

INFORMATION SHEET

ORDER NO. R5-2007-
THE JAMESTOWN TRUSTS I & II, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE
COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE, GARY WILSON, AND ROBERT CAMERON
CLOSURE OF THE JAMESTOWN MINE
TUOLUMNE COUNTY

The Jamestown Mine is an inactive gold mine approximately one mile southwest of Jamestown in Tuolumne County. The Jamestown Mine last operated from 1986 to 1994. The County of Tuolumne, Robert Cameron and Gary Wilson (jointly owners) currently own the Jamestown Mine. Jamestown Trust I and Jamestown Trust II hold monies from a litigation settlement to fund closure, post-closure maintenance and remedial activities. The principal features of the mine are: the three mine pits (including Harvard Mine Pit), the Tailings Management Facility (TMF), the Rock Storage Area (RSA), the Process Water Retention Pond (PWRP) and several storm water retention ponds.

The TMF is an approximately 120-acre lined mine tailings impoundment. Polluted water from the TMF drains to the PWRP (a lined Class II impoundment). Water collected in the PWRP is pumped to the Harvard Mine Pit, an Engineered Alternative Group B mine waste management unit.

The Harvard Mine Pit is approximately 520 feet deep and has a 72-acre footprint. The pit was dewatered during active mining and is slowly refilling with poor quality water. Water in the Harvard Mine Pit is polluted by interaction with the shattered mineralized wall rock and with mineralized waste rock in the adjacent RSA. Water in the Harvard Mine Pit and water in the TMF are of similar poor quality.

These Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) regulate the closure and post-closure of the TMF; and operation of the PWRP and Harvard Mine Pit, two Group B mine waste containment units. These WDRs replace existing WDRs No. 98-082 and R5-2006-0048.

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