



Grants Reclamation Project

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RE: Request for Extension to Provide a Revised HMC Response to NRC's "Request for Additional Information – Compliance of Homestake Grants, New Mexico Site with 10 CFR 20.1301 and 10 CFR 20.1302." Docket No. 040-08903, License No. SUA-1471

Dear Mr. Linton:

As discussed January 9, 2020 on a phone conference between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC), HMC believes that without an amendment to license condition 10 (LC-10) to change the location of the background radon monitoring station (currently station HMC-16), HMC cannot adequately address the 10 CFR 20.1301 public dose RAI as cited above in a manner consistent with NRC's Interim Staff Guidance DUWP-ISG-01 entitled "*Evaluations of uranium recovery facility surveys of radon and radon progeny in air and demonstrations of compliance with 10 CFR 20.1301*" (NRC, 2019).

Therefore, HMC requests an extension to provide a response to NRC's request for additional information pending further discussion on the scheduled phone call 13Feb2020; **RE: Rn Public Dose Clarification Discussion**, between NRC and HMC. Also, an amendment to LC-10, re-location of the background radon monitoring station is planned to be submitted to NRC by 31Mar2020.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed postponement of RAI responses, please contact me at dpierce@homestakeminingco.com or (505) 290-2187.

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Sincerely,

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