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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HOMESTAKE
MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA UPDATED CORRECTIVE ACTION
PROGRAM, MARCH 2012 (LICENSE SUA-1471, DOCKET NO. 40-8903)

Dear Mr. Toepfer:

By letter dated March 15, 2012 (ADAMS No. ML120890113), Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) submitted the Updated Corrective Action Program (2012 updated CAP) for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and approval. The NRC staff has completed its review of the 2012 updated CAP, and requests the information contained in Enclosure 1. HMC should provide written responses to the enclosed request for additional information (RAI), prior to submitting any CAP revisions.

In general, the staff finds the CAP to be a thorough and well organized document. However, the staff has determined that the CAP does not contain sufficient information (see Enclosure 1) to address all of NRC's RAIs from the 2006 revised CAP submittal transmitted on February 4, 2010 (ADAMS No. ML100320466). The staff has also determined that RAIs are necessary with respect to the 2012 updated CAP.

The following entities provided comments on the 2012 updated CAP:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (ADAMS No. ML12305A179, ML12305A186);
2. New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) (ADAMS No. ML12306A206, ML12306A203);
3. Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance (BVDA) (ADAMS No. ML12306A100, ML12310A093);
4. Multi-Cultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) (ADAMS No. ML12306A102);
5. Information Network for Responsible Mining (INFORM) (ADAMS No. ML12306A300); and
6. Uranium Watch (ADAMS No. ML12307A159).

Enclosure 2 to this letter provides a listing of the comments received and NRC's response to each comment.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-6634, or by e-mail at Jack.Parrott@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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