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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE PROJECT – DATED DECEMBER 2021
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Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project includes the possible use of the nearby Centennial M-1 property as a repository for mine waste if the Project proceeds.

The owner of the Centennial M-1 property is under a voluntary cleanup agreement with DTSC to address existing mine waste at this site via a remedial action plan that is currently under review. If approved, the cleanup of the Centennial M-1 site includes consolidating existing mine waste with contaminant concentrations above commercial/industrial cleanup levels and encapsulating this material on the property with on-site soils that are protective of human health under the anticipated commercial/industrial future use. In addition, the protective surface soils will be graded to ensure runoff is directed away from the encapsulated material and towards a retention basin that will also be constructed to protect Wolf Creek which is located nearby.

To ensure the long-term safety and integrity of the proposed remediation, any waste rock brought to the Centennial M-1 site from the Idaho-Maryland Mine must be sampled to ensure it meets the cleanup levels for the Centennial M-1 site achieved during the

cleanup effort. In addition, the material must be placed in such a way as to ensure the integrity and function of the cap to direct surface water away from the buried contamination. The protocol and frequency of sampling waste material from the Idaho-Maryland Mine and the frequency of inspections of the Centennial M-1 site have yet to be determined. These efforts may be outlined in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with DTSC that will be a part of the Centennial M-1 remediation or they be approved in a separate stand-alone document. Any specifications, work plans, or reports regarding placement of material on the Centennial M-1 must be reviewed and approved by DTSC under an O&M or other agreement with DTSC. DTSC is providing this letter to ensure the County is aware of these general requirements as they do not appear to be discussed in the DEIR.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIR for the Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3591 or via email at Dean.Wright@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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