



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 14, 2021

Mr. Brad Bingham  
Closure Manager  
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Homestake Mining Company of California  
P.O. Box 98/Highway 605  
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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE THE BACKGROUND RADON MONITORING LOCATION FOR THE GRANTS RECLAMATION PROJECT, LICENSE NO. SUA-1471, DOCKET 040-08903

Dear Mr. Bingham:

By letter dated December 18, 2020, the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC or licensee) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a license amendment request (LAR) for review and approval (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. package ML20356A287). Specifically, the revised LAR proposes a change in license condition 10 to eliminate specification of background monitoring station HMC-16 and replace it with stations HMC-10FF and HMC-60FF as approved locations for routine monitoring of ambient background radon and gamma radiation levels at the Grants Reclamation Project. The NRC accepted the submission for review in letter dated February 22, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21053A325).

By letter dated September 14, 2021, the NRC published a request for additional information (RAI) to HMC for information needed for the NRC staff to complete its review (ADAMS Accession No. ML21237A454) and requested a response to RAI by October 14, 2021. By letter dated October 1, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21274A737), the licensee requested a 90-day extension to provide RAI responses by December 13, 2021, due to the technical nature and number of RAI's received. In a letter dated October 6, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21278A931), the NRC approved HMC's extension request to respond to the RAI to December 13, 2021. By letter dated December 8, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21344A196), the licensee requested an additional 90-day extension to provide RAI responses by March 13, 2022, due to the significant number of RAI's, delays associated with vendor onboarding/response and availability during the holidays. The NRC approves HMC's request to respond to the RAI to March 13, 2022.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

B. Bingham

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-7777, or via e-mail at [Ron.Linton@nrc.gov](mailto:Ron.Linton@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,



Signed by Linton, Ron  
on 12/14/21

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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