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Mr. S. E. Reynolds, State Engineer
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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

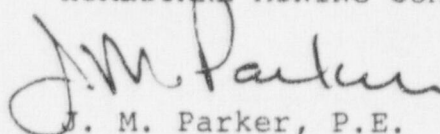
Homestake Mining Company, Grants Operation, has scheduled a two month shutdown of both mine and mill operations to occur between May 25 and July 26, 1983. During this period no tailings will be impounded, however, the collection system will be operated in conjunction with the mill ion exchange plant. The effluent from the IX plant will be recycled through the mill to the tailings pond as is done under normal operations.

Since the pile will be static during the shutdown we request your consideration of a moritorium on piezometer readings and surveying for the two month period.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Boyer or me.

Yours truly,

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY



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