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**Via ELECTRONIC MAIL**

July 21, 2021

Mr. Joseph Navarro  
USDOI Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces District Office  
1800 Marquess St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

**RE: Request for Comments on Amendment to Revision 20-1 Application (Modification 20-1) to Little Rock Mine, Permit No. GR007RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations**

Dear Mr. Navarro:

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2. A reclamation cost estimate for the North Haul Road.

MMD is processing the Amendment Application to construct and reclaim the North Haul Road at the Little Rock Mine under **Modification 20-1**. A copy of the Tyrone Amendment Application may be viewed on the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/GR007RERev20-1.html>

If your agency has comments on the Amendment Application, please respond within 30-days of the date of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 216-8945 or at David.Ohori@state.nm.us.

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Sincerely,

*David Ohori*

David Ohori, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager  
Brad Reid, NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Mine File (GR007RE)

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Mining Environmental Compliance Section  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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**From:** [Ohori, David, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** [Joseph Navarro \(jnavarro@blm.gov\)](mailto:jnavarro@blm.gov)  
**Cc:** [Holland.Shepherd@state.nm.us](mailto:Holland.Shepherd@state.nm.us)  
**Subject:** Request for Comments - Little Rock Mine Modification 20-1, North Haul Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:46:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Request for BLM Comments on Little Rock Modification 20-1 072121.pdf](#)

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Hi Joe,

Please see the attached MMD request for comments letter regarding the application by the Tyrone Mine to modify MMD Permit No. GR007RE for the Little Rock Mine. We received a copy of the letter from your office, dated June 30, 2021, regarding the BLM approval of the proposal by Tyrone to build the North Haul Road. MMD is inquiring if the BLM has any other comments on the application by Tyrone to modify the MMD permit.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

*David Ohori  
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**Cc:** [Reid, Brad, NMENV](#); [Holland.Shepherd@state.nm.us](mailto:Holland.Shepherd@state.nm.us)  
**Subject:** Request for Comments, Little Rock Mine Modification 20-1, Permit No. GR007RE  
**Date:** Monday, July 19, 2021 6:11:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Request for NMED Comments on Little Rock Modification 20-1 071921\\_V2.pdf](#)

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Hi Anne,

Please see the attached request for comments letter. I am having the cost estimate spreadsheets for the North Haul Road posted to MMD's website.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

-David

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