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**To:** Bill VonTill <RWV@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** 1/23/04 10:35AM  
**Subject:** Re: Homestake Reclamation Milestones

Thank you. We have no questions or comments on the proposed extension of surface reclamation milestones at the Homestake Mining Company site.

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cc: 01/22/2004 08:27 AM  
To: Mark Purcell/R6/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: Homestake Reclamation Milestones

Mark,

Homestake has sent us a request to extend surface reclamation milestones due to the implementation of the groundwater remediation at the site. Due to the pumping of the tailings and use of evaporation ponds under the groundwater corrective action, Homestake can not complete remaining surface reclamation milestones until the groundwater cleanup is complete. We agree with Homestake and are proposing to our management approval of the new milestones. The milestone revision extend most deadlines to 2013.

This e-mail serves as the NRC's consultation to EPA on this surface reclamation issue.

Note; this is a pre-decisional action and should not be disclosed to the public. The purpose of the e-mail is for Agency to Agency consultation only. You will receive a copy of the final action shortly. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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