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Subject: Structural stability of large tailings pile (LTP) at the Homestake-Barrick Gold superfund site in Milan, NM
Attachments: Ltr NMOSE to Meyerson NMED convey James Head engineering report on HMC-B LTP 20130905.pdf

Hello, Jack:

Last week, my clients, BVDA/MASE provided me with a copy of the attached cover letter and report concerning the structural stability of the large tailings pile at the Homestake-Barrick Gold (HMC-Barrick) uranium mill superfund site in Milan, NM. As it does not appear to have been filed with the NRC, I thought you, Larry and Brian ought to be aware of it.

Of significance in the cover letter is the need to examine data on surface elevations within the wells to make a determination of slope stability. However, as there is continuous pumping and injection taking place, such data could be subject to shifts that would be difficult to account for in calculations. In addition, there are two more unaddressed issues: seismic qualification and the relation of the pile to the flood plain.

I pass this onto you all and hope it proves helpful in your continued regulation and oversight of this facility.

BVDA/MASE looks forward to having the NRC's response to this additional information.

Regards,

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