



February 15, 2016

Fernando Martinez  
Director, Mining and Mineral Division  
1220 South St. Frances Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Application for Permit Revision for Expansion of Santa Rita Beneficiation Design Limits,  
Permit No. GR009RE

Dear Mr. Martinez,

This document is in reference to Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mine Company Permit Revision for Expanding Santa Rita Beneficiation Design Limit dated January 27, 2016.

We are residents located north of the stated expansion and have grave concerns related to clean air. As residents to the Santa Rita area, we are for mining, and for several years tolerated the SXEW toxic smell as well as the ongoing dust created during the mining operation which cannot be healthy. Freeport now wants to expand their Waste Rock Stockpile directly south from our current residential location, which will create tons of dust particles making for an unhealthy breathing environment that cannot be tolerated nor prevented. Additionally, our land value will depreciate considerably if the proposed dumping location occurs. Above are comments and concerns being brought to your attention, therefore, with respect I propose for a public hearing.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Harvey L. Padilla".

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January 27, 2016

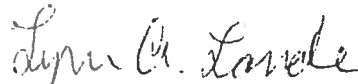
**Via Certified Mail**

Dear Neighbor:

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) has applied to the New Mexico Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division for a revision of Permit No. GR009RE under NMAC rules 19.10.5 and 19.10.9.903.A through H. This revision request includes an expansion of the Santa Rita Beneficiation Design Limit to allow for construction of the North Lampbright Waste Rock Stockpile Extension as well as a contemplated expansion of the Northeast Waste Rock Stockpile at the Reservoir 6 location. It also includes a Closure/Closeout plan for the North Lampbright Stockpile Extension. As a neighboring property owner or interested party, you are being provided the attached copy of the public notice concerning this revision request.

Please contact the New Mexico Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division in Santa Fe at (505) 476-3438 or Lynn Lande at (575) 912-5235 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lynn Lande, Chief Environmental Engineer  
Reclamation Services

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Enclosures  
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## Legal Notice

### Application for a Permit Revision for Expanding Santa Rita Beneficiation Design Limits

Pursuant to the New Mexico Mining Act Rules, 19.10.5. and 19.10.9.903A. through H., Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) provides this notice of its application to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, Natural Resource Department Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) for a revision of permit GR009RE (Permit). Chino proposes to revise this Permit to increase its approved Santa Rita Beneficiation design limit (DL) to facilitate the construction of the North Lampbright Waste Rock Stockpile as well as a contemplated expansion of the Northeast Stockpile at the Reservoir 6 location. The North Lampbright Waste Rock Stockpile (NLS) will be contiguous to Chino's existing mining operations, abutting the existing Main Lampbright Stockpile, an existing leach stockpile. Pursuant to NMAC 19.10.5.506.A and B, a closeout plan for the NLS has been included with the application.

Location of real property affected: Chino owns all land at the NLS location. Chino is located approximately 10 miles east of Silver City in Grant County, New Mexico. The proposed Stockpile and auxiliary facilities will be located within Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 12 West, and Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 11 West, within the Santa Rita Mine 7.5 minute Quadrangle.

General description of the operation and proposed changes: Chino is an existing mining operation producing copper cathodes and copper concentrate. The proposed changes will expand the approved Chino DL by approximately 273 acres which will allow for the construction of the NLS and the contemplated expansion of the Northeast Stockpile at the Reservoir 6 location. The proposed Stockpile is located south of Highway 152.

Permittee and mailing address: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, PO Box 10, Bayard, New Mexico.

A copy of the application is available for viewing during normal business hours at:

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, Natural Resource Department  
Mining and Minerals Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe New Mexico 87505

And also at:  
Bayard Public Library  
1112 Central Ave,  
Bayard, NM 88023

This application can also be viewed at or downloaded from New Mexico Energy, Minerals, Natural Resource Department website:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/PermitPendMineRegEx.html>

Name and address to submit written comments or requests for Public Hearing:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing with regard to this application shall be submitted to: Fernando Martinez, Director, Mining and Minerals Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Within 30 days of the date of this public notice, any interested person may file written comments to the proposed application with the Director at the above address and request a public hearing. If a hearing is timely requested, the Director shall set a hearing unless the request is clearly frivolous. The Director may hold a public hearing absent any request. If a public hearing is held, it will be advertised in accordance with 19.10.9.904 NMAC.