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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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EA-16-114

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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA'S REQUEST FOR  
AMENDMENT TO LICENSE NO. SUA-1471 TO THE U. S. NUCLEAR  
REGULATORY COMMISSION DATED 18 DECEMBER 2019:  
GROUNDWATER CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM, DOCKET NO. 040-  
08903, LICENSE NO. SUA-1471

Dear Mr. Pierce:

By letter dated 18 December 2019,<sup>1</sup> the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to amend license condition 35C of Materials License SUA-1471 with its revised Groundwater Corrective Action Program (GCAP) for groundwater corrective action activities at the Grants Reclamation Project. The submission of the revised GCAP was required by December 31, 2018, as stated in Condition 6 of Confirmatory Order EA-16-114<sup>2</sup>. This submission date was extended by the NRC in a letter dated December 31, 2018,<sup>3</sup> that the GCAP be submitted by December 18, 2019.

HMC stated in the cover letter to the LAR request that, "The environmental report associated with this LAR identified in Criterion 9 of 10 CFR 40 Appendix A and needed for NRC to meet its obligations under 10 CFR 51, will be provided as a separate submittal by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020." As such, the NRC staff will not be able to begin its 90-day acceptance review of the LAR until receipt of the Environmental Report.

In accordance with CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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<sup>1</sup> ADAMS package Accession No. ML19354B960.

<sup>2</sup> ADAMS package Accession No. ML17060A752.

<sup>3</sup> ADAMS Accession No. ML18355A893.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-7777, or via email at [ron.linton@nrc.gov](mailto:ron.linton@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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