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Mr. Skyler Wildenstein
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Conditional Approval for *Final Construction Drawings*, dated August 16, 2022, *Excavation Plan*, dated October 21, 2022, *Hoist House Radiological Survey*, dated July 9, 2021, and subsequent response sent on December 29, 2022, Southwest Resources Inc., Section 12 Mine, McKinley Co., NM, Permit Tracking No. MK046RE

Greetings:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) and the New Mexico Environment Dept. (“NMED”) Mining Environmental Compliance Section (“MECS”) have reviewed following documents submitted by Southwest Resources Inc. (“SRI”), Section 12 Mine, McKinley Co., NM, Permit Tracking No. MK046RE.

- Final Construction Drawings, dated August 16, 2022
- Excavation Plan, dated October 21, 2022
- Hoist House Radiological Survey, dated July 9, 2021
- Response dated December 29, 2022

MMD and NMED hereby approve the above listed documents with the following conditions:

1. Submit final construction design for the shaft backfill and capping 30 days prior to construction.
2. Inventory which materials from Table 1 in the final reclamation plan are placed in the shaft.
3. Includes as-built drawings in the Reclamation Summary Report for the shaft backfill and capping work.

Per the *Director’s Order of Abatement on Consent Section 12 Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico*, signed January 14, 2020 (“D.O.”), SRI shall align all future submittals with the timelines specified in Sections 30 – 36 of the D.O

Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information concerning this letter, please contact me at (505) 467-9589, or via email at: clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,



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Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division

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