



September 10, 1998

Mr. Bill Schleining
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Custer, SD 57730-9501

RE: Potential Impacts to the Homestake Property from the Nemo Work Center.

Dear Mr. Schleining:

This letter is written to address the potential for adverse impacts to the Homestake Property from EDB beneath the Nemo Work Center. This analysis is based upon the site investigation activities conducted to date including observations regarding the controlling hydrogeologic conditions at the site and plume behavior measured from existing monitoring wells from multiple sampling events.

EDB migration beneath the Nemo Work Center is controlled by structural geologic features in the area, primarily the northwest/southeast trending strike slip fault approximately one-half mile northeast of the Homestake Property. The EDB plume is primarily contained within the strike slip fault as evidenced by several clean wells on the southwestern plume boundary (MW-5, MW-9, MW-13, MW-16, and RW-8). The plume has also recently contracted more to the northeast as evidenced by declining EDB concentrations in the original Weston water supply well after pumping was discontinued in 1997. All wells are northeast of the Homestake Property which is considered to be cross gradient from the EDB plume and southeasterly groundwater flow direction within the fault line. Homestakes Property is also located in an adjacent tributary drainage and is hydraulically separated from the area impacted by EDB. Essentially, no surface water or groundwater connection exists between the Homestake Property and the area impacted by EDB. Based on the monitoring that has occurred to date and our understanding of controlling hydrogeologic condition, the potential for impact from the Nemo Work Center on Homestakes Property is quite remote.

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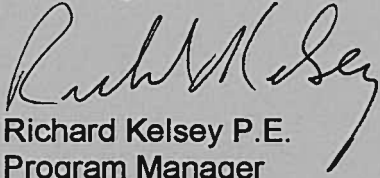
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If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (208)345-8292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Kelsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Kelsey" clearly distinguishable.

Richard Kelsey P.E.
Program Manager

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