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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO DUE DATE FOR THE DELIVERABLE
REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED PER CONDITION 2 OF THE
CONFIRMATORY ORDER DATED MARCH 28, 2017 (LICENSE NO. SUA-1471,
DOCKET NO. 40-8903).

Dear Mr. Wohlford:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) acknowledges receipt of Homestake Mining Company of California's (HMC) letter dated August 23, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17237C046), requesting that the due date be extended to September 15, 2017, for the root cause analyses of the five apparent violations cited in NRC's letter dated October 4, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16251A526) required to be submitted per Condition 2 of the Confirmatory Order (CO) dated March 28, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17060A752), modifying License No. SUA-1471.

Following internal NRC coordination with the Office of Enforcement, approval for the extension was provided to you on August 24, 2017, via email from Ms. Andrea Kock to HMC (Enclosure 1). The extension was granted based on HMC's need to address additional comments provided by an independent third party reviewer as discussed in the August 23, 2017 letter to the NRC. To ensure timely submittal of future deliverables, HMC should allow for additional time when independent third party reviews will be performed.

This letter constitutes written formal confirmation of that approval and acknowledges receipt of the Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML17263A125) received on September 15, 2017. The NRC staff will review the RCA Report in conjunction with any proposed corrective actions. As required by Condition 2 of the CO, HMC proposed corrective actions are required to be submitted within 60 days (November 14, 2017) of completing the root cause analyses. Following the NRC staff review of the RCA report and proposed corrective actions, HMC will be informed of the NRC decision regarding approval of the corrective actions and any necessary modifications to HMC License Number SUA-1471.

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>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 287-9527, or by e-mail at Patricia.Holahan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Patricia K, Holahan, Director
Office of Enforcement

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Enclosure:

1. RE: Request for Extension of Time for Submission of Root Cause Report.

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