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Thank you for this inquiry, Bill and Caroline.

Under the NewRange NorthMet Project, the West Pit will be backfilled with the waste rock and saturated mineral overburden from the Temporary Rock Storage Facility (TRSF). Both pits would be flooded in closure.
Let me know if you need any further clarification on this,
Christie

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Hello Christie. This is Query 1 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

Table 1, Primary Project Changes, includes proposed changes to Mine Site components and layouts. One change involves developing only 2 pits (designated as West and East) instead of 3 pits (West; Central; East) under the PolyMet NorthMet Project. Information is also provided on the closure condition.

Under the NewRange NorthMet Project, which pit will be backfilled and flooded, with the other becoming a flooded pit void, in the proposed closure condition?

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter. Please provide your response as soon as possible to facilitate DNR's consideration of the request and material evidence. Let me know if you have any questions. Bill J. and Caroline O.

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