



June 24, 2015

Dave Clark
Coal Program Manager
NM Mining and Minerals Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico
87505

Dear Mr. Clark,

Rio Grande Resources is committed to preserving and protecting cultural sites in and around the mine site. As you know, we will be constructing a building adjacent to the existing IX water treatment facility designed to remove selenium and molybdenum from the mine water at concentrations well below the current release standards.

Rio Grande Resources will commit to a cultural survey prior to any ground disturbance, during any ground disturbance (to include any borrow area if used on site) and will have a consulting archaeologist on site when below ground surface is disturbed.

Please let me know if there is anything else we need to address.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel C. Lister".

Joel C. Lister
Mine Manager
Mt. Taylor Mine
Rio Grande Resources Corporation

Cc: Dave Mayerson
John Hall
Kurt Vollbrecht