

August 10, 2021

Mining and Minerals Division New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Permit Modification to Release FA on Reclaimed Acres, Permit No. 7HU2013001, Section 4

Mr. Director,

This letter is our formal request for the release of Financial Assurance of 7.56 Acres at our Section 4 Mine, pursuant to 19.10.12.1210 NMAC. The subject acreage is delineated on the attached map as the two purple shaded polygons. The newly reclaimed areas shaded in purple are ready for inspection at the convenience of MMD and all involved agencies that would like to participate.

Reclamation Work

The subject areas have been back filled and re-contoured to a natural slope matching the surrounding terrain. Horizontal deep ripping was done perpendicularly to the primary direction of the wind and slopes for erosion control.

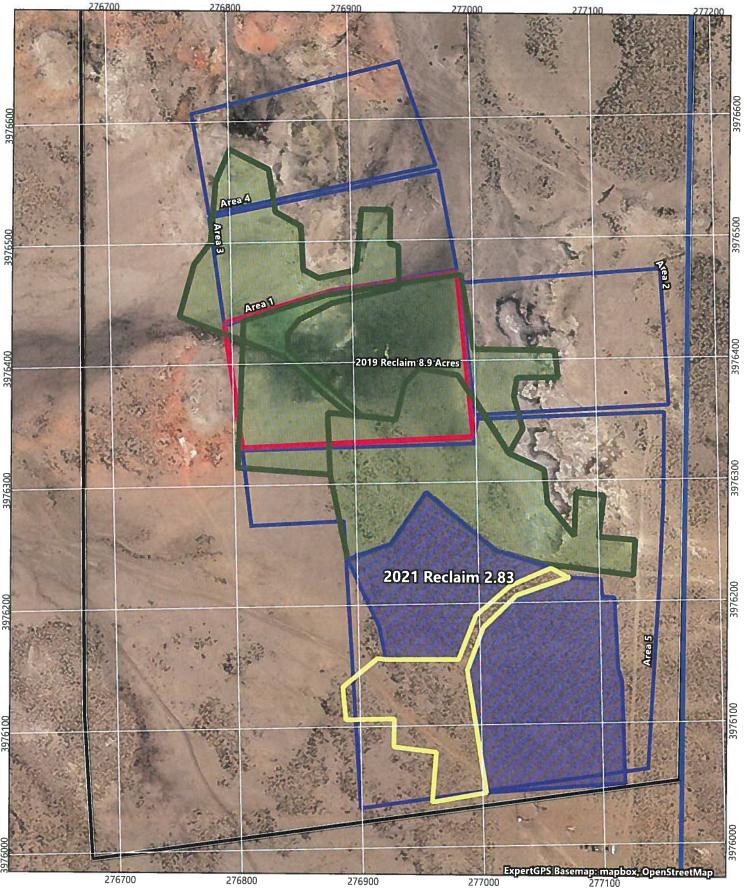
Seeding

Seeding will be completed between September $7^{th} - 10^{th}$, 2021. We will use a broadcast method as we have done in the past, at ~21 lbs. per acre of the Chaco blend, plus ~8 lbs. per acre of Quick Guard – Sterile Tractile Hybrid.

Sincerely,

Lyndon W. Smith General Manager

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August 2021 Reclaim 7.56 Acres

