

## **Update from Montpelier Public Works March 28, 2006**

I'm afraid to say that it's looking more and more like the project will continue well into May now....probably somewhere in the neighborhood of May 12th. Production rates have been reasonably good but there's just a lot more to do. The progress is a little more predictable now with the onset of spring and they're estimating about 4 weeks alone to build the wall at Cliff Street. A third two man crew is set to arrive tomorrow allowing other work to proceed while the wall is constructed.

Unfortunately, some areas that were previously thought to be reasonably stable requiring little work will require stabilization now based on closer review. In fact, as the rock face has thawed out, some very "punky" areas have become apparent. These areas are primarily located along the northern and southern perimeters of the slope. We're trying now to define the exact limits of our work and find a cut off point. The southern limit has now been resolved and a solution agreed upon with the northern perimeter yet to be resolved. Golder will be making some recommendations soon about this area.

Sorry, but that's the nature of this beast.

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