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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Concurrence with Comment on 40 CFR Part 320 Financial Responsibility Requirement Final Rule under CERCLA Section 108(b) for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry

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Region 8 appreciates the opportunity to review the Final Agency Review materials for the CERCLA 108(b) Hardrock Mine Financial Assurance Rule. With over 60,000 identified abandoned mines in the Rocky Mountain West, Region 8 regularly conducts and supervises investigation and cleanup actions at many mine sites. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Betsy Smidinger at (303) 312- 6231. Region 8 staff workgroup contacts are Jim Hanley, Mining Engineer, at (303) 312-6725 and Douglas Naftz, CERCLA Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6942.

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