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RE: Ross Adams Project

Dear Ms. Riddle and Mr. Minckler:

Below is the Ross Adams CERCLA Project Monthly Progress Report update for the month of November 2024. This provides the information specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), as Attachment B to the ASAOC.

- ***Describe work performed during the prior month(s):***
 - **Removal Action Design** – In September, the project team identified significant safety concerns with the 30% design and planned construction of the portal closure at the 900-Foot Portal and discussed those with the USFS at the Site visit on September 4. A proposed modification to the design was discussed with the USFS and USFS requested additional modifications to the 700-foot portal closure. A design change memorandum documenting the necessary modification at the 900-foot portal was submitted to USFS on October 11 and USFS provided editorial comments on October 15. The design drawing has been corrected in response to the USFS comments, and the revised drawing was submitted on November 8. The USFS approved the change in concept on November 20. The Removal Action Design advanced to the 60% level, and a design review meeting/call was held with the USFS on November 14.
 - **Conference Calls** – Newmont and USFS had a project team 60% design review conference call on November 14.
- ***Provide a summary of all results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated by Respondents during the prior month, unless otherwise reported in other deliverables or to be reported in Pre-Design Investigation Reports:***

- None.
- **Identify all deliverables that Respondents submitted to the USFS during the prior month(s):**
 - Newmont submitted revised 900-Foot Level portal closure memorandum and justification, with follow-up figure submittal, as described above.
- **Describe all activities relating to Removal Action construction that are scheduled for the next month:**
 - Newmont will progress the Removal Action Design.
 - A 60% design review meeting with the engineers, project team, and USFS is scheduled for November 14th.
- **Provide an updated construction schedule, together with information regarding percentage of completion, delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule, and a description of efforts taken to mitigate those delays:**
 - A revised overall Removal Action construction schedule was submitted on November 13.
- **Describe any modifications to the Removal Action or schedules, including consultation with the USFS and approval by the USFS, when necessary, during the prior month:**
 - No Removal Action modifications were made during the prior month.
- **Describe activities undertaken by Respondents in support of the Community Involvement Plan during the prior month and those to be undertaken, as requested by the USFS, if any, in the next month:**
 - No Community Involvement Plan activities were requested by the USFS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 775-385-7324 or michael.chanen@newmont.com.

Regards,



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