

**Public Notice:  
Chino Mine Public Hearing**

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) hereby gives notice of a public hearing on the application by Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (“Chino”), the operator of the Chino Mine, for the construction of the North Lampbright waste rock stockpile and closeout plan under Revision 16-1. The construction of the North Lampbright waste rock stockpile is a New Unit Expansion of the Chino Mine. The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the requested construction and closeout plan for the North Lampbright waste rock stockpile at the Chino Mine. Representatives of both the MMD and Chino will be in attendance.

The Chino Mine is an existing open pit copper mine located near the towns of Bayard and Hurley, NM. MMD’s permit number for the mine is GR009RE. The mailing address of the applicant is:

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company  
P.O. Box 10  
Bayard, NM 88023

The public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 5:30 pm.** The location of the public hearing will be at the **Grant County Commission Meeting Room, Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, NM 88062.** Comments regarding Chino’s application for the construction and closeout plan for the North Lampbright waste rock stockpile at the Chino Mine may be submitted to the Director of the Mining and Minerals Division at the following address:

Director  
Mining and Minerals Division  
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Written comments must be received by the Director prior to the close of the Hearing record set during the Hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the Hearing, please contact the Mining and Minerals Division at the telephone number provided below at least twenty one (21) days prior to the Hearing.

A copy of Chino’s application for this permit revision is available at the Bayard Public Library and in Santa Fe at the Mining and Minerals Division’s office. These documents are also available for viewing on the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/mmd/MARP/NorthLampbrightStockpile.html>

For additional information regarding the North Lampbright waste rock stockpile and closeout plan application, please contact the Mining and Minerals Division, Mining Act Reclamation Program at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or contact David Ennis, Permit Lead, at (505) 476-3434, or by e-mail at david.ennis@state.nm.us.