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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
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December 15, 2021

EA-21-180

Brad R. Bingham
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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA – ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 040-08903/2021-002 AND
DISPUTED NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

Dear Mr. Bingham:

This letter acknowledges your November 30, 2021, correspondence (Agencywide Document and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21337A108) in response to U.S. NRC Inspection Report 040-08903/2021-002 and Notice of Violation (ADAMS Accession No. ML21286A797) dated October 8, 2021, in which you dispute two violations (EA-21-180). The violations involve: (1) failure to use a radiation work permit or standard operating procedure during contractor work with radiologically contaminated materials, in accordance with License Condition 24; and (2) failure to perform surveys to evaluate the magnitude and extent of radiation levels, with two examples, as required by 10 CFR 20.1501. The NRC is currently reviewing your basis for contesting the violations in accordance with Section 2.3.7 of the Enforcement Manual. Accordingly, we will provide the results of our evaluation by written response within 100 days of the receipt of your most recent letter.

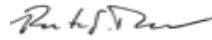
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Ms. Linda Gersey at 972-746-6984 or the undersigned at 817-200-1189.

Sincerely,



Signed by Torres, Roberto
on 12/15/21

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Docket No.: 040-08903
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