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April 16, 2018

David Wallace, BLM Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces District  
1800 Marquess Street  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI019EM**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

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Sincerely,



Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit HI019EM  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARF/MMD  
Mine File HI019EM

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Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief  
Conservation Services Division/New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application,  
Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM  
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Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Jeff Lewellin, Mining Act Team Leader  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section/NMED - Groundwater Quality Bureau  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application,  
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Dear Mr. Lewellin:

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Ghassan Musharrafieh, Chief  
Office of the State Engineer/ Hydrology Bureau  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI019EM**

Dear Mr. Musharrafieh:

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Bob Estes, Ph.D., Archaeologist  
Historic Preservation Division  
NM Department of Cultural Affairs  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI019EM**

Dear Dr. Estes:

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Jack Yates, Minerals Manager  
NM State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148

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Daniella Roth, Botanist  
NM State Forestry Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Post Office Box 1948  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI019EM**

Dear Ms. Roth:

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