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Re: Addendum to the Rock Creek Mine Waste Management Permit and
401 Certification Informal Review Analysis

Dear Mr. Ahmasuk:

I am sending this letter as an addendum to the letter and Informal Review Analysis sent on September 29, 2006 regarding the Informal Review of the Rock Creek Mine Waste Management Permit and 401 Certification. Unfortunately, two typographical errors were discovered in the Rock Creek Mine Informal Review Analysis dated September 29, 2006 that was sent to you.

Please note the following corrections:

Appeal Item 2c, #4, Division Decision should read as follows: "I conclude that adequate safeguards are contained in the WMP because ongoing sampling and testing is required as mining progresses, including humidity cell tests using rock sizes that are generally in line with that which will be placed in the waste rock piles".

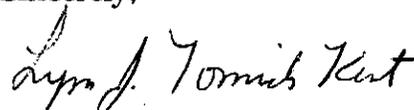
The words: "and site crib" should be deleted from the original document.

Appeal item 2c, #11, Background and Analysis, second to last sentence should read as follows: "There should be no flushing action (apart from during the initial filling, when the water can be treated if necessary), but there will be slow dissolution of metals into the water that will very slowly diffuse into the lake formed above the PAG material".

The word: "tailings" should be replaced with "PAG material". There is no proposal, or ADEC approval, to place tailings into the pit at closure.

I apologize for any confusion that these typographical errors may have caused.

Sincerely,



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