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Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
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**RE: Reply to Notice of Violation
NRC Inspection Report 040-08903/2023-001
Docket 040-08903, License SUA-1471
Homestake Mining Company, Grants Reclamation Project**

Dear Regional Administrator:

Pursuant to the letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), dated May 23, 2023, titled *NRC Inspection Report 040-08903/2023-001 and Notice of Violation*, Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) has prepared responses to the Notice of Violation (NOV) cited by the NRC as shown below in italics, followed by HMC's responses.

1. *The reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation or severity level.*

The violation involves the failure to conduct continuous air particulate monitoring, in accordance with License Condition 10 and procedural requirements. The violation occurred due to downtime associated with normal maintenance and calibration.

2. *The corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved.*

Following the NRC inspection conducted on March 28-30, 2023, HMC ordered and received a backup hi-volume air sampler on April 27, 2023. The spare sampler will be utilized when maintenance, calibration or repair is required on an operating unit reducing potential downtime.

3. *The corrective steps that will be taken.*

Since receipt of the backup air sampler on April 27, 2023, potential downtime due to maintenance, calibration or repair has been reduced; therefore, all steps have been completed to address the failure to conduct continuous air monitoring now and in the future.

4. *The date when full compliance will be achieved.*

HMC has been in full compliance with License Condition 10 since the spare high volume air monitoring unit was ordered and received on April 27, 2023.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me via e-mail at bbingham@homestakeminingcoca.com or via phone at 505-290-8019.

Respectfully,



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