



Homestake Mining Company of California

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Mr. Jeffrey Whited, Project Manager
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**RE: Homestake Mining – Grants Reclamation Project - Reseeding of Former Land
Application Areas**

Dear Mr. Whited:

On our status call on June 13, 2018, I informed you that Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) intended this summer to reseed lands that had formerly been irrigated by HMC as a part of its remediation program. As I indicated on that call, HMC will place the native vegetation seeds using a seed drill that is pulled by a tractor, which will place the seeds 3-4 inches deep in the soil. Homestake does not otherwise intend to till or otherwise disturb the land during reseeding and will not be watering the land. As indicated on the status call, given the limited nature of this effort, we do not believe that this activity requires implementing a review by a safety and environmental review panel (SERP).

Should you have any questions or comments regarding our implementation of this matter, and in particular should you feel that additional studies or processes, such as a SERP, should be undertaken prior to seeding, please contact me as soon as reasonably possible at twohlford@homestakeminingcooca.com or (505) 290-2187.

Regards,

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