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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE THE BACKGROUND RADON MONITORING LOCATION FOR THE GRANTS RECLAMATION PROJECT, LICENSE NO. SUA-1471, DOCKET 040-08903

Dear Brad Bingham:

By letter dated December 18, 2020, the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC or licensee) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a license amendment request (LAR) for review and approval (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. package [ML20356A287](#)). Specifically, the revised LAR proposes a change in license condition 10 to eliminate specification of background monitoring station HMC-16 and replace it with stations HMC-10FF and HMC-60FF as approved locations for routine monitoring of ambient background radon and gamma radiation levels at the Grants Reclamation Project. The NRC accepted the submission for review in letter dated February 22, 2021 ([ML21053A325](#)).

By letter dated September 14, 2021, the NRC published a request for additional information (RAI) to HMC for information needed for the NRC staff to complete its review ([ML21237A454](#)) and requested a response to RAI by October 14, 2021. By letter dated October 1, 2021 ([ML21274A737](#)), the licensee requested a 90-day extension to provide RAI responses by December 13, 2021, due to the technical nature and number of RAIs received. In a letter dated October 6, 2021 ([ML21278A931](#)), the NRC approved HMC's extension request to respond to the RAI by December 13, 2021. By letter dated December 9, 2021 ([ML21344A196](#)), the licensee requested an additional 90-day extension to provide RAI responses by March 13, 2022, due to the significant number of RAI's, delays associated with vendor onboarding/response, and availability during the holidays. In a letter dated December 14, 2021 ([ML21347A399](#)), the NRC approved HMC's extension request to respond to the RAI by March 13, 2022. HMC responded to the RAI in a letter dated March 11, 2022 ([ML22071A000](#)). The NRC staff requested HMC to clarify their RAI responses in a letter dated June 10, 2022, and requested a 30-day response ([ML22137A097](#)). In a letter dated July 5, 2022, HMC requested a 30-day extension to respond to the clarification request due to the technical nature of the required response and contractor availability ([ML22191A001](#)).

The NRC approves HMC's request to respond to the clarification request by August 9, 2022.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-7777, or via e-mail at Ron.Linton@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Linton, Ron
on 07/15/22

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