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Ms. Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
P.O. Box 10
Bayard, NM 88023

RE: Administratively Complete Application, Revision 18-1 for the 2018 Updated Closure/Closeout Plan, Chino Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR009RE

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

The Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received a permit application from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company ("FMI") on February 16, 2018 to revise permit number GR009RE for the Chino Mine, Grant County, New Mexico. The application is an update to the Chino Mine Closure/Closeout Plan ("CCP"). The permit application fee was also received by MMD. MMD is processing this application as Revision 18-1.

Documentation from FMI pertaining to the public notice for this application was initially received by MMD on March 19, 2018 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 18-1 is Administratively Complete.

FMI is hereby directed to fulfil the public notice requirements outlined in 19.10.9.903.I NMAC related to the Administratively Complete determination by the Director.

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)