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July 17, 2017

Mr. Thomas L. Shelley, Manager  
Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company  
P.O. Box 10  
Bayard, NM 88023

**RE: Administratively Complete Application, Revision 17-2 for the 9 Waste Rock Stockpile, New Unit Expansion, Chino Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR009RE**

Dear Mr. Shelley:

The Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received a permit application from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company ("FMI") on April 7, 2017 to revise permit number GR009RE. The application is a proposal to expand the permit beyond current design limits and update the Closure/Closeout Plan ("CCP") to include construction, operation, and reclamation of the 9 Waste Rock Stockpile ("9WRS"). The permit application fee was also received by MMD on April 7, 2017. MMD is processing this application as Revision 17-2.

Documentation from FMI pertaining to the public notice for this application was received by MMD on June 9, 2017 and satisfies the requirements of 19.10.9.903 A through H. Based on the documents received to date, MMD has determined that the permit application package for Revision 17-2 is administratively complete. MMD will therefore begin the technical review process which includes requesting comments on the application from various other cooperating agencies.

FMI is hereby directed to fulfil the public notice requirements outlined in 19.10.9.903.I NMAC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (505) 476-3434 or by email at david.ennis@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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Senior Reclamation Specialist  
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cc: Mine File (GR009RE)