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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY GRANTS RECLAMATION PROJECT,  
AMENDMENT NO. 45 TO SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE SUA-1471

Dear Mr. Cox:

It has recently come to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) attention that an administrative error made in the processing of License Amendment 41 to Homestake Mining Company's (HMC) Materials License SUA-1471, dated August 7, 2008. Specifically, some dates associated with License Conditions 36.A(3), 36.B(1) and 36.B(2) were inadvertently changed at that time, and the changes have been carried forward through to the current License Amendment 44 dated December 20, 2011. In order to correct the error, the NRC is issuing an administrative amendment, License Amendment 45 (enclosed) to revise License Conditions 36.A(3), 36.B(1) and 36.B(2) to be consistent with license conditions from License Amendment 40 dated August 2, 2006. No other revisions are being made to the license. An environmental review was not performed since this administrative action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22 (c)(10).

The NRC staff expects HMC to request revisions to these license conditions in the near future with the submittal of the updated Reclamation Plan. It should be noted that reclamation dates proposed in the updated Reclamation Plan should be consistent with the dates provided in the updated groundwater Corrective Action Plan (CAP) currently under review by NRC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure, please contact John Buckley at (301) 415-6607 or by e-mail to [john.buckley@nrc.gov](mailto:john.buckley@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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