



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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MEMORANDUM TO: Docket: 040-08903
License: SUA-1471, Amendment 59
Licensee: Homestake Mining Company of California
Facility: Grants Reclamation Project, Grants, NM

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF BASIS FOR
SELECTED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION: HOMESTAKE MINING
COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTS RECLAMATION PROJECT,
2022 ANNUAL SURETY UPDATE, AMENDMENT NUMBER 59 TO
SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE, SUA-1471,
DOCKET NUMBER 040-08903

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the basis for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's conclusion with respect to the satisfaction of the categorical exclusion criteria under paragraph Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51.22(c). This basis is also described in the Safety Evaluation Reports for this license amendment.

Categorical Exclusion Pertaining to License Condition (LC) 28

The staff has determined that Amendment 59 to License SUA-1471 qualifies for a categorical exclusion because the amendment to LC 28 only changes the amount of the surety, in a Parent Company Guarantee, and therefore meets the criteria in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(i), as explained below:

A license amendment to reflect an update in the amount of financial assurance or corrective revisions belongs to a category of actions which the NRC has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the environment. Such actions qualify for a categorical exclusion under 10 CFR 51.22(c) and do not require an environmental assessment. Specifically, the NRC staff has determined that the update and changes to the financial assurance (surety) is categorically excluded from further environmental review under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(i).

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Pursuant to staff memorandum dated February 28, 1984,¹ SECY-83-286, and guidance in NUREG-1748, as designee for the Division Director, this memorandum documents my concurrence with the staff's evaluation. This memorandum will be placed as a publicly available record in Agencywide Documents and Management System under the above referenced docket and linked to the amendment 59 package.²

¹ ADAMS Accession No. [ML20044G949](#)

² ADAMS Accession Package No. [ML23033A662](#)