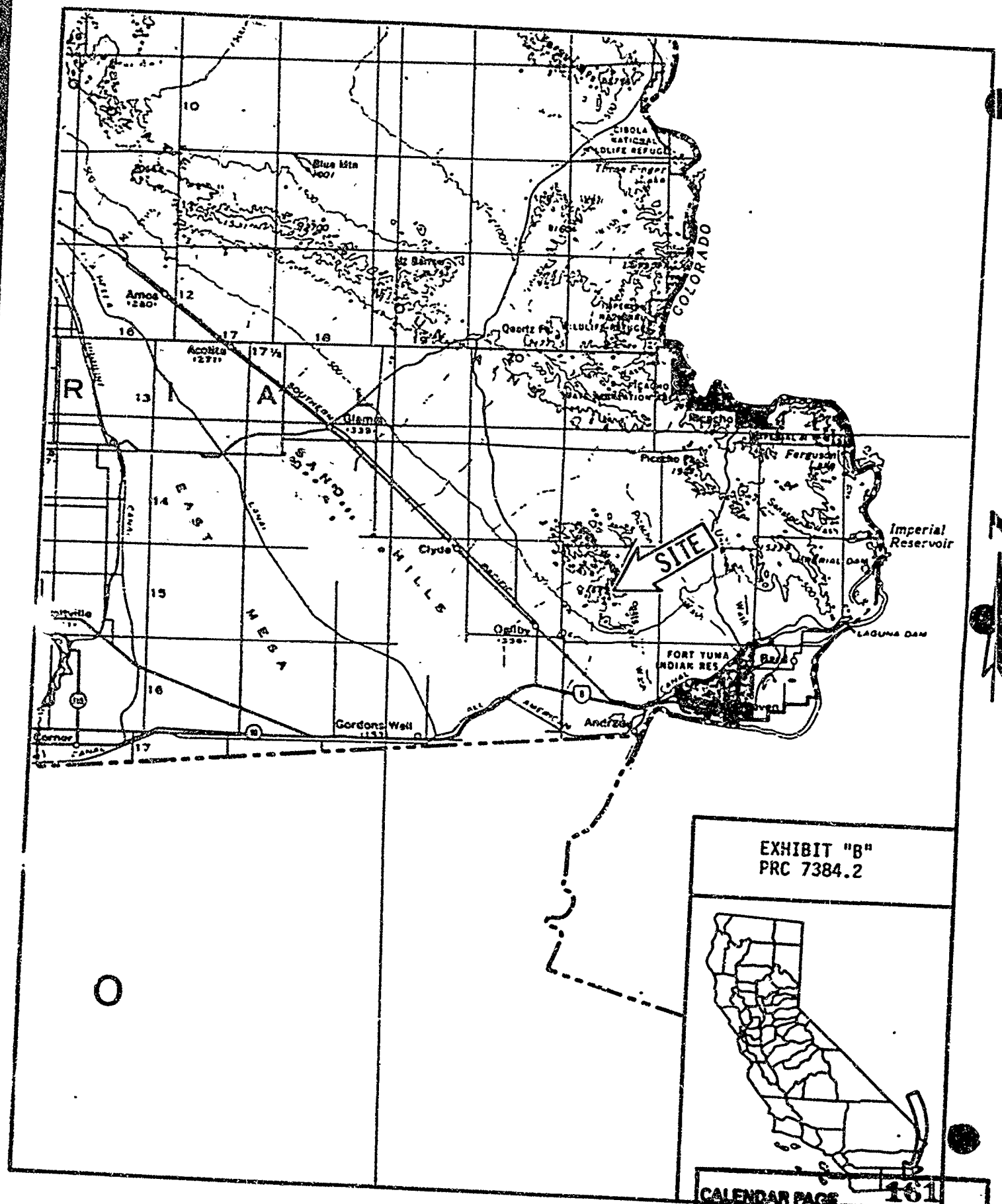


EXHIBIT "B"
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CALENDAR ITEM EXHIBIT "C"

Notice of Completion

Appendix B

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West 24 Sun Coastway, 1400 Town Court, Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 441-4013

Active 01041001

12131
590
529

Project Title: 2411 LINDSEY HILLING GOLF AND LINK DEVELOPMENT

Lead Agency: LEGISLATIVE COUNTY PLANNING DEPT. Contact Person: JERRY SOUTHWELL Y310

Local Address: 232 MAIN STREET Phone: (916) 339-6736

City: EL CERRILLO Zip: 95823 County: SUTTER

Project Location: ULSTERHAVEN, CA
County: SUTTER City/County Community: 10 MILES SW of the project

County Order: _____ Total Acres: _____
Agency Order No.: 090-120-1671 Section: 14 Page: 125 Range: 11E Base: 5N

Urban I Code: _____ State Hwy #: _____ Watercourse: _____
Aerial Photo: _____ Section: _____ Section: _____ Section: _____

Document Type

- Check: RFP Supplemental/Amendment NEPA: EIS Other: Joint Statement
 Study Plan EIS (Pre-DCM) EA Final Statement
 Final EIS Other _____ Final EIS Other _____
 Draft EIS _____

Lead Action Type

- General Plan Update Specific Plan Review Amendment
 General Plan Amendment Status Plan Private Redesignation
 General Plan Element Planned Map Development Use Permit General Permit
 Conditional Use Fee Plan Land Use/Development Other _____
 (Partial Map, Tent Map, etc.)

Development Type

- Residential: Single-Family Multi-Family Other _____
 Office Employment Other _____
 Commercial: Retail Industrial Other _____
 Industrial: Manufacturing Other _____
 Other: _____
 Water Pollution: Type _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Airport: Major _____
 Power: Type _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Design Criteria (Applicable to Document)

- Ambient/Air Final Funding Storm/Sedimentation Water Quality
 Agricultural Land Rural Land/Use Change Drainage Water Supply/Management
 Air Quality Agricultural/Forestry Wetlands Wetland/Stream
 Agricultural/Forestry Wetlands Wetland/Stream Wetland/Stream
 Cultural Resources Wetlands Wetland/Stream Wetland/Stream
 Flood Wetlands Wetland/Stream Wetland/Stream
 Other: _____

Project Lead (City/County/General Plan Use)

"S" Open Space

Project Description

Drill 12 reverse circulation exploratory holes to depths varying from 200 to 500 feet for a proposed drilling program.

CLEARING CONTACT: Van Linder (916) 443-6613

STATE REVIEW DATE: 4.1.91
 DATE SENT TO AGENCY: 4.29
 AGENCY REVIEW TO DATE: 4.29
 NO COMPLIANCE: 5.1
 PLEASE REVIEW WITH ALL AGENCIES
 AVOIDANCE: 10 (SUTTER CO.) 4.1.6

DATE SENT TO STATE: _____
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To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: (Public Agency) Imperial Co Planning Dept
939 Main Street
(Address)
El Centro, CA 92243

xx County Clerk
County of Imperial
939 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243



Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21109 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

American Girl Mining Corporation Reclamation Plan #147-91
Project Title

<u>N/A</u>	<u>Jesse Soriano</u>	<u>(619)339-4236</u>
State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Cargo Mucacho Mountains, Imperial County
Project Location (include county)

Project Description: Drilling program on a Portion of Section 16, Township 15 South,
Range 21 East

This is to advise that the Imperial County Planning Commission has approved the above described project on
 Lead Agency Responsible Agency
February 27, 1991 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Date)

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public as:

<u>[Signature]</u> Signature (Public Agency)	<u>March 1, 1991</u> Date	<u>Planning Director</u> Title
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Date received for filing at OFR:

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CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

De Minimis Impact Finding

Project Title/Location (include county):

Reclamation Plan #147-91 (American Girl Mining Corporation)

Cerro Mucacho Mountains,
more particularly known as a Portion of Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 21 East

Project Description:

Drilling Program

Findings of Exemption (attach as necessary):

There will be no adverse impacts upon wildlife or natural resources, and no intrusion upon any known habitat, no is it likely to have a future impact.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

~~Chief~~ Planning Official

Title: Planning Director
Lead Agency: Imperial Co Planning Dept.
Date: March 1, 1991

To: _____ Office Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: (Public Agency) Imperial County Planning
939 Main Street
(Address)
El Centro, CA 92243

