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Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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Kirk Daehling
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RE: Nahcolite Project, File No. M-1983-194 , Technical Revision (TR-45) Adequacy Review -2

Dear Mr. Daehling:

On January 19, 2021, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Technical Revision request TR-45 for the Nahcolite Project, Permit No. M-1983-194. The revision was filed on January 28, 2010. The Division has received your response to Adequacy Review #1. During the review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered. Please provide the following:

1. Please commit to provide the Division with the same monthly groundwater reports provided to the BLM for a period of 12 months.
2. IRI-EX-2 and MMC-IRI-1 were previously noted as being recompleted to a different zone than originally drilled which have the potential for aquifer communication issues. The two wells were not referenced in the sampling commitments made under adequacy response #1. Please provide a reason for the wells not being referenced. Due to the potential for aquifer communication issues with IRI-EX-2 and MMC-IRI-1 the Division requires the monthly water quality reports to be submitted for a period of 12 months.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) as soon as possible. A decision date of March 1, 2021 has been set.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell

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