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Greetings, Bill and Caroline.

It appears I jumped ahead in my response to Query 2, responding about the closure of the TRSF as well as the Ore Surge Pile (OSP). As described there, reclamation of the TRSF 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.

Closure of the Overburden Storage and Laydown Area (OSLA) for the 2026 NewRange NorthMet Project is the same as was planned in the 2015 FEIS and Permit to Mine. Any material remaining in the OSLA will be removed for use in reclamation activities. The area will be regraded, as necessary, to establish a mixture of upland and wetland areas, depending on the ultimate elevation of the remaining materials. Final slopes will be designed to minimize erosion and support long-term stability. The area will be seeded with a native vegetation mix to establish a self-sustaining plant community.

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

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Hello Christie. This is Query 5 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

Table 1, Primary Project Changes, details the changes in locations under the NewRange Project for the OSP and OSLA project elements.

Could NewRange briefly describe the proposed closure condition for both of these facilities, at least as understood at this time?

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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