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Re: Draft Dual Domain Characterization Work Plan Revision 03
Homestake Mining Company Superfund Site
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Feasibility Study
(CERCLA Docket No. 06-03-20)

Dear Mr. Lattin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Homestake Mining Company of California's (Homestake's) revised draft document entitled "*Work Plan for Characterization of the Geochemical and Physical Properties of the Mobile and Immobile Groundwater in High Permeability and Low Permeability Zones at Homestake Mining Company Superfund Site – Revision 03*" (Work Plan), dated April 18, 2023. All of EPA's previous comments, dated April 17, 2023, have been adequately addressed. Therefore, the Work Plan is approved.

The EPA is currently finishing its review of the draft Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans – Optimized UFG-QAPP, dated March 2023, and plans to provide written comments by Monday, June 5, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at purcell.mark@epa.gov. I can also be reached by mobile phone at (469) 553-7211 while working at an alternate telework location for Region 6.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Purcell", is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," text.

Mark Purcell, Remedial Project Manager
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EPA Approval of Work Plan for Characterization of Mobile and Immobile Groundwater in High Permeability and Low Permeability Zones – Revision 03, Homestake NPL Site, June 1, 2023

Cc: Anne Maurer, NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
Ron Linton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission