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Hello, Bill and Caroline!

While you've only asked about the TRSF, reclamation of that facility is the same as the Ore Surge Pile (OSP). Both the TRSF and OSP will be fully removed and reclaimed. Category 2, 3, and 4 waste rock and saturated overburden stored in the TRSF will be relocated to the West Pit for permanent subaqueous disposal. The ore in the TRSF and OSP will be sent to the Plant Site for processing. Once emptied, the liners, piping, pumps, and sump and pond liners will be removed and properly recycled or disposed of at a permitted solid waste facility. The footprints of these facilities will be reclaimed by regrading, as necessary, scarifying the surface, or placing an unsaturated overburden cover and vegetating to support long-term stability.

Let me know if you have any further questions about this response,
Christie

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Hello Christie. This is Query 2 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 a single facility for storage of the Categories 2/3/4 waste rock plus saturated mineral overburden and ore on an engineered, geomembrane-lined foundation. This facility is now designated as the Temporary Rock Storage Facility or TRSF

Under the NewRange NorthMet Project, what is the proposed closure condition for the TRSF? Has a plan been formulated for the treatment of the engineered foundation in closure?

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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