

**Public Notice:
Chino Mine Open House and Public Hearing**

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) hereby gives notice of an open house and public hearing on the application by Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (“Chino”), the operator of the Chino Mine, for the Updated Closure/Closeout Plan under Revision 18-1. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the Updated Closure/Closeout Plan for the Chino Mine. Representatives of MMD, Chino and the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) will be in attendance.

The Chino Mine is an existing open pit copper mine located near the towns of Bayard and Hurley, NM. MMD’s permit number for the mine is GR009RE. The mailing address of the applicant is:

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
P.O. Box 10
Bayard, NM 88023

An open house starting at 4:30 pm followed by a public hearing starting at 5:30 pm is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 24, 2019**. The location of the public hearing will be at the **Grant County Commission Meeting Room, Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, NM 88061**. Comments regarding Chino’s Updated Closure/Closeout Plan may be submitted to the Director of the Mining and Minerals Division at the following address:

Director
Mining and Minerals Division
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Written comments must be received by the Director prior to the close of the hearing record set during the Hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the Hearing, please contact the Mining and Minerals Division at the telephone number provided below at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Hearing.

A copy of Chino’s application for this permit revision is available for viewing on the MMD website at:

http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/GR009RE_Revision18-1.html

For additional information regarding the Updated Closure/Closeout Plan, please contact the Mining and Minerals Division, Mining Act Reclamation Program at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or contact David Ennis, Permit Lead, at (505) 476-3434, or by e-mail at david.ennis@state.nm.us.