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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF
ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF HOMESTAKE GROUNDWATER MONITORING
PLAN LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Wohlford:

By letter dated November 20, 2017,¹ the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC, the licensee) submitted a license amendment application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and approval. In its letter, HMC is proposing to update the groundwater monitoring plan listed in NRC License SUA-1471 to adjust the compliance monitoring for the groundwater restoration areas at the Grants Reclamation Project Site. The licensee stated that the groundwater monitoring plan needs to be updated to take into account changes in the restoration program and problematic wells. Additionally, by letter dated June 15, 2018,² the staff granted the request by HMC to relax Condition 4, Items b, c, and d of the Confirmatory Order dated March 28, 2017,³ for this license amendment request.

The staff has completed its acceptance review of the information provided by the licensee and has determined that it contains adequate information for the staff to begin a detailed technical review. During the detailed technical review, the staff may identify omissions or issues that will need to be addressed before the staff can complete its review. If any issues or concerns are identified you will be informed of them by separate communication.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* part 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," 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 NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18018A102.

² ADAMS Package Accession No. ML18107A033.

³ ADAMS Accession No. ML17060A752.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-4090, or via email at jeffrey.whited@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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