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July 14, 2022

The Honorable Governor Randall Vicente
c/o Ms. Francine Torivio
Pueblo of Acoma
Tribal Administration
Post Office Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

RE: Request for Consultation, Application for Revision 22-1, Mt. Taylor Mine, Permit No. CI002RE

Honorable Governor Vicente:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a submittal from Rio Grande Resources Corporation (“RGR”) titled, “Application to Revise Permit CI002RE, Inclusive of Expansion of Disposal Cell and Updated of Closeout/Closure Plan, Mt. Taylor”, dated June 13, 2022 (“Application”) for the Mt. Taylor Mine, in Cibola County, New Mexico. MMD is processing the Application under Revision 22-1.

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MMD regularly posts on its website, "Closure Activity Reports", that RGR submits to MMD on a monthly basis that provides details on the reclamation work being done at the Mt. Taylor mine. MMD commits to continue posting these reclamation reports on the MMD website and recommends that the Pueblo of Acoma review these reports at its own convenience. The Closure Activity Reports may be viewed on the MMD website at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-mine-applications/mining-applications-regular-existing/ci002re-mount-taylor-mine-modification-20-1/ci002re-mt-taylor-mine-modification-20-1-closure-activity-reports/>

MMD will respond to questions from the Pueblo of Acoma regarding reclamation work at the Mt. Taylor mine on a timely basis.

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Sincerely,



David Ohori, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")
Mining and Minerals Division

Enclosure: Mt. Taylor Mine Location Map

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
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The Honorable Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
The Hopi Tribe
Post Office Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Honorable Chairman Nuvangyaoma:

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The Honorable Governor Vernon B. Abeita
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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The Honorable Governor Martin Kowemy, Jr.
c/o Ms. Tina Pino, Executive Assistant
Pueblo of Laguna
Post Office Box 194
Laguna, NM 87026

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The Honorable President Eddie Martinez
The Mescalero Apache Tribe
Post Office Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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The Honorable President Jonathan Nez
The Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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The Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez
The White Mountain Apache Tribe
Post Office Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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The Honorable Chairman Clybert Zunie, Sr.
The Pueblo of Zuni
Post Office Box 339
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