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Attention: David J. Ennis
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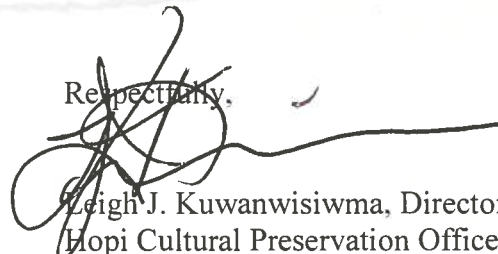
Re: Horizon Ag-Products Cuba Humate Processing Facility, Permit Tracking No. SA012MN

Dear Mr. Martinez,

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 27, 2014, regarding an application from Horizon Ag-Products for a new minimal impact mining operation in Cuba. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups in New Mexico. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites that are habitations of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Hopi Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office is interested in consulting on any proposal in New Mexico with the potential to adversely affect prehistoric sites. We have reviewed the enclosed letter from the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office that states that there are no known sites in the project area and the permit for the Cuba Humate Processing Facility appears to meet minimal impact status. Therefore, we concur with the State Historic Preservation Office. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank again you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Subject: **HORIZON A-PRODUCTS CUBA HUMATE PROCESSING FACILITY, NO. SA012MN**

Dear: Mr. Martinez,

The Historic Preservation Department-Traditional Culture Program, hereafter (HPD-TCP) is in receipt of the letter notification for the proposed Minimal Impact New Mining Operation Application, Horizon Ag-Products Cuba Humate Processing Facility, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

After reviewing the information documents provided, HPD-TCP has concluded that this particular project proposal **will not have** adverse affects to Navajo Traditional Cultural Properties. HPD-TCP on behalf of the Navajo Nation has no concerns at this time.

If the proposed project inadvertently discovers habitation sites, plant gathering areas, human remains and objects of cultural patrimony the HPD-TCP request that we be notified respectively in accordance with the Native American Graves protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). *(The Navajo Nation claims cultural affiliation to all Anasazi people (periods from Archaic to Pueblo IV) of the southwest. The Navajo Nation makes this claim through Navajo oral history and ceremonial history, which has been documented as early as 1880 and taught from generation to generations).*

The HPD-TCP appreciates the State of New Mexico's consultation efforts regarding this document. Should you have any additional concerns and/or questions do not hesitate to contact me electronically at tony@navajohistoricpreservation.org or telephone at 928-871-7750.

Sincerely,

for Tony H. Joe, Jr., Supervisory Anthropologist (Section 106 Consultation)
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