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RE: **Grants Reclamation Project**
Docket No. 40-8903
License No. SUA-1471
2003 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Von Till:

Pursuant to NRC License SUA-1471, Docket 40-8903, License Condition 35(E), Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) hereby submits two (2) copies of the 2003 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report. This report is an updated performance review of the groundwater corrective action program for the Grants site. We will be sending, via separate mailing, a CD containing the report for your reference and use.

HMC noted in the past that monitoring conditions on the site are subject to change and may require periodic judgment decisions relative to the ability to supply certain data to meet the Table 2 – Groundwater Monitoring Program (8-99) requirements, as modified. During this reporting period wells 0446 and 0492, located on private property, could not be sampled due to issues beyond our control. We will continue to pursue collection of samples from these wells during 2004.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me in our Grants office at (505) 287-4456 Ext. 17 or via cell phone at (505) 400-2794.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan D. Cox".

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA
Alan D. Cox

Enclosures (2)

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