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Re: Twin Metals Minnesota Hydrogeo Study

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Glasson, Michael <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 2:54 PM
To: "Gillcash, Robert" <[redacted]>
Cc: Tony Herrell <[redacted]> "Bodus, Theresa M" <[redacted]> Dean Gettinger
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My opinion Bob is that the ongoing EA has nothing to do with what they wish to do. It would be approved under the existing lease, existing terms, conditions and stipulations. It should be approved (or not) based solely on the existing rights the lease gives them. I do not have much of a feel for the timeframe. Even if the approval process for the hydro-geo wells runs passed the December 31 renewal date, as long as we are still processing the renewal, the existing lease(s) are in full force and affect.

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On Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 2:44 PM, Gillcash, Robert <[redacted]> wrote:

Hi Folks,

I spoke Ms. Garwin for about 2-3 minutes and then asked her to please email me with her specific question(s)

If you could help give me some guidance and information that I can pass along I would appreciate it.

-Bob

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From: Rachel Garwin [redacted]
Date: Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 10:49 AM
Subject: Twin Metals Minnesota Hydrogeo Study
To: [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Rom <[redacted]>

Hi Bob,

Thanks for agreeing to pass on my questions to the appropriate people. Twin Metals Minnesota has proposed to construct a number of monitoring wells to conduct a hydrogeologic study. It is our understanding that these wells would be approved by a letter of an operating plan under the existing lease. What is the timeline for this process, and will it include public input? Does the approval of hydrogeo monitoring wells require that the mineral lease renewal be approved without a finding of significant environmental impact under the ongoing Environmental Assessment?

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