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Dear Mr. Gray:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 63 renewing your NRC Material License No. 21-03076-01 in accordance with your request.

Please note that this letter and future NRC correspondence will be directed to your Tilden Mining Company L.C. mailing address, per your request, while your Empire Iron Mine is idled. We request that you provide notification when mail service to your Empire Iron Mine has been restored.

Items 6-9 on your license have been updated in accordance with your request and the applicable Sealed Sources and Devices Registries; note that device manufacturer names have been updated to the current company names registered with the NRC or Agreement States.

Additionally, the following license conditions have been updated in accordance with NRC policy: Condition 11 regarding the requirement that authorized users be designated in writing by the RSO, Condition 13 regarding sealed source leak testing, and Condition 15 regarding physical inventories. License Condition 17 has been updated, in accordance with your request, to no longer permit performance of non-routine maintenance activities including installation, initial radiation surveys, alignment, relocation, and removal from service. An approved amendment to reauthorize these activities is required prior to restart of any non-routine maintenance services.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and

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organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic document system. Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31 and in accordance with 10 Code of Federal Regulations 2.390, the enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability. The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1619/ML16196A237.pdf> and the link for frequently asked questions regarding protection of security related sensitive information may be located at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/faq.html>.

A copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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