



May 22, 2018

Mr. David Ennis  
Reclamation Specialist/Permit Lead  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Mining and Minerals Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Response to Agency Comments Received March 22, 2018  
New Mexico Copper Corporation  
New Mine Permit S10227RN

Dear Mr. Ennis,

New Mexico Copper Corporation (NMCC) hereby responds to Agency comments on the Company's Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) and Pit Lake Geochemistry reports. The Agency comments were provided in a letter from your office dated March 22, 2018.

We have responded to all comments. Our response is provided in hard copy and electronic media format and is organized as follows:

1. A comment and response matrix that sets forth each individual Agency comment with the NMCC response;
2. Revised PHC and Predictive Geochemistry reports reflecting Agency comments, with the location of edits described in the comment and response matrix;
3. A combined executive summary of the PHC and Predictive Geochemistry reports explaining how the Project achieves the performance standards of 19.10.603.C.(4), Hydrologic Balance;
4. NMCC's proposed groundwater drawdown monitoring network and plan to monitor groundwater changes against projections in the PHC; and
5. A list of major permits required for the project.

I trust this response sufficiently addresses your final technical comment and will now allow the MMD to determine that NMCC's Mine Operations and Reclamation Plan is technically approvable. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Smith".

Jeff Smith  
Chief Operating Officer  
New Mexico Copper Corporation