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Mr. Jeff Lewellin
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

Re: Request for Comments on Modification 18-1 Application, Expansion of Permit Area Into T19N, R5W, Section 7, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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Dr. Ghassan Musharrafieh
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

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Dr. Matthew Wunder
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Mr. Tony Gallegos
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Farmington, NM 87402

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Dear Ms. Roth,

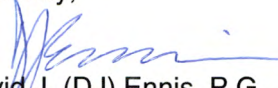
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