Table 2.8-2. Summary of Environmental Impacts, Landusky Mine Reclamation

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Geotechnical Conditions (stability, erodibility, & maintainability)											
Lower Leach Pads L	79, L80/81/82, L83, L84.	•									
Dikes	Somewhat good. Interim reclamation has improved stability.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.				
Heaps	Somewhat good. Interim reclamation has improved stability from somewhat poor.	Somewhat good but more difficulty maintaining barrier covers.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.				
Liners	Intermediate durability.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.				
L85/86 Leach Pad:											
Dikes	Intermediate stability.	Improve stability to somewhat good with buildout to 2.5H:1V slopes.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Stability improved to good with removal of dike.	Same as Alt. L4.	Same as Alt. L4.				
Heaps	Interim reclamation improve stability from somewhat poor to intermediate.	Intermediate with GCL in reclamation cover.	Somewhat good with no GCL.	Same as Alt. L2.	Heap stability improved to good with removal and placement as backfill.	Same as Alt. L4.	Same as Alt. L4.				
Liners	Intermediate functioning.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Removal of liner improves function to good.	Same as Alt. L4.	Same as Alt. L4.				

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L87/91 Leach Pad:							
Dikes	Intermediate stability.	Somewhat good with built out L91 dike.	Same as existing conditions.	Same as existing conditions.	Same as existing conditions.	Somewhat good due to slight reduction in load behind dikes and additional revegetation.	Somewhat good due to reduction in load behind dikes and additional revegetation.
Heaps	Intermediate stability due to some regrading.	Stability improved to somewhat good with 3H:1V slopes.	Intermediate stability with regrade to 2.5H:1V slopes.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Stability improved to good with some heap material removed.	Similar to Alt. L5.
Liners	Intermediate, functioning.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.	Same as existing condition.
Waste Rock Dumps:							
August #1 and #2 Waste Rock Dumps	Somewhat good as dumps are reclaimed or graded.	Somewhat good. Partial removal but reclaimed on steep slopes.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Good stability with use as backfill.
Montana Gulch Waste Rock Dump	Intermediate condition with top disturbed.	Somewhat good condition with partial removal and top reclaimed.	Intermediate with top reclaimed.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.
Mill Gulch Waste Rock Dump	Somewhat good condition.	Somewhat good condition with added revegetation.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.
Gold Bug Repository	Existing condition is intermediate.	Intermediate with grading and covering of dump top.	Somewhat good with grading and covering of dump top.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Good with dump removed.	Good with dump buried in pit backfill.

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Open Pits:							
Queen Rose Pit	Somewhat poor stability conditions.	Somewhat poor with grading limited to the pit floor.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Somewhat good due to backfilling.	Good due to large amount backfilling.
August/Little Ben Pit	Somewhat poor stability conditions.	Somewhat poor with grading limited to the pit floor.	Same as existing conditions.	Somewhat poor with limited highwall backfilling.	Intermediate with more backfilling on pit floor and walls.	Somewhat good due to backfilling.	Good due to large amount backfilling.
Gold Bug Pit	Somewhat poor stability conditions.	Intermediate with grading limited to pit floor and highwall reduction to cover sulfides.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Somewhat good due to backfilling.	Good due to large amount backfilling.
South Gold Bug Pit	Somewhat poor stability conditions.	Somewhat poor with grading limited to the pit floor.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Somewhat good due to highwall reduction.	Somewhat good due to backfilling.	Good due to large amount of backfilling.
			Water Resource	s and Geochemistry			
Infiltration of Precipi	tation:						
Total Mine Ave. Infiltration (gpm)	747	233	295	297	289	287	188
% Reduction from Existing Infiltration	0%	69%	61%	61%	61%	62%	75%
Total Pit Ave. Infiltration (gpm)	194	73	95	96	89	84	34
% Reduction from Existing Infiltration	0%	62%	51%	51%	54%	57%	82%

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Sulfate Load Reduction	ons (% from existing loa	d):					
King Creek	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%	increases by 129%	increases by 227%
Swift Gulch	0%	39%	36%	36%	36%	increases by 66%	increases by 119%
Montana Gulch	0%	52%	22%	22%	22%	20%	28%
Mill Gulch	0%	45%	2%	2%	2%	3%	31%
Sullivan Gulch	0%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Surface Water Qualit	y:				•		
Upper Swift Gulch	Intermediate impacts due to worsening shear zone water quality from unreclaimed pit area.	Moderately low impacts due to GCL covers over Queen Rose pit and pit benches.	Intermediate impacts due to water balance covers but no barrier covers. Pit sulfides still exposed.	Moderately low impacts due to thicker water balance covers on pit benches and NAG highwall cover.	Same as Alt. L3	Intermediate impacts due to backfill of sulfide rock into Suprise and Queen Rose pits.	Moderately high impacts due to possible leaching of sulfide backfill and drainage to north.
King Creek	Intermediate impacts due to the presence of the August #2 waste rock dump.	Moderately low impacts with removal of the east lobe of the August 2 rock dump.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Contaminant load to King Creek increases due to pit backfill.	Moderately high impacts due to possible leaching of the pit backfill.
Sullivan Gulch	Intermediate impacts due to occasional ARD bypasses of capture system.	Intermediate impacts if acid generating materials are used to buildout the L91 dike.	Moderately low impacts with the added revegetation on the L91 dike.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2	Same as Alt. L2.
Mill Gulch	Intermediate impacts due to occasional ARD bypasses of capture system	Moderately low impacts with the enhanced covers.	Same as Alt. L1	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.

