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April 01, 2019

Mr. Damian Garcia, THPO
Acoma Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 309
Acoma Pueblo, NM 87034

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Kennecott Steeplerock Exploration Project, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR082EM

Dear Mr. Garcia:

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Chairman Lori Gooday-Ware
Rt. 2 Box 121
20885 Frontage Road
Apache, OK 73006

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Kennecott Steeplerock Exploration Project, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR082EM

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Dr. Henry Wait, THPO
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022

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Dear Dr. Wait:

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Mescalero Apache Tribe
Ms. Holly Houghton, THPO
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Kennecott Steeplerock Exploration Project, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR082EM

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Mr. Richard M. Begay, THPO
Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Dept.
P.O. Box 4950
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Dear Mr. Begay:

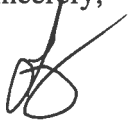
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The Hopi Tribe
Chairman Herman G. Honanie
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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Kennecott Steeplerock Exploration Project, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR082EM

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White Mountain Apache Tribe
Mr. Mark Altaha, THPO
P.O. Box 1032
Fort Apache, AZ 85926

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Dear Mr. Altaha:

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