



**UNITED STATES
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March 19, 2020

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**SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF ACCEPTANCE
REVIEW OF RADIATION SAFETY TECHNICIAN DESIGNEE LICENSE
AMENDMENT REQUEST, DOCKET NO. 04008903, LICENSE NO. SUA-1471**

Dear Mr. Pierce:

By letter dated January 14, 2020,¹ the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC, the licensee) submitted a license amendment application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and approval. By letter dated March 9, 2020,² HMC submitted a revised application. Specifically, HMC is proposing to use Radiation Safety Technician (RST) Designees to perform daily inspections on weekends and during the week, on a limited basis, when neither the RST nor the Radiation Safety Officer are onsite.

The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of the information provided by the licensee and has determined that it contains adequate information for the NRC staff to begin a detailed technical review. However, the NRC staff has identified some information that is missing from the application and should be submitted by HMC within 30 days of the date of this letter.

1. The revised application should provide an objective measure of success for the knowledge and the practical portion of the training for the RST Designee (i.e. acceptable test score and acceptable completion of solo inspections).
2. The revised application should provide an objective measure and schedule for requalification of the RST Designee.
3. In the revised application, second to last bullet under "2. Training:", please clarify the applicable license conditions. The current NRC license SUA-1471 has 44 license conditions and HMC has referenced license conditions 54 and 55.

During the detailed technical review, the NRC staff may identify additional omissions or issues that will need to be addressed before the staff can complete its review. The NRC staff will notify HMC by separate communication if any issues or concerns are identified during our review.

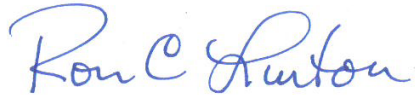
¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20023A196.

² ADAMS Accession No. ML20078J084.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-415-7777, or via email at ron.linton@nrc.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron C. Linton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" being the most prominent.

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