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Montana Gulch	Moderately high impacts due to presence of L85/86 leach pad and underdrains and existing highwalls.	Moderately high impacts due to excavation of the pit drainage notch exposing sulfides.	Intermediate impacts with reclamation of leach pad surface.	Same as Alt. L2, but directional borehole provides backup feature to help prevent formation of pit lake.	Low impacts due to L85/86 pad removal, restoration of natural drainage, and more coverage of pit highwalls.	Moderately low impacts due to L85/86 pad removal and creation of a free-draining pit. Sulfides placed in pit increases risk over L4.	Same as Alt. L5.
Surface Water Quant	ity:						
Upper Swift Gulch	Moderately high impacts to flow due to interception by mine pits and with WS-3 well open.	No change due to surface drainage routed to south.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Moderately low impacts with restored pit topography which restores runoff flows.
King Creek	Moderately high impacts to flow due to interception by mine pits.	No change due to surface drainage routed to south.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Low impacts due to restored pit topography which restores runoff flows.
Sullivan Gulch	Moderately high impacts to flow due to interception by leach pad.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.
Mill Gulch	Moderately high impacts to flow due to interception by leach pad.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.
Montana Gulch	Low impacts to flow with water treatment plant discharges.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	Moderately low impacts due to less capture for treatment.

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Groundwater Impact	s:						
Upper and Lower Swift Gulch	Intermediate impacts due to reduced recharge to seeps in Swift Gulch from interim reclamation liner on pit floor.	Moderately low impacts due to barrier cover over pit backfill.	Moderately low impacts due to sulfides in Suprise pit being covered with backfill, improved soil covers, and GCL pit floor liner.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Moderately high impacts with placement of sulfidic L87 spent ore backfill at head of drainage.	Moderately high impacts from large amount of L87/91 spent ore backfilled at head of drainage and more shallow seepage to north.
King Creek	Intermediate impacts due to August #2 waste rock dump and poor quality pit rim infiltration.	Moderately low impacts with removal of August #2 waste rock dump east lobe.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Contaminant loads to King Creek would increase due to pit backfill.	Moderately high impacts from acidic backfill at head of drainage and potential shallow seepage to creek.
Sullivan Gulch	Intermediate impacts due to occasional ARD bypasses of capture system.	Intermediate impacts if acid generating materials are used to buildout the L91 dike.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.
Mill Gulch	Intermediate impacts on alluvial and bedrock aquifers due to occasional capture system bypasses.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.	No change from existing conditions.
Montana Gulch	Intermediate impacts from high infiltration to August and Gold Bug pit areas and some uncaptured groundwater flow.	Low impacts with extensive GCL cover use and free-draining pit. Sulfides in pit drainage notch may offset this benefit.	Moderately low impacts with reclamation covers over pits and other areas.	Same as Alt. L2.	Low impacts with removal of L85/86 leach pad from the drainage, improved covers and partial highwall coverage.	Intermediate impacts due to removal of the L85/86 leach pad offset by use of acid- forming backfill.	Same as Alt. L5.

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Water Management:							
Stability of Workings Used for Pit Drainage	Somewhat poor. Artesian well only.	Somewhat good with use of drainage notch.	Somewhat poor with soil cover over the pit floor.	Intermediate, with backup drainage borehole.	Intermediate, similar to Alt. L3.	Good. Most drainage via surface runoff.	Same as Alt. L5.
Stormwater Control Maintenance Requirements	Intermediate	Somewhat low	Somewhat low	Somewhat low	Somewhat low	Somewhat low	Intermediate. Backfilled slopes may be difficult to manage.
Seepage Collection (operating and maintenance difficulty)	Intermediate. System functioning adequately.	No change	No change	No change	No change	Difficulty increased to somewhat high with added capture system in pit area.	Same as Alt. L5.
Water Treatment Plant Operations (operating requirements and sludge disposal)	Somewhat high operating requirements. Somewhat easy sludge disposal.	Somewhat low operating requirements with less volume. Somewhat easy sludge disposal.	Intermediate operating requirements. Sludge disposal is somewhat easy.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.
Water Treatment Plant Acidity Load	High	Somewhat low	Somewhat high	Somewhat high	Somewhat high	High	High
LAD Water Quality and Quantity	High load and somewhat high volume.	High load and intermediate volume.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	High load and somewhat low volume.	Same as Alt. L4.	High load and low volume.
			Soil and Recla	mation Materials			
Reclamation Cover Durability	Somewhat good.	Somewhat poor with use of GCL.	Somewhat good.	Somewhat good.	Somewhat good.	Somewhat good.	Somewhat poor due to synthetic.