XX County Clerk
County of Imperial
939 Main Street
El Centro, Ca 92243



Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

American Girl Mining Corporation Conditional Use Permit #975-91
Project Title

N/A Jesse Soriano (619)339-4236
State Clearinghouse Number Lead Agency Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(If submitted to Clearinghouse) Contact Person

Large Mucarcho Mountains, Imperial County
Project Location (include county)

Project Description: Drilling Program on a Portion of Section 16, Township 16 South,
Range 21 East

This is to advise that the Imperial County Planning Commission has approved the above described project on
 Lead Agency Responsible Agency
February 27, 1991 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project
(Date)

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

[Signature] March 1, 1991 Planning Director
Signature (Public Agency) Date Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

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Project Title/Location (include county):

Conditional Use Permit #975-91

(American Girl Mining Corporation)

Cargo Mucacho Mountains,

more particularly known as a Portion of Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 21 East

Project Description:

Drilling Program

Findings of Exemption (attach as necessary):

There will no adverse impacts upon wildlife or natural resources, and no intrusion upon any known habitat, nor is it likely to have a future impact.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

~~(enter)~~ Planning Official

Title: Planning Director
Lead Agency Imperial County Planning Dept
Date March 1, 1991

Section 711.4, Fish and Game Code
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PROJECT REPORT

TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE Feb. 27, 1991 TIME: 9:40 AM AGENDA NO: 8

APPLICANTS NAME American Girl Mining Corporation SUPERVISOR D. 5
OWNERS NAME State Lands Commission
PROJECT TYPE Reclamation Plan #147-91 (Drilling Program)
PROJECT ADDRESS N/A
GEN LOCATION Cargo Muchacho Mountains
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Portion of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 21 East
ASSESS. PAR. NO 0503201801 PARCEL SIZE 604.25
EXISTING ZONE "S" Open Space ADJ. ZONING "S" Open Space
GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS

COMMENTS FROM:

PUBLIC WORKS None in file
E.M.S./HEALTH None in file
A.G./A.P.C.D. None in file
FIRE/O.E.S. None in file
COUNSEL None in file
OTHER IVC Museum, State Lands Commission

PROTEST REC. YES NO NUMBER

E.E.C. DECISION DATE Feb. 1, 1991 B. NUMBER 3192-91
 NEG. DEC. E.I.R. OTHER N.A.

COMMISSION DEC. APPROVED DENIED DATE Feb. 27, 1991

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that you conduct a public hearing and that you hear all the opponents and proponents of the proposed project. It is staff's recommendation that you approve the Reclamation Plan and that you take the following action:

1. Approve the Negative Declaration on the basis of the Initial Study and any comments received shows no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Make the attached findings.
3. Approve the Reclamation Plan subject to the attached conditions.


JORGE HEUBERGER
PLANNING DIRECTOR

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IMPERIAL COUNTY
Planning Department

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The American Girl Mining Corporation, has submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Reclamation Plan for a proposed drilling program. The proposed project will be located in the Cargo Muchacho Mountains on state land. The property is a state school section containing approximately 604.25 acres. The area is immediately west of the American Girl Mining Joint Venture existing mining operation in American Girl Canyon.

Phase I of the project consisted of nondisturbance geologic activities including geologic mapping and hand sampling activities (Completed October 1990). Phase II proposes an exploration drilling program to obtain subsurface samples and determine if gold mineralization of economic grades and tonnage are present. American Girl proposes to drill 32 reverse circulation drill holes, with depths varying from 200 to 400 feet. The majority of the holes will be vertical, however, approximately 1/4 of the drilling will be angle holes inclined up to 45° from vertical.

Planned drilling activities will be in the northwestern portion of Section 16 Township 15 South Range 21 East, adjacent to American Girl Mining Joint Venture's mining operation. Existing roads will be utilized as much as possible for both drill access and drill sites, however, approximately 2,700 feet of new access roads will be required to accomplish the program. Total disturbance will total approximately 1.4 acres.

Following the completion of drilling, a decision will be made as to whether mining activities will be conducted (Phase III) and what specific areas will be mined, encompassed by mine related facilities, or targeted for mining or additional exploration activities. If a decision is made not to proceed to mine development and discontinue exploration activities, reclamation of newly constructed drill access roads and drill holes will be conducted within six (6) months.

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SURFACE/SUBSURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN FINDINGS

1. The County of Imperial hereby finds that the extraction of minerals is essential to the continued economic well-being of the County and its residents and that the reclamation of all mined lands is necessary to prevent or minimize significant adverse effects on the environment and to protect the public health and safety.
2. The County also finds that the reclamation of federal, state and private lands will permit the continued mining of minerals and will provide for protection and subsequent beneficial use of all mined and reclaimed lands.
3. The County further finds that the extraction of valuable minerals through surface/subsurface mining and the reclamation of all mined lands is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan and with Public Resources Code, Division 2, Chapter 9.

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PROPOSED CONDITIONS

AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORPORATION

RECLAMATION PLAN

Pursuant to the completed application and site plan on file, the County of Imperial hereby approves the AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORPORATION (AGMC) RECLAMATION PLAN, subject to the terms and conditions specified below.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

G-1 Permits/ Licenses

AGMC shall comply with all County, State and Federal laws, rules, regulations and/or standards as they may pertain to this project, whether specified herein or not. It is the responsibility of AGMC to know all applicable regulations.

G-2 Compliance/Revocation

Upon determination by the Planning Department that the AGMC is not in compliance with one or all of the conditions of the Reclamation Plan, or upon finding that the project is creating a nuisance as defined by law, or that the project is degrading the quality of the environment and causing significant environmental impacts which may result in substantial adverse effects to the well-being of the residents of Imperial County, the matter can be brought to the Planning Commission or other appropriate agency to enforce the requirements of the plan, or to consider the immediate suspension of all operations.

G-3 Responsible Agent

Reclamation shall be conducted under the direction of a responsible agent. The name and telephone number of this individual shall be provided to the Planning Department. The agent shall insure that reclamation complies with the conditions contained herein.

G-4 General Law

The Reclamation Plan and all stipulations contained herein are subject to all laws and regulations pertaining to mining and reclamation as prescribed by Federal, State or County governments.

G-5 Minor Amendments

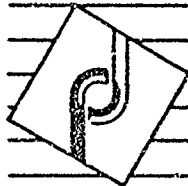
The Planning Director may approve minor changes, or administrative extensions, as requested in writing by AGMC to the plan, provided it does not result in significant additional environmental impacts, are generally procedural/technical, and/or which may be necessary to comply with other government permit compliance requirements.

G-6 Payment

AGMC shall pay any and all amounts as determined by the County to defray all costs for the review of reports, field inspections, or other monitoring activities related to compliance with the Reclamation Plan, County Ordinances, and/or other laws that apply.

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&
BUILDING
Department

(619) - 339 - 4236



TELE FAX
(619) - 332 - 6339

G-7 Archaeologist Resources

If any unusual specimens of bone, stone, or ceramic are discovered during any phase of the project, all operations shall cease immediately until a qualified archaeologist, retained by the AGMC and approved by the Planning Director, reviews the specimens. The recommendations of the archaeologist shall be complied with prior to resuming operation.

G-8 Severability

Should any condition of the Reclamation Plan be determined by a Court of law, or other agency with proper jurisdiction, to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of the Plan.

G-9 Right of Entry

The County reserves the right to enter the premises to make appropriate inspections and to determine if the reclamation conditions are being complied with. Access to the site by authorized County personnel shall not be unreasonably denied by AGMC.

G-10 Definitions

In the event of a dispute, the meaning(s), or intent of any word(s) or phrase(s) and/or conditions or sections herein, shall be determined by the Imperial County Planning Commission, and their determination shall be final, unless a timely appeal is made and modified by the Board of Supervisors.

G-11 Provisions Run With the Land/Project

If a new operator succeeds to the interest of the AGMC in the operation by sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, exchange or other means, the successor shall be bound by the provisions of the approved Reclamation Plan. The County shall be informed within thirty (30) days of any such change of interest.

PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

B-1 Reclamation Objectives

AGMC shall conduct reclamation with special emphasis on the objectives of Public Resources Code, Section 2712, as follows:

- (a) Adverse environmental effects are prevented or minimized and that the mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.
- (b) The production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, and aesthetic enjoyment.
- (c) Residual hazards to the public health and safety are eliminated.

S-2 Project Location

This reclamation plan applies solely to the area delineated in the site plan, comprising approximately 1.4 acres on a PORTION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH RANGE 21 EAST, San Bernardino Base and Meridian; Also known as Assessors Parcel No. 050-320-18-01.

S-3 Protection of Wildlife and Habitat

AGMC shall implement measures to protect wildlife and habitat. Unnecessary destruction of Palo Verde, Iron Wood and Mesquite trees shall be avoided. Any cactus and Ocotillo plants that will be impacted by any phase of the operation shall be removed prior to surface disturbance and shall be stockpiled for transplanting.

S-4 Time Limits

All disturbed areas shall be reclaimed within six months following the completion of the drilling program unless AGMC applies for permits to commence a production phase within six months.

S-5 Natural Drainage

Existing natural drainage patterns shall not be altered. AGMC shall not permanently disturb any wash.

S-6 Reclamation Bond

AGMC shall post a \$3,200 reclamation bond with the Planning Department in a form acceptable to County Counsel to insure the completion of reclamation. The limit on the amount of security should not be construed as a limitation on the liability of AGMC concerning the completion of reclamation. The County shall be the holder of the bond. The required amount of the bond shall be subject to review by all parties and possible revision for adequacy of reclamation and may adjusted at a rate commensurate with the size of the project. The bond shall be posted within thirty (30) days following approval of the Reclamation Plan.

S-7 Drill Holes

Upon completion of the drilling program, each drill hole shall be backfilled and cement plugged. The surface of the drill hole shall be raked to blend with the surrounding contours. Prior to backfilling, unattended holes shall be covered.

S-8 Discharge of Drilling Fluids

No discharge of drilling fluids/cuttings is allowed. A pit shall be dug or tanks located on drill pad in order to contain said materials.

S-9 Preservation of Top Soil

AGMC shall implement reasonable measures to preserve top soil in amounts to adequately cover disturbed areas in order to promote revegetation. The areas to be reclaimed shall be recontoured, decompacted and then covered with a mix of preserved top soil.

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S-10 Roads, Cuts and Drill Pads

All new access roads including those on hillsides, cuts and drill pads shall be returned to their natural contour to the greatest extent possible. This may include backfilling of roads, cuts and other areas disturbed during operations.

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PROJECT REPORT

TO THE **E.E.C. - Initial Study** I.S.# 1111

DATE: Feb. 1, 1991 TIME: 9:00 AM AGENDA NO: SUPERVISOR O. 5

APPLICANTS NAME American Girl Mining Corporation
OWNERS NAME State Lands Commission
PROJECT TYPE Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan
PROJECT ADDRESS N/A
GEN. LOCATION Cargo Muchacho Mountains
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Portion of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 21 East
ASSESS. PAR. NO. 0503201801 PARCEL SIZE 604.25
EXISTING ZONE *g^a Open Space ADJ. ZONING *g^a Open Space
GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS


COMMENTS FROM:

- PUBLIC WORKS
- E.H.S. / HEALTH
- A.G. / A.R.C.O.
- FIRE / O.E.S.
- COUNSEL
- OTHER

PROTEST REC. YES NO NUMBER
DATE Feb. 1, 1991 I.S. NUMBER 3192-91

E.E.C. DECISION NEG. DEC. E.I.R. OTHER N.A.
GAINED DATE Feb. 27, 1991

COMMISSION DEC. APPROVED
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:


JURG HEUBERGER
PLANNING DIRECTOR

IMPERIAL COUNTY FILE I.O. american
Planning Department

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Earth - Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?
- b. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substrata?
- c. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?
- d. Exposure of assets or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, settlements, ground failure, or similar hazards?
- e. Disruptions, displacements, excavations, or overloading of the soil?
- f. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?
- g. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, desilting or traction which may modify the channel or a river or stream or the bed of the stream or any bay, inlet or lake?

YES	MAYBE	NO
X		
		X
		X
		X
	X	
		X
		X

Air: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?
- b. The creation of objectionable odors?
- c. Alteration of air movement, velocity, or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?

		X
		X
		X

Water: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?
- b. Change in the quality of ground waters, either through direct addition or withdrawal, or through interrelations of an aquifer by cuts or overloading?
- c. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water currents, in either surface or fresh waters?
- d. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?
- e. Alterations to the cover or flow of tidal waters?
- f. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?
- g. Disturbance to surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?
- h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for, still water supplies?
- i. Increase of erosion or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?

		X
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		X

Plant Life: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, ferns, and aquatic plants)?
- b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare, or endangered species of plants?
- c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or to a barrier to the normal establishment of existing species?
- d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?
- e. Alteration to the type of crops grown on adjacent lands?
- f. Initiation or elimination of certain agricultural operations or cultural practices on adjacent lands?

		X
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		X

Animal Life: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, aquatic organisms, or insects)?
- b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?
- c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?
- d. Disturbance to existing fish or wildlife habitat?

		X
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		X

Noise: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Increase in existing noise levels?
- b. Exposure of people to excess noise levels?

X		
		X
		X

Light & Glare: Will the proposal produce new light or glare?

		X
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Land Use: Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?

		X
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Natural Resources: Will the proposal result in an increase in the rate or use of any natural resources?

YES MAYBE NO

___ ___ X

Risk of Upsets: Will the proposal involve

a. A risk of an explosion or the release of dangerous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radioactive) in the event of an accident or worst conditions?

___ ___ X

b. Possible interference with an emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?

___ ___ X

Population: Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density or growth rate of the human population of an area?

___ ___ X

Housing: Will the proposal affect existing housing or create a demand for additional housing?

___ ___ X

Transportation/Circulation: Will the proposal result in:

a. Creation of substantial additional vehicular movement?

___ ___ X

b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?

___ ___ X

c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?

___ ___ X

d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?

___ ___ X

e. Alterations to waterways, rail or air traffic?

___ ___ X

f. Increase in traffic hazards to other vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?

___ ___ X

Public Services: Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:

a. Fire protection?

___ ___ X

b. Police protection?

___ ___ X

c. Schools?

___ ___ X

d. Parks or other recreational facilities?

___ ___ X

e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?

___ ___ X

f. Other governmental services?

X ___ ___

Energy: Will the proposal result in:

a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?

___ ___ X

b. Substantial increase in demand on existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?

___ ___ X

Utilities: Will the proposal result in a need for new systems or substantial alterations to any of the following?

a. Power or demand on?

___ ___ X

b. Telecommunications services?

___ ___ X

c. Water?

___ ___ X

d. Sewer or waste lands?

___ ___ X

e. New water drainage?

___ ___ X

f. Solid waste and disposal?

___ ___ X

Human Health: Will the proposal result in:

a. Creation of any health hazard or estimated health hazard (excluding mental health)?

___ ___ X

b. Exposure of people to estimated health hazards?

___ ___ X

Aesthetics: Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?

___ ___ X

Recreation: Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?

___ ___ X

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Cultural Resources: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Alteration of or destruction of a significant archeological, prehistoric or historical site, structure, object or building?
- b. An alteration of, or destruction of, a significant paleontological site?
- c. Physical changes which could affect unique ethnic cultural values?
- d. Activities relating religious or sacred uses within the potential project area?

_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
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_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1. DOES THE PROJECT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DEGRADE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE DENSITY OF A RARE OR VULNERABLE SPECIES, CAUSE A LOSS OF WILDLIFE POPULATION TO EXCEED SELF-REPAIRING LEVELS, INTERRUPT OR DEGRADE A PLANT OR ANIMAL COMMUNITY, REDUCE THE NUMBER OR DIVERSITY OF SPECIES OF A RARE OR ENDANGERED PLANT OR ANIMAL OR ILLUSTRATE IMPAIRMENT OF THE RARE PLANTS OF CALIFORNIA DISTRICT OR PRECINCTS?

