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Calico Resources USA Corp. Nancy Wolverson 665 Anderson Street Winnemucca, NV 89445

Re: Grassy Mountain – Air Quality Baseline Data

(Sent via e-mail to nancy@paramountnevada.com and US Mail - return receipt requested)

Dear Ms. Wolverson:

Calico Resources filed its baseline air quality data final report with the State on January 18, 2018.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the lead agency for the Technical Review Team on technical and permitting matters pertaining to air quality. After review by the DEQ air quality staff, DEQ has determined that the baseline data quality conforms to both the *Environmental Baseline Study Work Plans* dated September 22, 2017 (approved by the State of Oregon on December 7, 2017) and the *Quality Assurance Project Plan* approved for the Grassy Mountain project by DEQ in September 2014 (which DEQ considers applicable and valid).

Specifically, the air quality sampling and analysis for ambient particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}), adequately characterize the background concentrations for these pollutants in the proposed project area.

The meteorology data obtained satisfies the minimum requirements, per the <u>Environmental Baseline</u> <u>Study Work Plans</u>, for use in conducting air quality modeling to determine site-specific impacts to air quality.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the State's review and comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Richard DeLong, EM Strategies Calico Technical Review Team