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New Disturbances	Gold Bug highwall 3.6 acres.	Possible two new limestone quarries. 2 acres for Montana Gulch drainage.	No new disturbances.	2 acres for Montana Gulch drainage.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.	Same as Alt. L2.
			Vegetation a	nd Revegetation			
Disturbance Area Revegetated	40%	81%	78%	78%	81%	85%	92%
Revegetation Density, Diversity, and Sustainability	Somewhat poor density with intermediate diversity and sustainability.	Somewhat good density with intermediate diversity and sustainability.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Good density with somewhat high diversity and sustainability.	Same as Alt. L5.
			Wildlife a	and Aquatics			
Reclamation Value as Wildlife Habitat	Intermediate	Somewhat high	Somewhat high	Somewhat high	Somewhat high	High	High
			Lai	nd Use			
Long-Term Management Needs	High. Unreclaimed areas would need a lot of maintenance.	Somewhat high. Long term water treatment need indefinite.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.
Mineral Development Potential	Somewhat high. Not much backfill over deposit.	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Somewhat low. Backfilling makes future mining unlikely.	Low. Extensive backfill make future mining unlikely.

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			Recreation and	l Visual Resources			
General Aesthetic Condition of Reclaimed Mine	Somewhat low due to unreclaimed areas.	Somewhat low due to highwall areas.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Intermediate.	Somewhat high with more backfilling in pits.	High, backfilling eliminates pit highwalls.
Hunting, Tourism or other Recreational Suitability	Somewhat low. Area closed to public use.	Intermediate. Some use restrictions would still be needed.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Somewhat high. Minor use restrictions needed.	Somewhat high. Minimal use restrictions needed.
			Cultura	l Resources			
Usability for Traditional Cultural Practices	Low. Existing disturbance not suitable.	Somewhat low due to remaining pit highwalls.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Intermediate with partial backfilling.	Somewhat high due to increased backfilling.
			Social and Eco	onomic Conditions			
Study Area Economy	Year 2000 average employment of 31 jobs and \$622,000 in total industry output.	35-48 jobs and \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million annually in total industry output over 4-year period (2001-2004).	31-50 jobs and \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million annually in total industry output over 3-year period (2001-2003).	30-50 jobs and \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million annually in total industry output over 3-year period (2001-2003).	36-49 jobs and \$1.4 million to \$1.7 million annually in total industry output over 4-year period (2001-2004).	35-48 jobs and \$1.3 million to \$1.7 million annually in total industry output over 5-year period (2001-2005).	43-54 jobs and \$1.4 million to \$1.8 million annually in total industry output over 8-year period (2001-2008).
Landusky Community Infrastructure Condition	Somewhat high. Water supplies not impacted.	Same as existing conditions.					
Health and Safety of Reclamation Workers	Somewhat high.	Intermediate. Cutting drainage notch is difficult.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat low.	Low due to extensive amount of work over time.

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Public Health and Safety Post- Reclamation	Intermediate.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat high.	Somewhat high.	High with elimination of pit highwalls.	Same as Alt. L5.
Long-Term Employment Value	Somewhat high if site to be maintained in existing condition.	Intermediate value with continued site maintenance and treatment needs.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.	Same as Alt. L1.
Total Reclamation Expenditures	\$10 million spent on interim reclamation.	\$46.2 million	\$19.6 million	\$22.8 million	\$37.1 million	\$68.5 million	\$157.3 million
Percentage of Reclamation Costs Attainable within Bond Amount	na	42%	100%	86%	53%	29%	12%
Long-Term Water Collection and Treatment Costs (required net present value of trust fund)	\$12.4 million	\$11.4 million	\$11.9 million	\$11.9 million	\$11.9 million	\$11.9 million	\$11.8 million
Long-Term Water Management Costs Attainable with Present Trust Fund.	56%	61%	58%	58%	58%	58%	58%

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	Alternatives Ranking from Multiple Account Analysis Scores (from Appendix A)									
Technical Working Group's Overall Evaluation	7	3	5	3	1	1	6			
Technical Working Group Evaluation without Economic Indicators	7	4	5	5	3	2	1			
Cost-Benefit Evaluation Ranking. (environmental benefit vs. cost)	6	4	1	2	3	5	7			