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Comments: Water quality. The EIS should explain that (1) discharges of nitrogen from mine waste management facilities exceeded applicable groundwater standards that were not predicted to occur in the previous environmental analyses for the project and (2) all three mine areas are operating under a Compliance Plan to return groundwater to meet water quality standards.

Nye Creek. The proposed fully lined channel for Nye Creek should be modified and should consider natural channel formation and migration. There also should be continued monitoring of the stability of Nye Creek

Visual impacts. My cabin is downstream of the Nye facility, and I am concerned about the overpowering visual presence of the proposed waste rock facility. I would prefer an alternative that would minimize visual impacts from the constructed facilities during operation and closure. The design criteria should seek to mimic natural topography to minimize these visual impacts.