2. DOES THE PROJECT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DEGRADE SHORT-TERM, OR THE DEGRADATION OF LONG-TERM, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY A SHORT-TERM IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT IS ONE WHICH OCCURS IN A RELATIVELY BRIEF DEFINITIVE PERIOD OF TIME WHILE LONG-TERM IMPACTS WILL ENDURE WELL INTO THE FUTURE?

3. DOES THE PROJECT HAVE IMPACTS WHICH ARE INDIVIDUALLY LIMITED, BUT COLLECTIVELY CONSIDERABLE (A PROJECT MAY IMPACT TWO OR MORE SEPARATE RESOURCES UNDER THE IMPACT ON EACH RESOURCE IS RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT UNDER THE EFFECT OF THE TOTAL (A SEVERE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT IS SIGNIFICANT)?

4. DOES THE PROJECT HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHICH WILL CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS ON RARE PLANTS, RARE SPECIES OR INDIVIDUALS?

SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS, I.E. evaluations of impacts noted "yes" or "no" is attached hereto:

E.F.C. DETERMINATION

to be completed by the Environmental Evaluation Committee on the basis of the results found in the Initial Study.)

After Review of the Initial Study, the Environmental Evaluation Committee has:

Found that the activity is within the scope of a environmentally-controlled (CERCLA) document, and that no environmental document is required.

Found the proposed project WOULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a DECLARATIVE STATEMENT WILL BE PREPARED.

Found that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. A DECLARATIVE STATEMENT WILL BE PREPARED.

Found the proposed project WILL have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT is required.

SEE SIGNATURE
Planning Director/CEC Chairman

- Public Works
- CEC
- DES
- STC
- Planning

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DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION
(Yes and Maybe answers)

1. Earth - Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Change in topography or ground surface relief features? YES--Project will require construction of new access roads and construction of drill pads.
 - c. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcrowding of the soil? YES--During road construction and during drilling, project associated vehicles will compact soil.

2. Noise - Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Increases in existing noise levels? YES--Drill rig and associated vehicle traffic will increase existing noise levels.

14. Public Services: Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:
 - f. Other governmental services? YES--Project will require monitoring by County staff.

21. Cultural Resources: Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Alteration of or destruction of a significant archaeological, prehistorical or historical site, structure, object or building? MAYBE--It is unknown at this time if any of the above exists within the project site. If resources exist, project activities such as road construction and preparation of drill pads may destroy them.
 - b. An alteration of, or destruction of, a significant paleontological site? MAYBE--It is unknown if these resources exist within the project site. If resources exist, project activities such as road construction and preparation of drill pads may destroy them.

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COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
RECLAMATION PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant must complete all numbered spaces, use separate sheets if necessary, refer to appropriate item number on all attachments. Please print or type.

OWNERS, OPERATOR, AND AGENT:

1. APPLICANT: American Girl Mining Corp.

NAME: Attn: Joseph A. Sawyer
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 879
Winterhaven, CA 92283

TELEPHONE: (619) 572-5700

2. Name if any, of Mineral Property or site:

Section 16

3. Property Owners, or owners of Surface Rights:
(List all owners)

NAME: State of California - State Land Commission
ADDRESS: 245 West Broadway, Suite 245
Long Beach, CA 90802

TELEPHONE: (213) 590 5201

4. Owners of Mineral Rights:

NAME: State of California - State Land Commission
ADDRESS: 245 West Broadway, Suite 245
Long Beach, CA 90802

TELEPHONE: (213) 590 5201

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5. Lessee:

NAME: American Girl Mining Corp.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 879
Winterhaven, CA 92283
TELEPHONE: (619) 572-5700
(Prospect permit PRC 7384:2)

6. Operator:

NAME: American Girl Mining Corp.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 879
Winterhaven, CA 92283
TELEPHONE: (619) 572-5700

7. Agent of Process (person designated by operator as his agent for the service of process).

NAME: American Girl Mining Corp./Joseph A. Sawyer
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 879
Winterhaven, CA 92283
TELEPHONE: (619) 572-5700

LOCATION:

8. Legal description of all lands that will be affected by mining operation.

SECTION(s): 16 TOWNSHIP: 15 S
RANGE: 21 E MERIDIAM: San Bernardino
ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(s): 050-320-1001 (10 digits)

9. Size of the lands that will be affected by mining operation.

Total acreage: Approximately 1.4 acres

10. Describe in detail the access route to the operation site (attach location and vicinity map).

The area borders American Girl Mining Joint Venture's current mining operation. Access will be by improved gravel road associated with the mining operation.

DESCRIPTION:

11. Mineral Commodity (to be) mined: _____

No mining activities are proposed under this reclamation plan.

12. Geological description, including brief general geologic setting, more detailed geologic description of the mineral deposit (to be) mined, and principal minerals or rock types present.

Moderate to shallow dipping metamorphosed intrusive rock with local mineralized (gold) fracture zones. Rocks in the valley floor are buried by alluvial gravels less than 30 feet thick.

13. Brief description of the environmental setting of the site and the surrounding areas. Describe existing area land use, soil, vegetation, ground water elevation and surface water characteristics, average annual rainfall and/or other factors pertaining to environmental impacts and their mitigation and reclamation.

The setting is the typical desert of Imperial County. Vegetation is sparse and consists of the creosote bush scrub community. As is the case with most desert areas, soil is poorly developed and "top soil", in the usual sense of the word, is absent. Present land use is seasonal recreating and mineral exploration. Average rainfall is approximately 3 inches; there is no surface water except during flooding and ground water is at depths of about 400 feet.

PROPOSED (EXISTING) SURFACE MINING OPERATION:

14. Proposed starting date of operation: 2/91

Estimated life of operation: 2 months

Duration of first phase: 2 months

15. Operation will be (is):

Continuous: _____ Seasonal: _____

Intermittent: X

Presently developed: _____

Not yet in operation: _____

Stockpile in mine: _____

Temporarily deactivated: _____

16. Operation will be (is): (confined to preparation of access roads, drill pads and subsequent drilling.

Access roads and drill pads will be the minimum dimension required for drilling.

Under 5,000 Tons cu. yds/yr: _____

5,000 - 50,000 Tons cu. yds/yr: _____

50,000 - 250,000 Tons cu. yds/yr: _____

250,000 - 1,000,000 Tons cu. yds/yr: _____

over 1,000,000 Tons cu. yds/yr: _____

17. Total anticipated production: N/A

Mineral commodities to be removed: _____

Tons (cu. yds): _____

Waste retained on the site: _____

Tons (cu. yds): _____

Waste disposed off site: _____

Tons (cu. yds): _____

Maximum anticipated depth: _____ FT: _____

18. MINING METHOD: (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE)

Open Pit	_____	Gravel/Sand Pit	_____
Single bench	_____	Drill and blast	_____
Quarry:	_____	Clay Pit	_____
Hill Top	_____	Truck to processing	_____
Multibench	_____	plant (to RR)	_____
Side hill	_____	Borrow Pit	_____
Dragline	_____	Tailings Pond	_____
Low level	_____	Slurry Pump	_____
Shovel	_____	Waste Dump	_____
Underground	_____	Rail	_____
Gravel bar	_____		
skimming	_____		

Other: Preliminary reverse circulating drilling. Access roads and drill sites are planned to minimize surface disturbance.

19. If processing of the ores or minerals mined is planned to be conducted at or adjacent to the site, describe the nature of the processing and explain disposal of the tailings or waste from processing.

N/A

20. DO YOU PLAN TO USE CYANIDE OR OTHER TOXIC MATERIALS IN YOUR OPERATIONS? (If yes, attach a copy of your state discharge permit or waiver).

No

21. Estimate quantity (gallons per day) and quality of the water required by the proposed operation, specifying proposed sources of this water, of method of its conveyance to this property and the quantity, quality and method of disposal of used and/or surplus water.

Water is seldom needed for drilling. Maximum use, when required, is approximately 1000 gal/day. Most of the used water is contained at the drill site by a shallow pit or berm. When ground water is encountered, there is occasional minor overflow of the containment. No additive will be introduced in drilling and the only significant "contaminant" contained by discharge water are ground rock. When needed, water will be transported by truck from the well at the American Girl minesite.

22. If the nature of the deposit and the mining method used will permit, describe and show the steps or phases of the mining operation that allow concurrent reclamation, and include a proposed time schedule for such concurrent activities.

