

October 16, 2014

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Reference: Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company Permit No. GR002RE, Notice of Application to Change the Permit Boundary & Design Limits

Dear Director (Mr. Martinez):

I would like to request a public hearing per the certified letter, received in early October 2014.

As a property owner in Fierro, there are some concerns that come to my attention. After reviewing the attachments (maps of the proposed road) to the letter the major concerns are the following:

1. Will the haul road affect the Church in Fierro at all, to include:
 - a. Access via Fierro Road.
 - b. Construction vicinity the church that will cause structural damage
 - c. Noise of trucks hauling ore that will disrupt mass services, Mass is held in Fierro every other Saturday.
2. Does the haul road affect the Fierro cemetery in any way
3. Figure A5 indicates that crossing over forest service access road and Hanover Creek will be demolished. After the haul road is complete will there be access to the U.S. Forest Service via Fierro Road and more importantly to the Water Spring.
4. In an earlier article by the Cobre Mining Co. "Preparations are Beginning for Mining to Resume at Cobre Mining Co.", dated November 2011, a question was answered on the widening of Fierro Road, stating "Once a new haul road is in place for the haulage of ore from Cobre, it can also be used for other mine-related traffic", Does this mean that Cobre Mining employees will use the haul road to get to work, and if so will the Fierro Road still be maintained, or will property owners be allowed to also use the haul road.
5. Once the haul road is finished are there any plans in the future to connect the haul road to other existing roads from the mine, for example the current road that runs alone, Poison Spring Drainage?

Below is my contact information for any questions you might have.

Thank You for your attention to this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armando R. Macias".

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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 30, 2014

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**RE: Public Hearing Request
Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company's Application for Permit Revision
Permit No. GR002RE Revision 14-1**

Dear Mr. Macias,

On October 20, 2014, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received your letter dated October 16, 2014, requesting a public hearing in regard to an application submitted by Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company ("Cobre") for the revision of the permit and closeout plan to incorporate the expansion of the approved permit boundary to facilitate the construction of a haul road ("Cobre Haul Road") between Cobre Mine and Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mine ("Chino Mine") for the delivery of ore mined from Cobre Mine to Chino Mine for processing. The revision also incorporates the Cobre Haul Road as a New Unit Facility into the Closeout Plan.

MMD has determined that your request for hearing was made in a timely manner. The date and time of the hearing have not been determined, but you will receive notice of it once that determination is made. At the hearing you may raise the questions set forth in your letter, and any other concerns you may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3435 or James Hollen of my staff at 505-476-3436 or via email at: james.hollen@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Fernando R. Martinez, Director, MMD
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")/MMD

Cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARF/MMD
Bruce Taylor, Manager, Cobre Mining Company
Mine File GR002RE