

May 27, 2004

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40-8903, HOMESTAKE URANIUM MILL, GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

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Sincerely,

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3. Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: May 17, 2004

TIME: 1:30 pm

PLACE: Executive Tower Hotel Johann Room, Denver, Colorado

PURPOSE: Update of the CAP for Homestake - Grants

BACKGROUND: Meeting topics centered on an application currently under NRC staff review regarding a proposal to revise background groundwater standards and a future application to revise the groundwater corrective action plan.

ATTENDEES: Refer to Enclosure 3

DISCUSSION:

This meeting was held at the request of Homestake Mining Company (HMC) to discuss issues related to its request to revise groundwater standards and a future revision of its groundwater corrective action plan. The meeting was open to the public, however, no members of the public attended. The meeting agenda is Enclosure 2 and the meeting sign-in sheet is Enclosure 3.

HMC discussed information related to its application to revise groundwater background standards. The discussion focused on the separate standards for the alluvial, Chinle, and mixing zone aquifer units. HMC discussed whether vanadium, thorium-230, radium, and nitrate should be in the license as site groundwater standards for the parts of the Chinle aquifer unit. HMC may send a separate letter to the NRC discussing this issue. The NRC staff informed HMC that Jeff Sanders was no longer a contact for the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) and that a comment letter was sent to the EPA from NMED. Homestake then discussed the development of an updated groundwater corrective action plan which may be submitted to the NRC in the future. HMC and the NRC staff discussed what would be necessary for such an application.

ACTIONS:

Once the NRC staff obtains the NMED comment letter, staff will send a copy to HMC. HMC may submit a proposal to the NRC regarding site groundwater standards for vanadium, thorium-230, radium, and nitrate as a supplement to the background groundwater application.

Enclosure: The only hand-out was the agenda, refer to Enclosure 2.



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING ATTENDANCE FORM

Subject NRC and Homestake Mining Company

Date: May 17, 2004 Location: Executive Towers, Denver, Colorado

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