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Mr. Tony Delfin NM State Forestry Division P.O. Box 1948 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

## Re: Request for Comments on Modification 15-1 Application, Partial Reclamation and Update of Reclamation Plan, Menefee Mill, Sandoval County, New Mexico, Permit No. SA005ME

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Sincerely

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#### Re: Request for Comments on Modification 15-1 Application, Partial Reclamation and Update of Reclamation Plan, Menefee Mill, Sandoval County, New Mexico, Permit No. SA005ME

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Ms. Michelle Ensey Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division 407 Galisteo St., Suite 236 Santa Fe, NM 87501

## Re: Request for Comments on Modification 15-1 Application, Partial Reclamation and Update of Reclamation Plan, Menefee Mill, Sandoval County, New Mexico, Permit No. SA005ME

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Mr. Kurt Vollbrecht NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Ms. Daniela Roth EMNRD-Forestry Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

# Re: Request for Comments on Modification 15-1 Application, Partial Reclamation and Update of Reclamation Plan, Menefee Mill, Sandoval County, New Mexico, Permit No. SA005ME

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