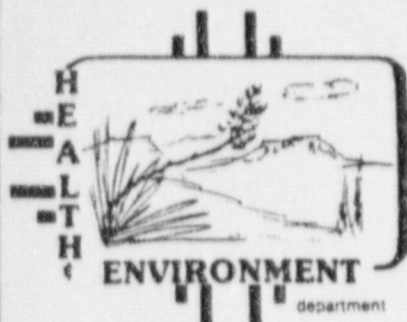


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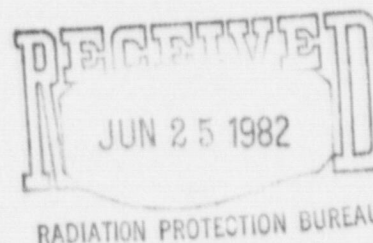
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CERTIFIED MAIL--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 25, 1982

Edward E. Kennedy
Director of Environmental Affairs
Homestake Mining Company
P. O. Box 98
Grants, New Mexico 87020-0011



Dear Mr. Kennedy:

In your letter dated June 18, 1982, you requested an extension of time to continue existing discharges without an approved plan at the Homestake Mining Company (HMC) Uranium Mill near Milan, New Mexico and gave reasons why the extension should be granted.

Pursuant to Section 3-106.A. of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, you are hereby allowed to continue the above referenced existing discharges without an approved discharge plan until December 18, 1982 provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The June 15, 1982 quarterly update, which was not submitted on time for reasons already explained to NMEID, is submitted on or before August 1, 1982 and subsequent quarterly updates are submitted on a prompt basis.
2. A satisfactory response to the questions and comments in NMEID's June 1, 1982 letter is submitted by August 1, 1982.
3. The regional monitoring well designated to replace well 910 is installed and sampled by August 5, 1982.
4. Homestake continues to meet with the NMEID on a monthly basis to discuss and review the effectiveness of their collection/injection system.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kent Bostick or Joel Hubbell of my staff at the above address and telephone.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Rhoades
for Russell F. Rhoades
Director

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