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Dear Ms. Paul,

RE: Follow-up Report – Spill #12-377 Diesel Leak at Roberts Bay Bulk Fuel Storage Facility ST-6b -No Release to Environment (2AM-DOH0713)

On September 16, 2012 site services personnel detected evidence of a diesel leak inside the containment berm at the Roberts Bay Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (ST-6b). A stained area was observed in the gravel of the berm near the pump and hose system utilized for transferring fuel into/between the tanks. It is thought that during the overnight re-positioning of the pumping system apparatus two days prior some residual fuel in the system leaked on to the floor of the berm before the hoses and pump were reconnected. No further leaking was detected upon investigation of the spill. The actual volume leaked is not known, but is estimated to be 100L.

The leak of diesel fuel was fully contained by the lined gravel berm structure and no fuel was released to the environment. The contaminated gravel was removed by machine and contained for disposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 604-345-3122 or angela.holzapfel@newmont.com if you have any questions or would like further information on this incident or the associated follow-up actions.

Sincerely,

Angela Holzapfel
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