



Homestake Mining Company of California

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Ms. Ashlynn Winton
Mining Environmental Compliance Section
Ground Water Quality Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 5469
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RE: Homestake Mining Company, Grants Reclamation Project, License Source Materials License SUA-1471, Docket Number 40-8903; NMED Discharge Permit DP-200: Extension Request for 15-Day Corrective Action Report for Discharge from East Collection Pond

Dear Ms. Winton:

Per your telephone conversation earlier today with Brad Bingham and subsequent email, Homestake Mining Company (HMC) is requesting a 15-day extension for submittal of the 15-day corrective action report as required by 20.6.2.1203.A (6) NMAC. The reasons for the request are explained below.

HMC has engaged a contractor to repair the existing holes in the liner of both collections ponds but they will not initiate repairs until next week (week of July 8th); therefore, the corrective action(s) has not been completed. Groundwater sample results for two downgradient wells will also not be available for approximately another week. These results may indicate whether water within the pond(s) has impacted groundwater downgradient of the ponds. During repair, the liner(s) integrity will be assessed to determine whether more long-term solutions, including liner replacement are required.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me via e-mail at dpierce@homestakeminingcoca.com or at the Grants office at 505.238.9701.

Respectfully,

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