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Dear Tracy James:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office request for feedback. The requested feedback will inform the decision of whether or not to require an environmental assessment for the proposed Record Ridge Mine, a new magnesium mine near the US-Canada border. To ensure potential impacts from the proposed Canadian mine to waters of the United States are evaluated, U.S. EPA would support British Columbia EAO's designation of the mine as a reviewable project. The U.S. EPA would be willing and interested in participating in the review process.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Baca, Acting Director Environmental Justice, Community Health, and Environmental Review Division