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RE: Comments of the Revised "DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Work Plan"  
dated February 2004

Dear Mr. Kulas:

The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) within the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its term contractor Ecology & Environment have reviewed your consultant Exponent's revised work plan titled "DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Work Plan" dated February 2004. DEC received the work plan via e-mail from Exponent on February 3, 2004. The revised work plan has addressed a number of issues that we previously commented regarding the earlier draft risk assessment work plan.

Our detailed comments regarding the revised work plan (separated by human health and ecological comments) are enclosed with this letter. A number of our comments are in follow-up to our conversations to address issues since we received the revised work plan in February. We also are aware that Teck Cominco and Exponent have been working to address most of these comments since the submittal of the plan in February and our conversations began, but these written comments should assist both parties in clarifying or coming to resolution on these issues. Therefore, please consider these comments in follow-up to our recent conversations.

As discussed with you, DEC is very cognizant about the fast approaching field season. We will continue to work with you and Exponent to resolve the issues to ensure that sampling can be performed this spring to fill in data gaps identified during the risk assessment process.

Jim Kulas

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-269-7578.

Sincerely,



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