



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
REGION IV
1600 EAST LAMAR BOULEVARD
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December 15, 2021

EA-16-114
Brad R. Bingham
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**SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA – ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 040-08903/2021-001 AND
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Bingham:

This letter acknowledges your November 19, 2021, correspondence (Agencywide Document and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21326A265) in response to U.S. NRC Inspection Report 040-08903/2021-001 and Notice of Violation (ADAMS Accession No. ML21096A200) dated April 20, 2021, in which you request that the NRC withdraw a violation. In the inspection report, the NRC documented a Severity Level IV violation related to failure to ensure all well purge water generated during groundwater sampling was contained and disposed of onsite in a lined holding pond or evaporation pond. In your initial response to the notice of violation dated May 20, 2021, (ADAMS Accession No. ML21144A296), you stated that you were not contesting the violation, although you questioned why the NRC allowed other licensees to discharge 11e.(2) byproduct material from well sampling purge water onto the ground surface. The NRC is currently reviewing your request and will provide further correspondence once our review is complete.

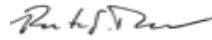
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy or proprietary information so that it can be made available to the public without redaction.

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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

Roberto J. Torres, Chief
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Docket No.: 040-08903
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