When drilling has been completed, a decision will be made as to whether mining activities will be conducted and what specific areas will be mined, encompassed by mine related facilities, or targeted for mining or additional exploration activities will be reclaimed within six months. If a decision is made not to proceed to mine development and discontinue exploration activities, reclamation of newly constructed drill access roads and drill will be conducted within six months.

23. Attach a map of the mined lands and/or suitable aerial photograph showing:

- (a) Boundaries and topographic details of the site;
- (b) Location of all streams, roads, railroads, bridges, water wells, and utility facilities within 500 ft of the site;
- (c) Location of any proposed structures;
- (d) Location of all currently proposed access roads to be constructed in conducting the surface mining operations(s);
- (e) Location of areas (to be) mined areas, and of waste dumps and tailings ponds;
- (f) By use of overlay symbol or color, depiction of separate mining phases if applicable, (see item 23);
- (g) The source of map base, orientation (north arrow), and scale (i.e., 1"=500; etc.) of the map.

RECLAMATION PLAN:

24. Indicate on an overlay of map of Item 24, or by color or symbol on map, - those areas to be covered by the Reclamation Plan.

All newly constructed access roads and drill sites not in areas of future mining or exploration will be reclaimed. A decision as to specific areas and total acreage will be contingent on drill results.

Acreage: Estimated 1.4 acres.

25. Describe the ultimate physical condition of the site and specify the proposed use(s) or potential uses of the land after reclamation.

Reclamation will establish stable surface, topographic and drainage conditions that are basically compatible with surrounding landscape. Proposed and potential land uses are recreational open space, wildlife habitat and mineral mining and exploration.

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26. Describe relationship of the interim uses other than mining and the ultimate physical condition to:

(a) Zoning Regulations

The site is zoned as open space.

(b) General Plan and Various Elements

The three elements of the general plan for Imperial County is the Ultimate Land Use Plan (recreation), the open space element (designation S) and the Conservation element. Under the plan, mineral exploration is permissible in the area, subject to submitted and approval of proper permits. The proposed project is consistent with the objectives and concerns of the General Plan.

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27. Provide evidence (notarized statement) that all owners of a possessory interest in the land have been notified of the proposed use(s) or potential uses identified in item 25. (Attach copy of notarized statement). See attachment "A".

American Girl Mining Corp has been issued a prospecting permit on the subject land. An Amendment was filed for the proposed disturbance. (See attached documentation, Exhibit A).

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28. Describe soil conditions and proposed soil salvage plan.

Soils on the site are shallow and rocky with little soil on site. Soil surfaces are generally not suited for salvage as topsoil. If local conditions warrant, soil will be salvaged and applied to reclaimed areas.

29. Describe the methods, their sequence and timing, to be used in bringing the reclamation of the land to its end state. Indicate on map (Items 24, 25) or on diagrams as necessary. Include discussion of the pertinent items listed below.

(a) Backfilling and grading;

Newly constructed roads and drill pads, not part of the future mining and exploration activities, will be graded and recontoured as per BLM specifications.

(b) Stabilization of slopes;

Not applicable to this program.

(c) Stabilization of permanent waste dumps, tailings, etc;

Not applicable.

(d) Rehabilitation of pre-mining drainage;

Existing drainage courses will not be affected.

(e) Removal, disposal or utilization of residual equipment, structures, refuse, etc.;

All drill sites will be cleared of debris. Residual equipment or structures will be removed.

(f) Control of contaminants, especially with regard to surface runoff and groundwater;

No hazardous materials will be produced or stored on site.

(g) Treatment of streambeds and streambanks to control erosion and sedimentation;

Where newly disturbed, drainages will be re-established.

(h) Removal or minimization of residual hazards;

Old mine working will be fenced and/or posted per BLM specifications.

(i) Reseeding, revegetation with evidence that selected plants can survive given the site's topography, soil and climate;

Revegetation test plots are being monitored at the American Girl minesite. If revegetation proves practical, reclaimed areas will be planted with appropriate flora.

AFFIDAVIT

In fulfillment of the requirements of Item No. 2 of the Reclamation Plan Application submitted herewith by American Girl Mining Corp., to Imperial County, California, I, Joseph A. Sawyer, as General Manager for American Girl Mining Corp., hereby certify that American Girl Mining Corp. accepts responsibility for reclaiming the disturbances created by the activities described in this application in accordance with this Reclamation Plan.


Joseph A. Sawyer / General Manager
AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORP.

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF YUMA) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of December, 1990 by Joseph A. Sawyer, General Manager of American Girl Mining Corp.

My Commission Expires:
November 2, 1992


Notary Public

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30. If applicant has selected a short term phasing of his reclamation, describe in detail the specific reclamation to be accomplished during first phase.

N/A

31. Describe how reclamation of this site in this manner may affect future mining at this site and in the surrounding area.

No effect.

32. Statement that the person submitting the approved plan accepts responsibility for reclaiming the mined lands in accordance with the Reclamation Plan (Attach copy of notarized statement). See attachment "g".

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DIRECTOR

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AFFIDAVIT

In fulfillment of the requirements of Item No. 7 of the Reclamation Plan Application submitted herewith by American Girl Mining Corp., to Imperial County, California, I, Joseph A. Sawyer, as General Manager for American Girl Mining Corp., hereby certify that all owners of a possessory interest in the land affected by the subject application have been notified of the proposed uses described in this application.


Joseph A. Sawyer, General Manager
AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORP.

STATE OF Arizona)
COUNTY OF Yuma) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of December, 1990 by Joseph A. Sawyer, General Manager of American Girl Mining Corp.

My Commission Expires:
November 2, 1992


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PROJECT REPORT

TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: Feb 27, 1991 TIME: 9:35 AM AGENDA NO: 7

APPLICANTS NAME American Girl Mining Corporation SUPERVISOR D. 5
 OWNERS NAME State Lands Commission
 PROJECT TYPE Conditional Use Permit #975-91 (Drilling Program)
 PROJECT ADDRESS N/A
 GEN LOCATION Cargo Muchacho Mountains
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION Portion of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 21 East
 ASSESS PAR. NO 0503201801 PARCEL SIZE 604.25^{sq}
 EXISTING ZONE "S" Open Space ADJ. ZONING "S" Open Space
 GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS

COMMENTS FROM:

PUBLIC WORKS None in file
 E.H.S./HEALTH None in file
 A.G.P.A.R.C.D. None in file
 FIRE/O.E.S. None in file
 COUNSEL None in file
 OTHER IVC Museum, State Lands Commission

PROTEST REC. YES NO NUMBER

E.E.C. DECISION DATE Feb. 1, 1991 I.D. NUMBER J192-91

NEG. DEC. E.I.R. OTHER N.A.

COMMISSION DEC. APPROVED DENIED DATE Feb. 27, 1991

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that you conduct a public hearing and that you conduct a public hearing, that you hear all the opponents and proponents of the proposed project. Staff would then recommend that you approve the Conditional Use Permit by taking the following action:

1. Approve the Negative Declaration on the basis of the Initial Study, and any evidence received shows no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Make the attached findings.
3. Approve Conditional Use Permit #975-91, subject to the attached conditions.


 JULIE HEUBERGER
 PLANNING DIRECTOR

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 IMPERIAL COUNTY
 Planning Department

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The American Girl Mining Corporation, has submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Reclamation Plan for a proposed drilling program. The proposed project will be located in the Cargo Muchacho Mountains on state land. The property is a state school section containing approximately 604.25 acres. The area is immediately west of the American Girl Mining Joint Venture existing mining operation in American Girl Canyon.

Phase I of the project consisted of nondisturbance geologic activities including geologic mapping and hand sampling activities (Completed October 1990). Phase II proposes an exploration drilling program to obtain subsurface samples and determine if gold mineralization of economic grades and tonnage are present. American Girl proposes to drill 32 reverse circulation drill holes, with depths varying from 200 to 400 feet. The majority of the holes will be vertical, however, approximately 1/4 of the drilling will be angle holes inclined up to 45° from vertical.

