

July 24, 2002

Mr. Al Cox  
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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY - INDIRECT TRANSFER OF CONTROL AND  
QUALIFICATIONS OF THE RADIATION PROTECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Cox:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) advised you in a letter dated April 28, 2002, that the merger of the parent company of the licensee (Homestake Mining Company of California) with Barrick Holding Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation, was an indirect transfer of control because it involved a transfer of the parent company and not of the licensee itself. The merger of the parent company with Barrick Holding Company could affect the licensee's activities because the licensee's surety instrument is a parent company guarantee. Therefore, you were requested to provide the NRC with the transfer of control information delineated in Section 5 of NUREG-1556, Volume 15, within 30 days of receipt of the letter. You provided the requested information by letter dated June 4, 2002; however, you stated under Section 5.3(a), that there will be no change in the organization that exercises control.

The NRC staff has determined that, because the licensee is now an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation (BGC), the changes in the organization that exercises control over the licensed program is BGC, and that organization should have been described in your response. However, your submittal concerning BGC on March 15, 2002, and the BGC financial statements submitted June 26, 2002, in addition to the information staff has obtained from the Internet, are sufficient to address this issue.

Your letter of May 28, 2002, stated that you are now the Radiation Protection Administrator (Radiation Safety Officer) at the Homestake Grants Project. The NRC staff requests that you provide information which confirms that you meet the education, health physics experience, specialized training, and specialized knowledge requirements as described in Regulatory Guide 8.31, Section 2.4.1, as required by License Condition 21.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the NRC Project Manager, Ms. Elaine Brummett, at (301) 415-6606 or by e-mail at [esb@nrc.gov](mailto:esb@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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