

October 3, 2007

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Licensing Directorate
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THRU: Bill von Till, Chief **/RA/**
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MEETING REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2007

TIME: 7:00 pm (mountain time)

PLACE: Cibola County Center
Convention Room
515 West High Street
Grants, NM 87020

PURPOSE: To inform members of the public about regulatory proposals by Homestake Mining Company at the Homestake - Grants Reclamation Project uranium mill and tailings site, and to listen to questions and concerns.

ATTENDEES: see attached list

ATTACHMENTS: Meeting Notice
Meeting attendees
NRC presentation
Native American Resolutions
Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance handout

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was publicly noticed on September 4, 2007 by posting on the NRC web site. Public notices were run in the Cibola County Beacon and the Gallup Independent, both semi weekly publications, for two weeks prior to the meeting. The meeting notice was also sent by e-mail to members of the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance and the Pueblo of Acoma.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm (mountain time). Richard Turtill, NRC meeting facilitator, opened the meeting with introductory remarks, brief introductions, and noted to the public that the meeting was scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00, but that the meeting could go slightly longer. Larry Camper, NRC Director, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, spoke to the attendees and noted that the regulatory agencies had made an effort to get management to the meeting, as was requested by attendees during the last public meeting held on May 30, 2007. He also stressed NRC's mission to protect public health and safety and NRC's experience with decommissioning and site clean-up at various sites around the country. Bill vonTill, NRC Chief, Uranium Recovery and Licensing Branch, briefly spoke of his past involvement with the site and his desire to see progress with the site clean-up continue. A PowerPoint presentation of the license amendment actions currently before the NRC, including Evaporation Pond #3 and the Revised Corrective Action Plan, was shown by Ron Linton, NRC Project Manager, Uranium Recovery and Licensing Branch. Mr. Linton also informed the attendees how to find and review documents in the NRC Agencywide Document and Management System.

Enclosure

There were many issues discussed by members of the community, the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance (BVDA), and the Pueblo of Acoma.

The Pueblo of Acoma are concerned about overall public health and safety, water consumption from the Homestake site, downwind contamination from Homestake, and whether the additional evaporation pond is an appropriate alternative for site clean-up.

Local members of the community and members of the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance raised several concerns. These concerns are outlined succinctly in a handout provided at the meeting under the headings "BVDA Findings" and "Contamination Spreads". The handout is attached as part of this meeting summary.

The NRC and regulatory agencies indicated they will continue to discuss and address citizen concerns, Tribal issues, and opinions of the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance with the Homestake Mining Company. The agencies indicated a desire to continue the public dialogue in further public meetings.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:15 pm.

September 4, 2007

MEETING NOTICE

SUBJECT: Public Meeting

DATE AND TIME: September 18, 2007
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cibola County Center
Convention Room
515 West High Street
Grants, NM 87020

X Newly scheduled ___ Revised ___ Canceled

PURPOSE: To inform members of the public about regulatory proposals by Homestake Mining Company at the Homestake - Grants Reclamation Project uranium mill and tailings site, and to listen to questions and concerns.

PARTICIPANTS:	<u>NRC Offices</u> Larry Camper William von Till Ron Linton Richard Turtill et al.	<u>Outside Organizations</u> Sai Appaji, Henry Parr, and Donald Williams, U.S. EPA David Mayerson, Jerry Schoeppner, Dana Bahar, and Jon Goldstein, NMED George Hoffman and Dan Kump, Homestake Mining Co. et al.
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CATEGORY: This is a Category 3 meeting. Public participation is actively sought for this meeting to fully engage the public in a discussion of regulatory issues.

ENCLOSURE: Agenda

NOTE: The NRC's Policy Statement "Enhanced Public Participation in NRC Meetings," effective May 28, 2002, applies to this meeting. The Policy Statement may be found on the NRC Web site, www.nrc.gov and contains information regarding visitors and security.

MEETING AGENDA
Homestake Public Meeting
Grants, New Mexico
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Cibola County Center - Convention Room
515 West High Street, Grants, NM 87020

Purpose: To inform members of the public about regulatory proposals by Homestake Mining Company at the Homestake - Grants Reclamation Project uranium mill and tailings site, and to listen to questions and concerns.

Outcome: To provide the public with an opportunity to discuss regulatory proposals with technical staff and management, and listen to public comments and concerns.

Process:

7:00 p.m. Introductions and opening remarks (Turtill - NRC)

7:05 p.m. Evaporation Pond #3 proposal, Revised Corrective Action Plan proposal and regulatory and review process (Linton - NRC)

7:20 p.m. Questions

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

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