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Good morning, Bill and Caroline! Please see my response below in red.

Please let me know if you have further questions about this topic.
Best,
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Subject: NW: EXTERNAL SENDER Query 13 - Mine Support Facilities

Hello Christie. This is Query 13 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

This query has two parts:

Part 1

Table 1, Primary Project Changes, states that under the 2026 SEIS Action that "[m]ine

support facilities (fueling facilities, maintenance facilities, offices, change-houses, etc.) are now located southwest of the West Pit. Major equipment maintenance completed at the Mine Site." SEIS Request at .pdf 7.

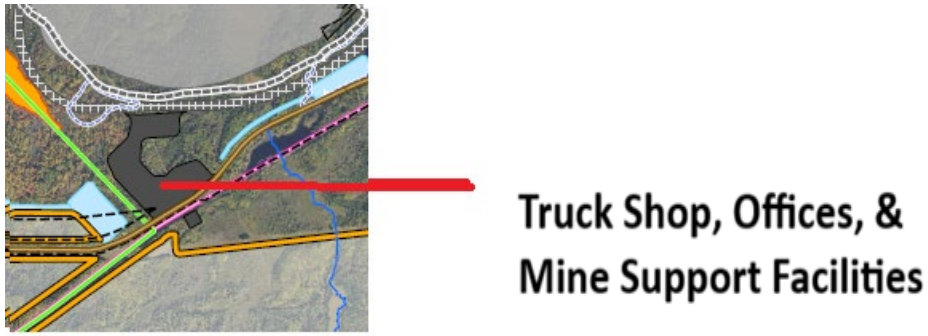
In the original PolyMet NorthMet Project, both the Area 1 and Area 2 shops were going to be providing services for the Mine Site and Plant Site. Under the revised project, some services will be now located at the Mine Site.

Question: Will there be any use for the Area 1 and Area 2 Shops under the revised project? According to the 2015 FEIS, the Area 1 Shop was to be used for servicing major equipment like dozers, front-end loaders, and haul trucks. The Area 2 Shop would provide mine offices, change-houses, and rail-related support facilities like the Locomotive Fueling Station and Locomotive Services Building. Just trying to understand what would remain at the Plant Site.

NewRange Response: Yes, the Area 1 and Area 2 Shops will be used during construction for laydown areas, parking and bussing, and contractor workshop areas. Their use during operations will be further evaluated in our ongoing engineering studies, but they will not be used as planned in the 2015 FEIS, with those operations moved to the Mine Site.

Part 2

Below is a cutout from Figure 2 at the Mine Site.



Question: Is the polygon at the red line the proposed location of the truck shop, offices, and mine support facilities planned for the Mine Site under the updated project?

NewRange Response: Yes

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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