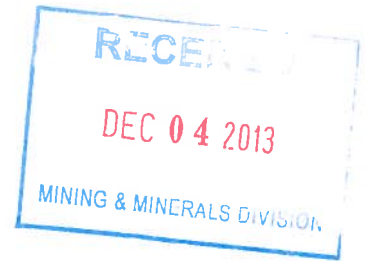




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Mr. Chris Eustice
Mining and Minerals Division
Mining Act Reclamation Program
1220 South St Frances Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Eustice:

Re: Chino Permit No. GR009RE: Request to Stage Reclamation Cover
Material At Whitehouse Area and within the Permit Design Limit Boundary

Freeport-McMoRan, Chino Mines Company (Chino) requested approval on October 21, 2013 to stage reclamation cover material at the Whitehouse area. The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) granted temporary permission in an email correspondence on October 23, 2013. This modification proposal is in fulfillment of one of the three conditions listed in the MMD temporary approval for the Whitehouse Stockpile. The other two conditions, which have been completed are to record the base elevation of the Whitehouse area (see Map 1) and to ensure that the reclamation material meet the Material Handling Plan, South Pit Area" (Plan) submitted to the MMD and the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) on July 7, 2006.

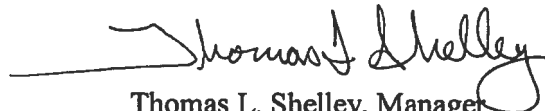
As required in Permit No. GR009RE to establish a self-sustaining ecosystem and in accordance with 19.10.5.507.A NMAC to meet applicable environmental standards as required by §69-36-1 1.B(4) of the Act and 19.10.5.506.J.5 NMAC, Chino stores cover material for future reclamation activities. Prior to this request, the Upper South and STS2 Stockpiles located along the southern portion of the mine have been utilized. With the approval of the Whitehouse area located along the northeast side of the mine, Chino is now able to store cover material closer to future reclamation projects near this location (See Map 2). Storing reclamation cover material closer to future reclamation sites will result in a financial assurance reduction by decreasing the haul distance from the reclamation stockpile to the reclamation site.

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Chino also requests that additional reclamation stockpiles sites that can be constructed on existing disturbance within the approved design limit boundary be approved by this request provided that the criteria listed in the temporary approval correspondence dated October 21, 2013 be met prior to construction. Chino will notify the MMD by letter that additional storage sites are to be constructed within the authority of this modification prior to construction. The purpose of these notices are to document the location of these reclamation resources.

Enclosed with this application is the modification fee of \$1,000.00. Chino appreciates your review of this information. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynn Lande at (575) 912-5235 or Ms. Rita Lloyd-Mills at (575) 912- 5778.

Sincerely,


Thomas L. Shelley, Manager
Reclamation

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