Planned drilling activities will be in the northwestern portion of Section 16 Township 15 South Range 21 East, adjacent to American Girl Mining Joint Venture's mining operation. Existing roads will be utilized as much as possible for both drill access and drill sites, however, approximately 2,700 feet of new access roads will be required to accomplish the program. Total disturbance will total approximately 1.4 acres.

Following the completion of drilling, a decision will be made as to whether mining activities will be conducted (Phase III) and what specific areas will be mined, encompassed by mine related facilities, or targeted for mining or additional exploration activities. If a decision is made not to proceed to mine development and discontinue exploration activities, reclamation of newly constructed drill access roads and drill holes will be conducted within six (6) months.

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDINGS

1. The use is deemed essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare, and
2. The use is in harmony with the various elements or objectives of the comprehensive general plan.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS

AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORPORATION

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 8975-91

Pursuant to the completed application and site plan on file, the County of Imperial hereby approves the AMERICAN GIRL MINING CORPORATION (AGMC) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, subject to the terms and conditions specified below.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

G-1 Permits/Licenses

AGMC shall comply with all County, State and Federal laws, rules, regulations and/or standards as they may pertain to this project, whether specified herein or not. It is the responsibility of AGMC to know all applicable regulations.

G-2 Compliance/Revocation

Upon determination by the Planning Department that the AGMC is not in compliance with one or all of the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit, or upon finding that the project is creating a nuisance as defined by law, or that the project is degrading the quality of the environment and causing significant environmental impacts which may result in substantial adverse effects to the well-being of the residents of Imperial County, the matter can be brought to the Planning Commission or other appropriate agency to enforce the requirements of the permit, or to consider the immediate suspension of all operations.

G-3 Identification

AGMC shall defend at its sole expense any action brought against the County because of the issuance of this permit or, in the alternative, the relinquishment of such permit. AGMC shall reimburse the County for any court costs and attorney's fees which the County may be required by a court to pay as a result of such action. The County may, at its sole discretion, participate in the defense of any such action, but such participation shall not relieve AGMC of its obligations under this condition.

G-4 General Law

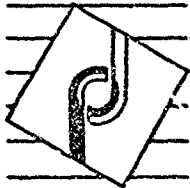
The Conditional Use Permit and all stipulations contained herein are subject to all laws and regulations pertaining to mining and reclamation as prescribed by Federal, State or County governments.

G-5 Minor Amendments

The Planning Director may approve minor changes, or administrative extensions, as requested in writing by AGMC to the Conditional Use Permit, provided it does not result in significant additional environmental impacts, are generally procedural/technical, and/or which may be necessary to comply with other government permit compliance requirements.

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G-6 Payment

AGMC shall pay any and all amounts as determined by the County to defray all costs for the review of reports, field inspections, or other monitoring activities related to compliance with the Conditional Use Permit, County Ordinances, and/or other laws that apply.

G-7 Severability

Should any condition of the Conditional Use Permit be determined by a Court of law, or other agency with proper jurisdiction, to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of the Plan.

G-8 Right of Entry

The County reserves the right to enter the premises to make appropriate inspections and to determine if the Conditional Use Permit conditions are being complied with. Access to the site by authorized County personnel shall not be unreasonably denied by AGMC.

G-9 Definitions

In the event of a dispute, the meaning(s), or intent of any word(s) or phrase(s) and/or conditions or sections herein, shall be determined by the Imperial County Planning Commission, and their determination shall be final, unless a timely appeal is made and modified by the Board of Supervisors.

G-10 Provisions Run With the Land/Project

If a new operator succeeds to the interest of the AGMC in the operation by sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, exchange or other means, the successor shall be bound by the provisions of the approved Conditional Use Permit. The County shall be informed within thirty (30) days of any such change of interest.

G-11 Recordation

This permit shall not be effective until it is recorded at the County Recorder's Office, and payment of the recordation fee shall be the responsibility of AGMC. If AGMC fails to pay the recordation fee within six months, the permit shall be deemed null and void.

G-12 Condition Priority

The project shall be operated as described in the Conditional Use Permit application, Environmental Information form, project description and as specified in these conditions. Where a conflict exists, the conditions shall govern and take precedence.

G-13 Insurance

AGMC shall secure and maintain Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California. AGMC shall also secure liability insurance and such other insurance as may be required by the State and or Federal law. A certificate of insurance is to be provided to the Planning Department by the insurance carrier and coverage shall be kept for the life of the project.

G-14 Time Limit

The permit is limited to until the drilling program is completed or one year from the date the permit was recorded, which ever comes first. If an extension is necessary, AGMC shall file a written request with the Planning Director at least sixty days prior to the expiration date of the permit. An extension shall not be granted if the project is in violation of any one or all of the conditions or if there is a history of non-compliance with the conditions.

G-15 Specificity

The issuance of this permit does not authorize AGMC to construct or operate this project in violation of any local, state, federal laws nor beyond the specified boundaries of the project as shown on the application site plan. This permit shall not allow any accessory or ancillary use not specified herein. This permit does not provide any prescriptive right or use to AGMC for future additions or modifications to this project.

G-16 Archaeological Resources

If any unusual specimens of bone, stone or ceramic are discovered during any phase of the project, all operations shall cease immediately until a qualified archaeologist, retained by AGMC and approved by the Planning Director, reviews the specimens. The recommendations of the archaeologist shall be complied with prior to resuming operations.

PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

S-1 Off Road Vehicle Traffic

Off road vehicle traffic is prohibited and all vehicles shall be restricted to access roads.

S-2 Project Location

This Conditional Use Permit applies solely to the area delineated in the site plan, comprising approximately 1.4 acres on a PORTION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH RANGE 21 EAST, San Bernardino Base and Meridian; Also known as Assessors Parcel No. 050-320-18-01.

S-3 Validity of Ownership

Approval of the Conditional Use Permit shall not now nor in the future serve as a determination of the ownership nor the validity of any lease or mining claim to which it may relate.

8-4 Vehicle Staging Area

Vehicle staging areas shall be located within previously disturbed areas.


8-5 Time Frames

AGMC shall advise the Planning Department of the start and completion of the project and when a decision on development has been made.

8-6 Dust Control

Access roads shall be watered by AGMC if it becomes evident that it is necessary to control dust caused by project operations.

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9-7- drilling and exploration shall be limited
Property ^{adjoining} under the state lands property
permit.
There shall be no infringement of other
~~unaffected~~ my claims. 

PROJECT REPORT

TO THE E.E.C. - Initial Study I.S.#

DATE: Feb. 1, 1991 TIME: 9:00 AM AGENDA NO:

APPLICANTS NAME American Girl Mining Corporation SUPERVISOR D. 5
OWNERS NAME State Lands Commission
PROJECT TYPE Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan
PROJECT ADDRESS N/A
GEN. LOCATION Cargo Muchacho Mountains
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Portion of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 21 East
ASSESS. PAR. NO. 0503201801 PARCEL SIZE 604.25
EXISTING ZONE "S" Open Space ADJ. ZONING "S" Open Space
GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS

COMMENTS FROM:

PUBLIC WORKS

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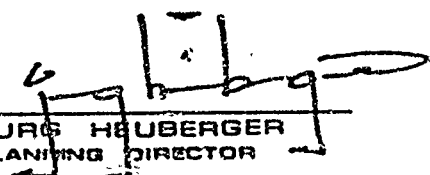
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PROTEST REC. YES NO NUMBER

E.E.C. DECISION DATE Feb. 1, 1991 I.S. NUMBER 3192-91
NEG. DEC. E.I.R. OTHER N.A.

COMMISSION DEC. APPROVED DENIED DATE Feb. 27, 1991

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:


JURG HEUBERGER
PLANNING DIRECTOR

FILE I.D. American
IMPERIAL COUNTY
Planning Department

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Earth - Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?
- b. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic structures?
- c. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?
- d. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, rockfalls, ground failure, or similar hazards?
- e. Disruptions, displacements, excavation, or overstriding of the soil?
- f. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?
- g. Changes in desaturation or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel or a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lagoon?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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Air: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Substantial air pollution or deterioration of ambient air quality?
- b. The creation of objectionable odors?
- c. Alteration of air movement, patterns, or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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Water: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?
- b. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct addition or withdrawal, or through intrusions of sea water or other sources?
- c. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water currents, in either marine or fresh waters?
- d. Changes in subsidence rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?
- e. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?
- f. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body?
- g. Interference with surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?
- h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?
- i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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Plant Life: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grasses, ferns, and aquatic plants)?
- b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare, or endangered species of plants?
- c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal recolonization of existing species?
- d. Reduction in acreage of any natural area?
- e. Alteration to the tree or shrub cover on adjacent land?
- f. Utilization or other activities which constitute agricultural operations or cultural practices on adjacent land?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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3. Animal Life: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of animals (birds, land mammals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, or insects)?
- b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?
- c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or recolonization of animals?
- d. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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6. Noise: Will the proposal result in:

- a. Increases in existing noise levels?
- b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?

