

February 22, 2006

Matthew DeBurle
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Re: Proposed Renewal of Title V Operating Permit for Barrick Goldstrike

Dear Mr. DeBurle:

In accordance with the Bureau of Air Pollution Control's (BAPC) request, EPA has conducted an expedited review of the proposed title V permit renewal for Barrick Goldstrike, which we received on January 19, 2006.

As you know, in our letter dated September 23, 2005 we identified several concerns about periodic monitoring and control device monitoring (pursuant to the Compliance Assurance Monitoring requirements of 40 CFR Part 64) in the previous version of the proposed permit. We have reviewed the changes made by BAPC in response to our comments. BAPC has strengthened the monitoring and testing provisions, and addressed the concerns we raised. EPA has no objection to the issuance of the final permit renewal.

Please note that although we are terminating our review early, the 60 day period for the public to petition the Administrator to object to the permit begins on March 5, 2006, the day after EPA's 45 day review period would have otherwise ended. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Roger Kohn at (415) 972-3973 or kohn.roger@epa.gov

Sincerely,

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cc: Andy Cole, Barrick