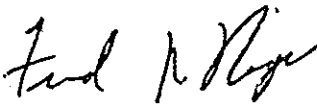

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Any topsoil horizons present at the tops of cuts should be rounded back at 2:1; if any portions of the cuts terminate in zones of unstable loose rock or soil-rock mixtures, slopes must be maintained at 1 1/2:1 unless further studies conclude otherwise.

Please note these recommendations are based upon observations of the unopened pit at this time. As the pit is developed, and if differing soil-rock conditions are encountered than are anticipated, these recommendations may not remain valid and additional study may be necessary.

Very truly yours,



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