

City of Albuquerque

December 17, 1999

Diane Hoelzer, P.E. Mark Goodwin & Associates P.O. Box 90606 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199

RE: Grading and Drainage Plan for ENVIRCO (MCT Industrial Park) (B18/D4) Submitted for Building Permit Approval, Engineer's Stamp Dated 11/16/99.

Dear Ms. Hoelzer:

The above referenced plan proposes to use 2 feet per 100 cfs as the erosion setback limit (ESB). Although AMAFCA has no problem with this concept, the City requires that the ESB be estimated using 6 feet per 100 cfs, or calculated using the methods in AMAFCA's Sediment and Erosion Design Guide. It appears that no justification for a variance for this requirement has been provided.

The City does not allow any hard improvements, including paving, within the ESB without erosion protection. Please revise the ESB on the plan and show the erosion protection for the proposed improvements.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please call me at 924-3982.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Calongne, P.E.

City/County Floodplain Administrator

c: Lisa Ann Manwill, P.E., Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority File

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The site is comprised of approximately 21.3 acres of vacant land. The property is bounded by I-25 frontage road to the east, Balloon Fiesta Parkway (formerly Balboa Avenue) to the south, San Mateo Road to the west (under construction) and roughly the North El Camino Arroyo and future Elena Drive 60' right-of-way to the north. The entire property slopes at an average of 3.0% in a westerly direction. The North El Camino Arroyo meanders back and forth across the north property boundary several times. The site is mostly covered by sage brush type vegetation.

The proposed development is for an approximate 80,000 square foot Industrial Park building surrounded by a parking area with two entrances onto Balloon Fiesta Parkway covering an area of approximately 5.2 acres for Phase I development.

DESIGN CRITERIA AND ASSUMPTIONS

In September of 1996 a draft report titled North Camino, El Camino and La Cueva Arroyo Drainage Management Plan was prepared by Resource Technology Inc. From their report and discussions with AMAFCA staff, a peak 100-year discharge rate of 2,400 cfs was used in this report's flood plain analysis. This peak discharge value includes an 8 percent bulking factor. A total of 24 cross sections were used to model the North El Camino floodplain from I-25 Frontage Road west to San Mateo Road using the HEC-RAS hydraulic analysis computer program. At ten of the cross sections, topographic information did not extend far enough north to estimate the floodplain cross section elevations and stations. At these locations, identified by a "limits of study" note on the flood study sheet C2, a vertical ground slope was assumed, which is a conservative assumption for determination of the water surface elevation and floodplain limits. The Mannings 'n' values used in the analysis was 0.045.

The HEC-RAS model was manipulated to keep the runoff within top of bank until the model showed that water exceeded top of bank at some location and spread out into the adjacent floodplain. Several times within the analysis the water surface elevation exceeded the top of the north bank and/or the top of the south bank.

As agreed upon by the MCT developers and the staff at AMAFCA, for Phase I of the MCT Industrial Park, the parking lot will have a setback distance requirement of 2 feet per 100 cfs or 48 feet from the 100-year water surface elevation and the building structure will have a setback distance requirement of 6 feet per 100 cfs or 144 feet from the 100-year water surface elevation.

EXISTING DRAINAGE CONDITIONS

Under existing drainage conditions the North El Camino Arroyo is the primary runoff conveyance system in the area. Runoff that doesn't find its way to the arroyo flows as sheet flow or through smaller arroyos across the property in a westerly direction. The existing drainage conditions through the North El Camino arroyo were modeled and the water surface elevations for each cross section are exhibited in Appendix B as well as are

