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**From:** Ron Linton  
**To:** Jeff L OSE Peterson  
**Date:** 07/27/2007 3:53:47 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Homestake Mining Company Questions

Jeff:

Thanks for passing this along to the appropriate persons. I hope you can access the EP3 Engineering Report and others, if needed, in ADAMS. I'll be back in the office August 6. Doug should be able to assist you if you have problems.

Ron

>>> "Peterson, Jeff L, OSE" <JeffL.Peterson@state.nm.us> 7/27/2007 3:48:31 PM >>>

Thanks Ron, I have forwarded this onto my managers here at the State Engineer Office for review and direction.

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Cc: Alan Cox; Douglas Mandeville; Laura Watchempino  
Subject: Homestake Mining Company Questions

Jeff:

I enjoyed speaking with you today about the Homestake Mining Company (HMC) Grants Reclamation Project. As we discussed, I received a letter from the Pueblo of Acoma (attached) expressing concern about water withdrawals from the HMC project and it's potential affects on the San Rio Jose watershed and several springs of cultural significance to the Acoma. Acoma has requested further consultations from the NRC and other regulatory agencies regarding impacts to regional groundwater, the San Mateo Creek drainage area, and Horace Springs. Since the State Engineer's Office has permitting authority over groundwater withdrawal rates and water rights, I'm inquiring to see if your office has any information that may address their concerns or if any studies have been performed that may already address these issues raised by Acoma.

There is a long history of correspondence related to the HMC site. If you are interested in reviewing correspondence or reports, please search our Agency Documents and Management System (ADAMS) online by going to <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. Click on "Begin ADAMS Search" and then "Advanced Search". Enter the docket number 04008903 and other search parameters (such as date range or the ML reference number). The ML reference number for the Evaporation Pond 3 Design Report is ML0630506410 and for the Environmental Report is ML0708505611. I was going to attach them to this e-mail, but I think they may be too large to send.

Additionally, as we discussed, we are tentatively planning a public outreach meeting for September 18, 2007 in the evening in Grants to discuss and answer citizens questions. I'll call you with more information as we continue to plan this meeting.

I'll be on vacation next week, if you have any questions or have difficulties obtaining documents from ADAMS, please contact Doug Mandeville of our office at 301-415-0724 who can assist you.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

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