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Ms. Katie Zemlick
Office of the State Engineer
P.O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

Dear Ms. Zemlick,

On December 12, 2022, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department received an application for partial release of financial assurance associated with the Menefee Mining Black Springs Mine located in McKinley County, New Mexico. Pursuant to §19.10.3.304.H NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency regarding the request to modify permit number MK026MN.

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Matthew Wunder
NM Department of Game and Fish
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

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Mr. Rick Reycraft
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
407 Galisteo St., Suite 236
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

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Mr. Christopher Wenman
BLM Farmington Field Office
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Farmington, NM 87402

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

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Mr. Andrew Frederick
EMNRD-Forestry Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

Dear Mr. Frederick,

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Ms. Anne Maurer
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 22-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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