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**SUBJECT:** RESPONSE TO JANUARY 10, 2014, E-MAIL FROM NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER (DOCKET: 04008903, LICENSE: SUA-1471)

Dear Mr. Block:

This responds to your e-mail, dated January 10, 2014, (attached) with some questions on behalf of your clients, the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance and the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment, pertaining to NRC's upcoming actions on our review of Revision 2 of the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) Corrective Action Program (CAP). Please see the attached NRC answers to your questions.

As stated in NRC's letter to EPA dated December 19, 2013, NRC is moving ahead with its licensing actions related to HMC's request to approve the revised CAP while EPA works through its CERCLA process. We believe that it is important for the NRC regulatory process to move forward at this site. Therefore, your clients should be receiving the NRC's response to the comments made on the CAP in the short term.

If you have questions or comments on this letter please contact me at 301-415-6634, or by e-mail at [jack.parrott@nrc.gov](mailto:jack.parrott@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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## **NRC Response to E-mail questions from the New Mexico Environmental Law Center**

Q1) When will we all be getting responses to the comments submitted on the CAP?

A1) *In the letter dated December 19, 2013, from Larry Camper, NRC, to Carl Edlund, EPA (ML13331A755), NRC indicated its desire to move forward with review of Revision 2 of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP), submitted in March 2012, without further delay. Therefore, NRC is currently finalizing a response to Homestake's revised CAP. The NRC response will also enclose a reply to the stakeholder comments that NRC received on the CAP. NRC expects to issue the response to Revision 2 of the CAP, along with the response to stakeholder comments, during the first quarter of 2014.*

Q2) When will the NRC staff follow up on the (lack of) responses to its RAIs on the CAP?

A2) *The follow up to Homestake's response to the NRC's CAP RAI of February 4, 2010, will be contained in the upcoming NRC response described above.*

Q3) For both agencies, BVDA and MASE want to know whether you will be commenting on the new NMED permit DP-200? BVDA/MASE plan to comment and will send you all digital copies of the comments—perhaps you would agree to do the same.

A3) *NRC is sending comments to NMED on draft permit DP-200. Once finalized the comment document will be sent to the NRC's Homestake distribution list (which contains you and your clients) and be will made publically available in NRC's ADAMS document collection.*

Q4) If your agency (NRC? EPA?) does not plan to comment on DP-200, could you let BVDA/MASE know the why of that decision?

A4) *NRC is commenting to NMED on draft permit DP-200. See answer to question 3 above.*