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Eric Best, Land Manager
Kennecott Exploration Company
2640 West 1700 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

RE: Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Determined Administratively Complete
Permit Tracking No. GR082EM, Kennecott Exploration Company, Steeplerock
Exploration Project in Grant County, NM

Dear Mr. Best,

Pursuant to §19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division has determined that a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application ("application") submitted on February 28, 2019 is administratively complete. The application was submitted by Kennecott Exploration Company ("Kennecott"), for its Kennecott Steeplerock Exploration Project and proposes to disturb a total of up to 3.63 acres of combined Bureau of Land Management (1 hole), and Private Property (10 holes) within the boundaries of claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approx. 14 miles NE of Duncan, AZ in Grant County New Mexico. Because Kennecott has agreed not to exceed 5 acres of total disturbance at all times, MMD is processing this application as a minimal impact exploration permit pursuant to §19.10.3.302 (A) NMAC.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for Kennecott's Steeplerock Exploration Project, Permit Tracking No. GR082EM is administratively complete. MMD will now distribute the application to other reviewing state, federal and tribal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.3.302 (G) NMAC. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3413 or via e-mail at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead - Permit Tracking No. GR082EM
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)/MMD