The MSHA regulations and guidelines for emergency response incorporated into the Applicant's Emergency Response Plan are the health and safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in US mines.

A-4 SUMMARY OF BEST AVAILABLE, PRACTICABLE, AND NECESSARY TECHNOLOGIES

The identified technologies were reviewed to determine if they achieved the objectives of being available, practicable, and necessary for the specific site at Grassy Mountain (Table A-3). The analysis considered site-specific conditions including climate, mineralization, geological, geotechnical, hydrogeological, and morphological conditions when determining whether a technology is necessary and practicable. All technologies are available, with the exception of gold roasting and mercury amalgamation, which are no longer practiced in North America because newer technologies have been developed that are less environmentally damaging.

The BAPNT review process first requires the TRT to determine the necessary technologies to achieve the objectives of the Project. If a technology is considered to be unnecessary, it is not considered further. For the technologies that are needed, the TRT must determine if these are available and technically feasible. If a technology is considered not to be technically feasible, it is not considered further. The technologies that are deemed necessary, available, and technically feasible were then ranked according to their environmental benefits, as follows:

- 0 = the technology has a negative implication for the resource;
- 1 = the technology has a neutral implication for the resource, or is approximately equal to another technology that would achieve the same purpose;
- 2 = the technology has some environmental benefit when compared with an alternative technology.

Those technologies that are deemed to be necessary, available and practicable are also assessed for economic feasibility. Those that are not economically feasible are not considered to be the best option. The BAPNTs that are technically and economically feasible have the highest scores. Table A-3 provides this information. The Applicant's proposed technologies are identified in bold.

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¹ A technology is technically feasible if it would meet the Project purpose and environmental standards.

Table A-3 Ranking of Best Available, Practicable, Necessary Technology for Project Components

Project Component	EE 04'	Name of Technology	Necessary	Available	Technically Feasible		Practicable /	Economically	Total			
	EE Section					Air Quality	Water Resources	Waste	Energy	Wildlife	Feasible	Score
Mine Construction Methods	t .			•	•	•			•	•	•	
Extracting Ore	2.1.3, 2.2.3.2, A- 3.1	Underground Mining	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	1	2	2	Yes	9
	2.2.3.2, A-3.1	Open-Pit Mining	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.3, A-3.1	Mechanized Cut-and-Fill with CRF	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	2	2	Yes	9
	A-3.1	Longhole Open Stoping	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.1	Blind Bench Stoping	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Backfilling	A-3.1	Dry Fill	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.1	Hydraulic Fill	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.3, A-3.1	Cemented Fill	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	2	2	Yes	9
	2.2.3.5, A-3.3	Paste Fill	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transporting Mined Materials	2.1.15, A-3.1	Diesel Fuel (Trucks and Loaders)	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	2.2.3.13, 2.2.5, 5.4, A-3.1	Biodiesel Fuel (Trucks and Loaders)	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	2	1	Yes	7
	2.2.3.10, 2.2.5, 5.4, A-3.1	Operational Improvement Technologies (e.g., Short Interval Control)	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mill Operations	•		•		•	•	•			•	•	
Chemical Ore Processing	2.1.6.2, 2.1.6.3, 2.1.6.4, 2.2.3.6, A-3.2	CIL Cyanide Circuit, Elution, and Electrowinning Recovery	Yes	Yes	Yes		1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	2.2.3.6, A-3.2	Gold Roasting	No	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.2	Mercury Amalgamation	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.2.3.9, 2.2.5, 2.2.6.3, A-3.2	Thiosulfate Leach	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.2.3.6, A-3.2	Alternative Mill Processing (gravity concentration, hydrometallurgical, pyrometallurgical, flotation, pressure oxidation)	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.2.3.6, A-3.2	Heap Leaching	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	0	1	0	0	No ²	-
	2.2.3.6, A-3.2	Offsite Ore Processing	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	0	2	1	0	1	No ²	-
	2.2.3.9, A-3.2	Non-cyanide Gold Extraction Processes (gravity separation, microbial leaching, biological, leaching agents)	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyanide Management	2.1.7, 2.2.3.7, A- 3.2	Detoxification and Neutralization of Cyanide	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	2.2.3.8, A-3.2	Cyanide Reduction	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.6, A-3.2	Cyanide Destruction Circuit	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	2	1	2	Yes	7
Cyanide Monitoring	2.2.3.8, A-3.2	Certified Laboratory Testing	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	2	Yes	8
	2.1.7, 2.2.3.8, A- 3.2	In-Line Device (e.g., Cynoprobe)	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7

