

March 25, 2016

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HOMESTAKE
MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA'S DECOMMISSIONING AND
RECLAMATION PLAN, UPDATE 2013

Dear Mr. Toepfer:

By letter dated April 4, 2013, Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) submitted its Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (DRP), Update 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML131070607), for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and approval. The NRC staff has reviewed the DRP, and requests the information described in Enclosure 1. HMC should provide written responses to the enclosed Request for Additional Information prior to submitting a revised DRP.

The NRC noticed receipt of the DRP and offered an opportunity to request a hearing in the Federal Register (78 FR 38736) on June 27, 2013. The opportunity to request a hearing on the DRP closed on August 26, 2013. In addition, the NRC offered an informal opportunity to submit public comments on the DRP. Comments on the DRP were received from the New Mexico Environment Department (ADAMS Accession No. ML13309A557), the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (ADAMS Accession No. ML13309A558), and the New Mexico Environmental Law Center (ADAMS Accession No. ML13239A087). Enclosure 2 to this letter provides the comments received and the NRC's response to each comment.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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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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