



Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
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Mr. Brad Reid
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Messrs Ennis and Reid:

**Re: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company:
Addendum to 2018 Closure-Closeout Plan -
Mining Act Permit GR009RE and Discharge Permit 1340 (DP-1340)**

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) submitted to the Mining and Minerals Department (MMD) and the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) a scope of work to update its Closure Closeout Plan (CCP) on February 16, 2018. Chino is currently calculating the financial assurance cost estimate related to the approved scope of work. Chino is however requesting to amend the scope of work to include the reclamation of two In-pit Waste Rock Stockpiles.

Chino continues to look for opportunities to construct stockpiles in locations that will have little to no increase in environmental impacts where practicable. Chino is therefore requesting to include in the CCP East and South Stockpiles in the Santa Rita Open Pit. Both stockpiles are located in the MMD waiver area and the Open Pit Surface Drainage Area (see attached map). The Mining Act does not require reclamation of stockpiles located in the waiver areas. Section 20.6.7.33.C.3.b NMAC requires reclamation of the top surface of stockpiles within the OPSDA. Chino is currently calculating the financial assurance cost estimate related to the approved scope of work of the CCP and will include in it the cost for reclaiming the top surfaces of these In-pit stockpiles (46 acres in total). The financial assurance cost estimate will be submitted to the agencies later this month.

Please contact Ms. Rita Lloyd-Mills at (575) 912-5778 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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