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RE: Blue Streak Mine, NOI # P-2007-057, NOI Modification (MD02) Application Adequacy Review (2)

Mr. Howell:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is continuing to review your application. The Division has identified the following issue(s) to be addressed before your application can be considered for approval:

- 1. The current application (MD02) proposes extraction of 999 tons of material. Please clarify whether this MD02 NOI application is proposing to extract an additional 999 tons of material over the 999 tons that were approved for extraction through the original 2007 NOI, or if this application is only proposing to add the 5 drill holes to the NOI?
- 2. For the two drill holes that will be converted to monitoring wells, please commit to compliance with the following requirements of Rule 5.4.4.

Rule 5.4.4 Conversions to a Monitoring Well

A prospecting drill hole may be converted to a monitoring well for the purpose of groundwater or geophysical monitoring, if the Prospector conducting the prospecting:

(a) has obtained the necessary permit from the State Engineer (Division of Water Resources);

(b) cases and seals the drill hole in accordance with the requirements of the Water Well Construction;

(c) caps the drill hole to prevent unauthorized entry and injury to persons and animals; and

(d) submits to the Office a copy of the "Well Construction and Test Report" submitted to the Division of Water Resources describing the method and materials used in casing and sealing the drill hole to prevent commingling of aquifer waters.

Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3 (c), if the issues listed above are not addressed within 60 days, the Division may terminate the MD02 application.



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

Sincerely,

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