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Greetings, Bill and Caroline!

Yes, for the 2026 NewRange NorthMet Project, the primary crusher has been moved from the Plant Site to the Mine Site. This is noted throughout our submittal, as follows:

- Figure 2, as you have noted
- Table 1, under NorthMet SEIS Action (2025 SEIS Action), last row on page 1: OSP located west of the crusher and south of the OSLA, with an engineered, geomembrane-lined foundation
- Table 1, under NorthMet SEIS Action (2025 SEIS Action), first row on page 2: Ore handling facilities include a crusher, overland conveyor, and an OSP, all located west of the West Pit.
- Draft preparation notice, page 2, B.7: Air Quality – Changes in impacts to air quality due to…..change in ore conveyance between Mine Site and Plant Site, including the relocation of the crusher to the Mine Site.
- Draft preparation notice, page 3, C.1, second bullet: Alternative Ore Conveyance – The conveyor will run from the new crusher at the Mine Site….

Ore is conveyed from the primary crusher along the covered overland conveyor to a new Coarse Ore Stockpile Building at the processing plant, which then conveys the ore to the Concentrator.

Let me know if you have further questions about this project change,
Christie

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Hello Christie. This is Query 4 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

Figure 2 of the request document shows an orange polygon located immediately west of the western extent of the future West Pit. According to the legend, this is labeled as the Primary Crusher.

Reviewing the 2015 Final EIS, the insert at Figure 3.2-23 – Plant Site Layout shows a "coarse crusher" located at the north end of the plant facilities. At page 3-101, while the Ore Crushing section does not refer to a coarse crusher, the section does reference a "primary crusher" whose product would be moved to "four parallel secondary crushers." I think we can assume that the "coarse crusher" and "primary crusher" are the same features unless NewRange understands otherwise.

The opening sentence in the Ore Crushing section reads: "In ore crushing, ore as large as 48 inches in diameter would be delivered by rail from the mine to the existing coarse-crushing building, where each car would be emptied into a primary crusher…" [emphasis added] This seems to indicate crushing occurs at the Plant Site but not the Mine Site under the original PolyMet Project.

Question: Does the listing of the Primary Crusher on Figure 2 at the Mine Site represent a NewRange Project change from the PolyMet Project? If yes, there may or may not be follow-up requests for information.

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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