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July 12, 1990

Mr. Glenn M. Eurick
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Dear Mr. Eurick:

Re: Review of Tentative Approval Response, Permit Revision, Sunrise Wasterock Dump and Dump Leach Area #3, M/045/017-88(1), Tooele County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of your June 18, 1990 tentative approval response for the above referenced permit revision. In general, the Division finds Barrick's latest responses sufficient to address the conditions of our May 21, 1990, tentative approval letter. However, the Division offers the following comments for clarity regarding Barrick's latest submittal:

R613-004-106.2 - Operation Plan

The Division accepts Barrick's proposal for the method of analysis for the acid-base evaluations, and the request for a 90-day extension to address the selective material handling issue. However, in the interest of avoiding a potential "conflict of interest" situation, the Division requests that Barrick utilize a certified analytical laboratory rather than their own lab to evaluate the waste rock samples taken from the pits/dumps.

R613-004-109 - Impact Assessment

The Division has evaluated Barrick's updated Wildlife Mitigation Plan. Overall, the operator is to be complemented on its content. We are curious as to why the species monitoring list fails to include a "waterfowl" category. Are waterfowl intended to fall under the general bird category? We believe that waterfowl should be included as a specific category on the monitoring list.

R613-004-110 - Reclamation Plan

The Division accepts Barrick's proposal to temporarily postpone submittal of the conceptual design details for the Dump Leach Area 3 closure plan and the diversion channels until September 1990. These issues will be negotiated between the Bureau of Water Pollution Control, the Division and Barrick at a meeting(s) prior to development of the final closure and reclamation design details for this area.

R613-004-113 - Surety

On June 28, 1990, the Division presented Barrick's self-bonding proposal to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. On June 29, 1990, the Division forwarded a letter to Barrick detailing the Board's conditional approval and request for supplemental information prior to their final approval of the revised self-bonding contract. This information must be provided at Barrick's earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in completing this permitting action. Please contact me or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff should you have questions or concerns regarding the details of this letter.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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