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BLUEWATER VALLEY DOWNSTREAM ALLIANCE
Milan, New Mexico

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Attn: Document Control Desk
c/o Mr. John Buckley, Mail Stop T -8F5
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Washington, DC 20555-0001
Via email to: John.Buckely@nrc.gov

Mr. Buckley:

In this packet you will find comments on the Corrective Action Plan for the Homestake/Barrick Gold Uranium Mill Tailings Site near Milan, New Mexico. These comments are hereby submitted by the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance (BVDA), a Core Member of the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE). BVDA thanks the other Core Members of MASE who supported efforts to present our concerns in a manner we hope will garner the attention of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the United States Environmental (USEPA) Protection Agency, and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

Many of us have lived with this contamination for over 50 years now. We worry constantly about our health and the health of our children and grandchildren. The NRC, USEPA, and NMED have allowed Homestake/Barrick Gold to destroy our property and endanger our lives.

We believe it is time the three agencies sit down with legislators and community members and work out a solution that protects our lives and restores our property.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance

In concurrence:

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