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Ducinet Common and	EE Section		N	Available	Technically		Practicable /	Economically	Total			
Project Component	EE Section	Name of Technology	Necessary	Available	Feasible	Air Quality	Water Resources	Waste	Energy	Wildlife	Feasible Yes Yes	Score
Air Quality Controls	2.1.6.4, A-3.2	Mercury Retort Oven	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	0	0	1	Yes	4
	A-3.2	Wet Scrubber	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	1	1	Yes	6
	A-3.2	Electrostatic Precipitator	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.2	Baghouse Filter	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Process Solution Containments	A-3.2	Concrete Secondary Containments	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
Contaminents	A-3.2	Water Stops and Concrete Coatings	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
Wildlife Exclusion from Mill	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.2	Perimeter Fencing and Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.2	Covers, Mesh, or Netting to Reduce Bird and Bat Nesting	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	5.3, A-3.2	Covering Waste Bins	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	2	1	2	Yes	7
Closure of the Mill	2.1.17, 2.2.3.14, A-3.2	Dismantling, Salvaging, Selling, or Authorized Disposal of Mill Infrastructure	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	1	Yes	7
	2.1.17, 2.2.3.14, A-3.2	Breaking, Burying, and Recontouring Foundations	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	2	2	1	Yes	7
	A-3.2	Removal of Foundation Materials	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	2	0	0	1	Yes	3
	A-3.2	Retaining Power Lines Post-Closure	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.17, 2.2.3.14, 5.3, 5.4, A-3.2	Planting Sagebrush Plugs/Seedlings and Perennial Grasses and Forbs with a Monitoring Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	2.1.17, A-3.2	Closure-Period Inspections	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
Tailings Management		•			•							
Tailings Disposal	2.1.8, A-3.3	Permanent Storage of Tailings in Lined TSF	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	2.1, 2.1.5.2, 2.1.6, A-3.2	TSF Lime Addition	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	2	2	1	2	Yes	7
	2.2.3.5, A-3.3	Mix with Cement and Use as Backfill in Underground Mine	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	TSF pH Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
Tailings Water Content	2.2.2.2, A-3.3	Conventional Tailings Slurry	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	2.2.2.2, A-3.3	Filtered Tailings	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.2.2.2, A-3.3	High-density Thickened Tailings	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	Water Balance Accounting (including probabilistic and deterministic meteorological water projections)	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
TSF Design	2.1.8, 2.2.2.4, 2.2.3.3, 2.2.3.4, A-3.3	Zero-discharge with Synthetic Double Lining	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	2.2.3.4, A-3.3	Alternative Liners	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	No ²	-
	A-3.3	Reparable Liner	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Project Component	EE Section	Name of Technology	Necessary	Available	Feasible	Air Quality	Water Resources	Waste	Energy	Wildlife	Feasible	Score
	A-3.3	Alternative Embankment Designs (using different materials)	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	LiDAR Slope Monitoring	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leak Detection	2.1.4, 2.1.8, 2.2.3.4, 5.3, A- 3.3	Liner Leak Detection and Collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	2.1.19.1, A-3.3	Groundwater Monitoring for Leaks	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	2.2.3.4, A-3.3	Electromagnetic Leak Detection	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	Geophysical Leak Detection	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-Term Pollution Prevention Controls and Monitoring	2.1.19.3, A-3.3	Backfilling using CRF	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	2.1.17, A-3.3	Plugging the Mine Portal	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	2.1.17, A-3.3	Retaining Liners in Perpetuity	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	1	Yes	7
	2.1.17, A-3.3	Reclaiming Mine Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
	2.1.17, A-3.3	Converting the Reclaim Pond to an Evaporation Cell	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	2	1	Yes	8
	2.1.17, A-3.3	Retaining Stormwater Infrastructure	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	2	2	Yes	8
	D-5.1, A-3.3	Monitoring Mined Materials Quarterly During Operations	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	2	2	Yes	9
Long-Term Monitoring	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Monitoring Groundwater	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Monitoring Noxious Weeds	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	A-3.3	Noxious Weed Mapping via UAV or Satellite Imagery	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Facility Inspections, Maintenance, and Repairs	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	2	Yes	8
	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Inspections and Sampling of Stormwater Facilities and Discharges	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	A-3.3	Spring and Seep Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Biomonitoring	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.1.19.2, A-3.3	Vegetation Cover Indexes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TSF Wildlife Exclusion	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.3	Perimeter Fence and TSF Fences and Barriers	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.3	Bird Deterrent Balls on TSF Pond	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, 5.4, A- 3.3	Visual Deterrents: Effigies, Predator Models	Yes	Yes	Yes1	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, A-3.3	Radar-activated Propane Cannons	Yes	Yes	Yes1	1	1	1	0	2	Yes	5
	3.5.4.2, 5.4, A- 3.3	Laser Bird Deterrents	Yes	Yes	Yes1	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, A-3.3	Emergency Hazing	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, 5.4, A- 3.3	Bio-exclusion Zones	Yes	Yes	Yes1	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6

