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Homestake Mining Company ATTN: Mr. Edward Kennedy P.O. Box 98 Grants, New Mexico 87020

## Gentlemen:

This letter refers to the special inspection conducted by Messrs. H.D. Rose, R.S. Heyer and P.J. Garcia of this office on March 29, 1988, which included independent surveys of areas cleared of windblown tailings material and to the discussion of the findings held by the inspectors with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report, 40-8903/88-001, documents this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the cleanup activities conducted at the Homestake mill site as it related to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations. The inspection involved a review of your cleanup procedures as well as collection of soil samples for verification radiological analyses from areas deemed clean by Homestake.

No apparent violations or deviations were identified during this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the

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Sincerely,

Harry J. Pettengill, Chief Licensing Branch 2 Uranium Recovery Field Office Region IV

Enclosure: Appendix A - NRC Inspection Report No. 40-8903/88-001

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