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Re: Revised Figures Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) Plan of Operations
F20129500 (Rev 9) for New CIP Tailings Storage Tank

Dear Mr. DiMarchi,

In response to an email from Brent Martellaro, ADNR dated February 25, 2014, enclosed are two revised figures (Figure 1.3c and Figure 6.2) in support of Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) Plan of Operations F20129500 Rev 9 – New CIP Tailings Storage Tank.

In response to an email from Tim Pilon, ADEC dated February 25, 2014, Pogo provides the following clarification. In paragraph 3 of Pogo's February 24, 2014 submittal there is a sentence that states: "Potential overflow will be addressed by incorporating an overflow line on tank directed to the sump within the filter building." This was incorrect and Pogo apologizes for the confusion. An overflow is not part of the design for the new tank. The new tank will have process controls and an operating strategy to prevent overflow as well as a bottom drain and pumps to unload the tank in the event of high levels. The purpose of the annular space between the primary (inner) and secondary tanks is for tank breach, not overflow. The annular space in conjunction with the inner tank provides 110% containment in the event of a breach. The foundation for the new tanks will have a curb to capture and direct seepage or spillage into existing containment. More detailed design drawings will be provided to ADEC before construction of the tank begins.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 907-895-2879 or email me at sally.mcleod@smmpogo.com.

Sincerely,

Sally S. McLeod, CEM, REM
Environmental Manager

Attachments:

Figure 1.3c Mill and Camp Bench Area As-built (figure for Plan of Operations, revised)
Figure 6.2 Mill Plant as-built Figure 1.3c (figure for Plan of Operations, revised)

Cc: Brent Martellaro, ADNR
Tim Pilon, ADEC



