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Mr. Bob Estes
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Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact New Mining Operation Application, Fruitland Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. MK052MN

Dear Mr. Estes,

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Sincerely,

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Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact New Mining Operation Application, Fruitland Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. MK052MN

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