

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company  
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Mr. David Ennis  
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Mining Act Reclamation Program  
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Dear Mr. Ennis:

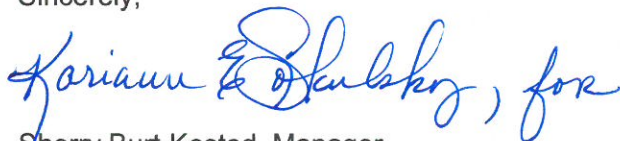
**Re: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company -  
Incorporating 9 Stockpile Financial Assurance Cost  
Estimate into Revision 18-1 Permit No. GR009RE Cost Estimate**

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) proposes to incorporate the 9 Stockpile financial assurance (FA) cost estimate under Revision 17-2 into the cost estimate for Revision 18-1 Permit No. GR009RE rather than submitting them separately. Chino anticipates submitting the FA cost estimate for Revision 18-1 by March 22.

The reason for this proposal is simply due to modifications to the Chino mine plan. The need for 9 Stockpile has been pushed out to the end of July 2019 allowing us to bundle the estimate and update financial assurance as one package. Should the site wide FA discussions go beyond July, Chino will pull out the 9 Stockpile cost estimate and discuss that separately with MMD.

Chino appreciates the MMD's consideration of this request. Please contact Ms. Rita Lloyd-Mills at (575) 912-5778 if you have additional questions concerning this submittal.

Sincerely,



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