

April 10, 2006

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FOR HOMESTAKE'S GRANTS, NEW MEXICO PROJECT SITE (TAC LU0122)

Dear Mr. Schoeppner:

I am currently developing a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the application of revised background ground water quality standards at Homestake Mining Company's (HMC) uranium mill site near Grants, New Mexico. HMC has requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to approve the plan by amending Source Materials License SUA-1471. Enclosed please find the draft EA.

If you have any comments regarding the NRC's review of the HMC site, please provide them within 30 days so they may be fully considered.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-7612 or by email to [pxm2@nrc.gov](mailto:pxm2@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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