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Electronic Transmittal

March 30, 2020

Ghassan Musharrafieh, Chief  
Office of the State Engineer/ Hydrology Bureau  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Modification 20-1  
Application Amendment, dated March 25, 2020, GCC Rio Grande Inc. Tijeras Mine  
and Mill, Bernalillo Co., NM, Permit Tracking No. BE001RE**

Dear Mr. Musharrafieh:

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Sincerely,

*/s/Clinton M. Chisler*

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit BE001RE  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)/MMD

**cc:** Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARF/MMD  
Mine File BE001RE

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March 30, 2020

Richard Reycraft Archaeologist  
Historic Preservation Division  
NM Department of Cultural Affairs  
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

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Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief  
Conservation Services Division/New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Ronald Kellermueller, NM Dept. of Game and Fish (email)  
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March 30, 2020

Anne Maurer, Mining Act Team Leader  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section/NMED - Groundwater Quality Bureau  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

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Kurt Vollbrecht, Program Manager, NMED  
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March 20, 2020

Daniella Roth, Botanist  
NM State Forestry Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Post Office Box 1948  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

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Crystal Powell, District Ranger  
United States Forest Service  
11776 Hwy 337  
Tijeras, NM 87059

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Jenna Padilla, Forest Geologist, U.S.F.S. Cibola National Forest (email)  
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