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Skull Valley

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From: "Hawes, David" <rhawes@blm.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 03 2016 19:01:30 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: David Eddy <deddy@blm.gov>
Subject: Skull Valley

Dave: I've received a couple calls about the the Skull Valley mineral exploration. How did your field visit go yesterday. What I can pass along about the status of the drilling/sampling work or BLM's next steps?
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Sent: Fri Mar 04 2016 11:56:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
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CC: Matthew Plis <mplis@blm.gov>, "Verl (Jeff) Garrett" <jgarrett@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: Skull Valley

Rem,

The visit went well. Met on site with Areta and her brother Mark Zouvas, who is apparently managing the business side of the project. Also on site were the drillers, three representatives of the California company EnviroMine, Inc. (<http://www.enviromineinc.com/>), who is being contracted with to do the mine feasibility, planning, and permitting, and Ted Eyde, an expert in zeolites and some industrial minerals, plus a couple other consultants whose identity and role I don't recall. Jeff and Matt did most of the discussing since they will be the ones dealing with the case. They took a stroll around the area with some of the folks looking at the drill sites, the old quarry, the existing stockpile, etc. The drilling company is using a small truck mounted drill and is currently in the process of drilling the sample holes and collecting the cores. Jeff discussed the various aspects of locatability, mostly with the EnviroMine folks. The drilling is not really producing any dust since it is using water circulation. The only source of dust that I noticed was from vehicles driving around on the roads, especially in the area below the stockpile. When the drilling is done, the evaluation of quantity, quality, etc. of resource will be made. It seems that Al Burch will be heavily involved in that for the company. Jeff will also be making his determinations at that time. If the company decides to go ahead and pursue a mine, then their contractors will put together a mine plan and it will be submitted. There's the possibility that if Jeff determines that the material is not locatable and the company doesn't appeal that, they may want to go ahead and develop the mine under the salable minerals regs. Matt and Jeff probably no doubt have more insight to offer.

Dave

On Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 7:01 PM, Hawes, David <rhawes@blm.gov> wrote:

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