YES	MAYBE	NO
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Light & Glare: Will the proposal produce new light or glare?

YES	MAYBE	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8. Land Use: Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?

YES	MAYBE	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	YES	MAYBE	NO
Natural Resources: Will the proposal result in an increase in the rate or use of any natural resources?	---	---	X
Risk of Upset: Will the proposal involve:			
a. A risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (flammable, but not limited to, oil, acetylene, ethylene, or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset condition?	---	---	X
b. Possible interference with an emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?	---	---	X
Population: Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density or growth rate of the human population of an area?	---	---	X
Housing: Will the proposal affect existing housing or create a demand for additional housing?	---	---	X
Transportation/Circulation: Will the proposal result in:			
a. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?	---	---	X
b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	---	---	X
c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation system?	---	---	X
d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?	---	---	X
e. Alterations to waterways, roads or air traffic?	---	---	X
f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?	---	---	X
Public Services: Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:			
a. Fire protection?	---	---	X
b. Police protection?	---	---	X
c. Schools?	---	---	X
d. Parks or other recreational facilities?	---	---	X
e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	---	---	X
f. Other governmental services?	X	---	---
3. Energy: Will the proposal result in:			
a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?	---	---	X
b. Substantial increase in demand on existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?	---	---	X
4. Utilities: Will the proposal result in a need for new systems or substantial alterations to any of the following?			
a. Power or natural gas?	---	---	X
b. Telecommunication systems?	---	---	X
c. Water?	---	---	X
d. Sewer or waste loads?	---	---	X
e. Storm water drainage?	---	---	X
f. Solid waste and disposal?	---	---	X
5. Human Health: Will the proposal result in:			
a. Creation of new health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?	---	---	X
b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?	---	---	X
6. Aesthetics: Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?	---	---	X
7. Recreation: Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?	---	---	X

DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION
(Yes and Maybe answers)

1. Earth - Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Change in topography or ground surface relief features? YES--Project will require construction of new access roads and construction of drill pads.
 - e. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcrowding of the soil? YES--During road construction and during drilling, project associated vehicles will compact soil.

2. Noise - Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Increases in existing noise levels? YES--Drill rig and associated vehicle traffic will increase existing noise levels.

14. Public Services: Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:
 - f. Other governmental services? YES--Project will require monitoring by County staff.

21. Cultural Resources: Will the proposal result in:
 - a. Alteration of or destruction of a significant archaeological, prehistorical or historical site, structure, object or building? MAYBE--It is unknown at this time if any of the above exists within the project site. If resources exist, project activities such as road construction and preparation of drill pads may destroy them.
 - b. An alteration of, or destruction of, a significant paleontological site? MAYBE--It is unknown if these resources exist within the project site. If resources exist, project activities such as road construction and preparation of drill pads may destroy them.

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APPLICATION-CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED (black) SPACES - please type or print -

1. STATE OWNERS NAME State of California c/o State Lands Commission		PHONE (213) 590-5218
2. MAILING ADDRESS 245 W. Broadway, Suite 425	CITY Long Beach	STATE CA
3. APPLICANT'S NAME (if not property owner) American Girl Mining Corp.		ZIP CODE 90802-4471
4. APPLICANT'S MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 879		PHONE (619) 572-5700
5. INCORPORATED NAME See attached documents		CITY Winterhaven
6. MAILING ADDRESS		STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92783
		PHONE
		CA. LIC. NO.
		CITY
		STATE
		ZIP CODE

7. PROPERTY (aka) address
15 mi. northwest of Yuma, AZ
SECTIONAL PARCEL NO.

8. 050-320-1801

9. SITE OF PARCEL (in acres or sq. ft.)
607.52 acres

10. LEGAL DESCRIPTION (use separate sheet if necessary)
Section 16, T 15S, R 21E, San Bernardino Base and Meridian

PLEASE PROVIDE CLEAR & CONCISE INFORMATION

11. DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROJECT (specify use of property)
The proposed project will consist of exploration drilling for minerals. Thirty two, 5 1/2" rotary drill hole at depths of up to 400 feet are proposed. To accomplish the drilling, 2700 feet of temporary access road will have to be constructed.

12. DESCRIBE CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY
Open Space

13. DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM
None

14. DESCRIBE PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM
None

15. IS THE PROPOSED USE A BUSINESS? If yes, how many employees will be at this site?
No

16. I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND ANY ATTACHED INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

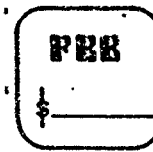
REQUIRED SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:

- A. DETAILED SITE PLAN (see back side)
- B. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM
- C. FEE \$950.00
- D. OTHER

PROPERTY OWNERS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(See attached State Prospecting Permit)

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE 12-27-90

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1-2-91	REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL BY OTHER DEPT. NUMBER
APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1-7-91	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.R.
APPLICATION RECEIVED BY	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E.R.S.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.P.C.B.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O.C.S.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSISTANT CLM
		SIC, FIG, USF&W, IWR
INITIAL ACTION	APPROVED	ORDERED
		DATE



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Environmental Information by applicant

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED SPACES —TYPE OR PRINT ONLY—

1. PROJECT TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	MINOR SUBDIVISION	<input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/>	MAJOR SUBDIVISION	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER _____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ZONE CHANGE		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT		

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROJECT IN DETAIL - GIVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AND DETAILS AS POSSIBLE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL MATERIAL AS NECESSARY)

An exploration drilling program for minerals is proposed on the state section.

Thirty two, 5 1/2" rotary drill hole at depths of up to 400 feet are planned. To accomplish the drilling, 2700 ft. of 14 ft. wide access road will be required and drill pads will have to be leveled. The total new surface disturbance will be approximately 1.4 acres.

3. PROJECT SITE: DESCRIBE THE SITE AS IT EXISTS - DISCUSS TOPOGRAPHY, SOIL STABILITY, PLANTS & ANIMALS, ACCESS, WATER SUPPLY, IMPROVEMENTS, ETC. (ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS OF SITE)

The area is typical sparsely vegetated desert of Imperial County. The area of planned activities is the relatively flat alluvial covered valley of American Girl Canyon. Access is through the American Girl Minesite immediately to the west. The area has been the site of past mining and mineral exploration activities. Approximately 4 miles of existing roads and trails occur in the area of planned activities and will be used for immediate access to areas of drilling.

4. SURROUNDING AREA: DESCRIBE THE PROPERTIES AROUND THE PROPOSED PROJECT SITE - INDICATE LAND USE, DENSITY, ETC.

Mining is the predominant land use in the area. The project site is immediately east of American Girl Mining Joint Venture operating gold mine and processing facilities. The nearest permanent residents occur at Gold Rock Ranch, approximately six miles to the northwest.

5. DEVELOPMENT DATA:

RESIDENTIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, how many units	_____
COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, what type	_____
INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, what type	_____
INSTITUTIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, what major facility	_____


WILL THIS PROJECT BE DEVELOPED IN PHASES. YES NO

WILL EXPLOSIVE OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BE INVOLVED. YES NO

IS THIS PROJECT IN A FLOOD ZONE per FEMA MAP YES NO

IS THIS PROJECT IN A HEIGHT RESTRICTED ZONE. YES NO

6. ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S)	050-320-1801	SIZE OF PROPERTY	607.52 acres
7. ENGINEERS NAME	See attached documents	PHONE	
8. APPLICANTS NAME	American Girl Mining Corp.	PHONE	(619) 572-5760

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please answer each question!