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Project Component	EE Section	Name of recimology	Necessary	Available	Feasible	Air Quality	Water Resources	Waste	Energy	Wildlife	No2	Score
	3.5.4.2, A-3.3	Decoy Ponds	No	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
	3.5.4.2, A-3.3	Hyper-salinization	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	1	0	1	No2	
	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.3	Monitoring Perimeter for Signs of Wildlife	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
	3.5.4.2, 5.3, A- 3.3	Netting and Wires on TSF	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5.3, A-3.3	Monitoring and Removal of Aquatic Species in TSF Pond	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	2	Yes	6
Closure of the TSF	A-3.3	Dry Closure	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	2	Yes	7
	2.1.16, A-3.3	Conversion of Process Pond to Evapotranspiration Cell	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	2	2	Yes	8
	A-3.3	Wet Closure	No	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	A-3.3	Wetland Establishment Closure	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	Alternative TSF Cover Design	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.3	Hydroseeding	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
Operations Management	'		•	•	1	•						
Water Management	2.1.9.1, 2.1.9.2, A-3.4	Site Groundwater Production Wells and Water Level and Quality Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	2.2.2.5, A-3.4	Pipeline from Municipal Supply	No	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	A-3.4	Perimeter Well Dewatering	Yes	Yes	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A-3.4	Groundwater Production Sumps for Dewatering	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	1	0	0	1	1	Yes	3
	A-3.4	Closure Reclamation of Water Supply Piping	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
Air Quality Control Measures	A-3.4	Monitor TSF for Dust after Operations Cease and Prior to Cover	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	1	1	Yes	6
	5.3, A-3.4	Dust Suppression Water Spray	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	0	1	0	1	Yes	4
	5.3, A-3.4	Equipment Hoods, Curtains, Chutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	1	1	Yes	6
	A-3.4	Cover/Enclose Material Piles	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	0	1	Yes	5
	5.3, A-3.4	Air Permit BMPs	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	0	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.4	Dust Control Staff Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1	1	1	1	Yes	6
Equipment Maintenance	A-3.4	Reactive Maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	1	1	1	Yes	3
	A-3.4	Preventative Maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.4	Predictive Maintenance	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operations Monitoring	2.1.19.1, 5.3, A- 3.4	Resource-Specific Monitoring Plans	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
	A-3.4	Permit Monitoring Requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	2	2	Yes	10
Acid Rock Drainage Management	D-3, D-4.6, A-3,5	CRF	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	2	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.5	Additional Monitoring and Testing (by mine level)	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	A-3.5	Additional Water Quality Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6

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Project Component	EL Section		Necessary	Available	Feasible	Air Quality	Water Resources	Waste	Energy	Wildlife	Feasib l e	Score
	A-3.5, D-6.1	Groundwater Monitoring for Acid Rock Drainage	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	A-3.5	Passive or Active Treatment of Acid Rock Drainage	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
Hazardous Materials Handling, Storage, and Management	5.3, A-3.6, B-3.2	Toxic and Hazardous Substances Transportation and Storage Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
	5.3, A-3.6, B-3.2	Waste Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
	2.1.5, 2.1.10.3, A-3.6	Offsite Hazardous Materials Disposal	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	2	Yes	8
	A-3.6	Toxic and Hazardous Substances Transportation and Storage Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	1	2	Yes	8
	3.1.4, 5.3, A-3.6	Stormwater Pollution Control Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	A-3.6	Regular Inspections of Hazardous Materials Storage Areas and Updates to Management Plans	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
Spill and Emergency Response	A-3.7, B-3.2	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	2	Yes	7
	A-3.2	Water Stops and Concrete Coatings	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	1	1	Yes	6
	A-3.7, B-3.2	Emergency Response Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	1	2	Yes	9
	A-3.7, B-4.3, B- 5.1	Mobile Emergency Refuge Stations	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.7, B-3.2	Strobe Lights, Light Vests, Laser Pointers, Lifelines, Cones, and Reflective Strips	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.7, B-4.2	Fire Alarm System	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	5
	A-3.7, B-3.2	Wireless Signaling System	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

Necessary Technology: A technology that is required or can substituted for an alternative technology to ensure compliance with environmental standards.

Available Technology: A technology that is obtainable and has been demonstrated to meet environmental standards.

Practicable Technology: A technology that is technically feasible (i.e., has been demonstrated to meet project purpose and environmental standards), has assessable implications for environmental resources (i.e., air, water, waste, energy, and wildlife scored as 0 = negative implication, 1 = neutral implication, 2 = positive implication), and is economically feasible (i.e., has costs that do not render the project uneconomic and do not exceed the expected environmental benefit of the alternative).

¹ Technically feasible for many but not all applications.

² Alternative performance does not merit cost difference.