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October 20, 2022

Richard Reycraft, PhD  
Department of Cultural Affairs  
Historic Preservation Division  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 22-1 Application to Release All Financial Assurance, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Dr. Reycraft:

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Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP")

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager

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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief  
Conservation Services Division  
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Ms. Anne Maurer  
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section ("MECS")  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 22-1 Application to Release All Financial Assurance, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Ms. Maurer:

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Katie Zemlick, PhD., Hydrology Bureau Chief  
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P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 22-1 Application to Release All Financial Assurance, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Dr. Zemlick:

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Andrew Frederick  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.  
State Forestry Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 22-1 Application to Release All Financial Assurance, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

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Joshua Szopinski, Forest Geologist  
US Forest Service  
Santa Fe National Forest  
11 Forest Lane  
Santa Fe, NM 87508

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Dear Mr. Szopinski:

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