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Dear Ms. Rothwell,

This letter is intended to be a follow up to our conversation on Friday, May 16th regarding Mechanical Integrity Test (MIT) requirements in Mine Unit (MU) B.

The wells in MU B are coming due for the regular 5 year Mechanical Integrity Tests.

We recently received concurrence from the DEQ that groundwater restoration is complete in this Mine Unit. Normally we would plug and abandon all wells during reclamation of the Mine Unit.

However, we are waiting for NRC concurrence and therefore cannot plug the wells.

The unit is completely shut-in, none of the wells are in service, injection or extraction, and therefore little chance for a well failure. Cameco Resources is requesting a variance to conduct integrity tests on wells in MU B that are likely to be plugged before they are ever put into service again. To conduct these tests is not a small effort; in excess of 500 wells are in question and we are requesting a stipulation that any well to be reused would be checked for integrity prior to being placed back into service.

Thanks you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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