9. Will any of the following items be affected by the approval and subsequent development of the proposed project?

YES NO

a) Will there be a change in existing features of:

- (1) Beaches
- (2) Lakes
- (3) Hills
- (4) Significant ground contours

b) Will there be a change in scenic views or vistas from:

- (1) Existing residential areas
- (2) Public lands
- (3) Roads

c) Will the project cause a change in existing developments like:

- (1) Pattern
- (2) Scale
- (3) Character

d) Will the project have an effect or change, in the areas:

- (1) Dust
- (2) Ash
- (3) Smoke
- (4) Fumes
- (5) Odors

e) Will this project change water quality, quantity or others:

- (1) Lakes
- (2) Streams
- (3) Ground waters
- (4) Surface drainage patterns

f) Will this project have an effect on:

- (1) Any existing plants or wildlife
- (2) The introduction of new plants or wildlife

g) Will this project generate significant amounts of solid waste?

h) Will this project change the noise or vibration levels of the area?

i) Will the project change the demand for public services such as:

- (1) Police protection
- (2) Fire protection
- (3) Water supply
- (4) Sewer service
- (5) Street/light improvements/maintenance
- (6) Educational facilities, i.e., Schools
- (7) Health care facilities, ambulance service
- (8) Other _____

j) Will the project require substantially more electrical services?

k) Is this project part of a larger project(s)?

l) Will this project use or generate hazardous materials such as:

- (1) Toxic materials
- (2) Radioactive
- (3) Flammables
- (4) Explosives

Please provide a written explanation of any questions answered with a "Yes," on separate attachment. Thank you!!

The project will consist of an exploration program of limited duration. Environmental effect will be both minimal and short lived. See attached project description.

CERTIFICATION: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL ANSWERS AND INFORMATION ABOVE AND IN ANY ATTACHMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

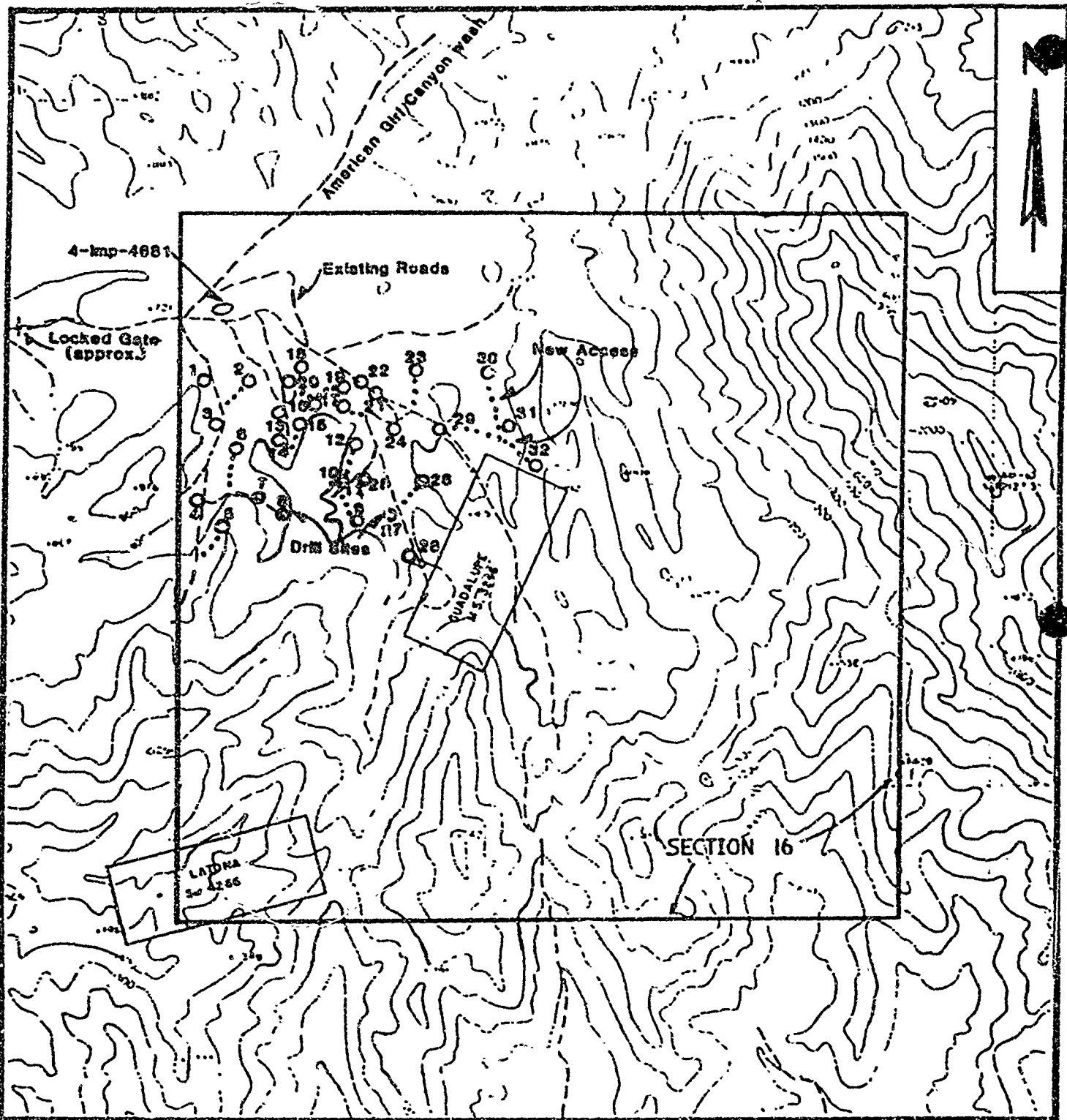
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PRINT YOUR NAME

Joseph A. Sawyer
SIGNATURE

12/26/90

DATE



PRC 7384.2: Section 16, T15S, R21E, SBM, Imperial County
Map Scale: 1 in. equals 1,000 ft.

Exhibit "E"

PRC 7384.2

MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT AMENDMENT

Mineral prospecting permitted under this amendment shall be that described in Negative Declaration EIR ND 547, SCH#91041001 for this activity. In addition to the provisions of Exhibit "A" of the permit, the following stipulations are applicable to the additional prospecting activity:

1. Permittee shall notify Commission staff in writing (Fax No. (213) 590-5295) at least one week prior to the commencement of the exploratory drilling program.
2. Permittee may construct approximately 2,700 feet of access road about 14 feet wide and necessary drilling pads. Every effort shall be made to minimize the surface disturbance and to avoid any negative impact to the environment during this project. Any disturbed area shall be returned to its original contour and natural state to the maximum extent feasible.
3. Section 16 is listed in the Commission's Significant Lands Inventory as potential desert bighorn sheep habitat. If bighorn sheep are encountered during the course of the drilling program, all activities shall cease until these animals have cleared the area.
4. Archaeological surveys have resulted in the discovery of several cultural resource sites in the northern part of Section 16. If any cultural resource is discovered during the course of the exploratory drilling program, an archaeologist shall be summoned to examine the site. Prospecting activities shall not be resumed until cleared by the archaeologist.
5. Only personnel and equipment directly involved in the exploratory drilling program shall be allowed in the project area. All vehicles shall maintain safe speeds of 25 miles per hour or less while in Section 16.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of this permit amendment by the State Lands Commission, the Permittee shall furnish, and maintain until released by the State, a bond or other security device acceptable to the State, in the sum of \$8,000.00 and in favor of the State for its exclusive use and benefit, guaranteeing the faithful performance by Permittee of all terms and conditions of the permit including those in this amendment. This requirement shall be in addition to any other bonding requirements under state laws and regulations.

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This amendment shall be effective May 1, 1991 and shall prevail over any provisions of the permit which may be contrary to or inconsistent with it.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE LANDS COMMISSION

DATE

PERMITTEE

DATE

By _____

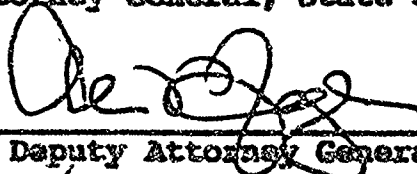
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Address

City and State

Approved as to form:

DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Attorney General, State of California

By 
Deputy Attorney General

4-12-91

DATE