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Question 3: A mine seeking Code certification produces gold by heap leaching with cyanide and also as part of a copper/gold flotation concentrate. Cyanide is used in the flotation circuit to depress pyrite, and the resulting sulfide concentrate is shipped to a copper smelter for recovery of the contained copper and gold. The cyanide used for both the leaching and flotation processes is received at the mine in solid form and mixed in a common mixing tank before being distributed to the different processes. During the certification audit, what facilities would be evaluated for compliance with the Code?

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