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Subject: NMED's Review of the EPA Region 6 Recommendations to NRC on the Focused Review of Specific Recommendations in the Addendum to the Remediation System Evaluation (RSE) for the Homestake Mining Company Site, Final Report – December 2010

Dear Mr. McConnell,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau has reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 recommendation on the focused review of specific recommendations in the Addendum to the Remediation System Evaluation (RSE) for the Homestake Mining Company (HMC) Superfund Site in Grants, New Mexico, that were transmitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by a letter dated March 24, 2011. NMED supports EPA's positions on the RSE recommendations, and respectfully requests that NRC work with Homestake Mining Company to implement the specific recommendations and incorporate the recommended actions into the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) revision, along with a schedule integrating these activities into the other response measures required by the CAP.

NMED appreciates the EPA's efforts in completing the RSE and commends EPA's community involvement during the process. NMED also appreciates the opportunity to participate on the stakeholder review team. Please feel free to contact Dana Bahar, Superfund Oversight Section Manager, at (505) 827-2908, or myself at (505) 827-2919, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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