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Subject: Amended Appendix D of the Revised Closeout/Closure Plan (June 2022), Application for Permit Revision (22-1), Mine Permit No. CI002RE, Mt. Taylor Mine, Rio Grande Resources Corporation

Dear Mr. Chisler,

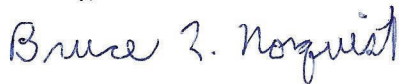
Rio Grande Resources Corp. (RGR) respectfully submits an amended Appendix D of the revised Closeout/Closure Plan (CCP), which was submitted with an application for permit revision to Mine Permit CI002RE (June 2022). The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) assigned Permit Revision 22-1 to process the application.

RGR is submitting an amended Appendix D because several errors were discovered in the referenced documents listed. The corrections made to Appendix D are denoted in the attached table.

To avoid confusion, the referenced documents are now included in the amended Appendix D section. The amended Appendix D is too large to submit via email. A hardcopy and an electronic version are being sent via mail.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 287-7971 or by email at [bruce.norquist@ga.com](mailto:bruce.norquist@ga.com).

Sincerely,



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Rio Grande Resources Corporation

Enclosure

cc: Anne Maurer, NMED-MECS, via email  
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Bullet Point	Original Appendix D Text	Amended Appendix D Text	Notes
1	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (CQAR), PHASE 1 COMPLETION, MT TAYLOR MINE REACTIVATION, FEBRUARY 2021	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (CQAR), WASTE ROCK PILE / DISPOSAL CELL, MT TAYLOR MINE REACTIVATION, MAY 2021	RGR referenced the wrong report. The correct document to be referenced in Appendix D was the CQAR for the Waste Rock Pile / Disposal Cell of May 2021.  The CQAR Phase I Completion report was a draft document that RGR was building for its records. It was intended to document all of the Phase I Reactivation construction activities, once completed. Because the Mt Taylor Mine went from operations to closure in late 2019, several Phase I Reactivation projects were never completed. The Phase I Completion report still remains an unfinished draft.  No changes, reference was correct.
2	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #2, MT TAYLOR MINE, JULY 2020	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #2, MT TAYLOR MINE, JULY 2020	No changes, reference was correct.
3	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, DISPOSAL CELL LINER, MT TAYLOR MINE, FEBRUARY 2020	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, DISPOSAL CELL LINER, MT TAYLOR MINE, FEBRUARY 2020	No changes, reference was correct.
4	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #3, MT TAYLOR MINE, FEBRUARY 2020	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #3, MT TAYLOR MINE, APRIL 2019	The referenced report had the wrong month and year. The correct month and year for the report was April 2019, not February 2020. These were corrected in the amended Appendix D
5	SOIL AND WATER SAMPLING AND TESTING, WATER AND SEDIMENT IMPOUNDMENT LOCATIONS DOWNSTREAM OF MT TAYLOR MINE WATER OUTFALL 001, JANUARY 2015	SOIL AND WATER SAMPLING AND TESTING, WATER AND SEDIMENT IMPOUNDMENT LOCATIONS DOWNSTREAM OF MT TAYLOR MINE WATER OUTFALL 001, JANUARY 2015	No changes, reference was correct.
6	VEGETATION GROWTH REPORT, MT TAYLOR, 2019	2020 VEGETATION GROWTH REPORT, RIO GRANDE RESOURCES, JANUARY 2021	The referenced report had the wrong year. The correct year for the report was 2021, not 2019. The year was corrected in the amended Appendix D.  The vegetation growth study (Baseline Sampling of the Vegetation Reference Area) was to be performed in October 2019, but plan approvals were not completed before the sampling deadline of the season. The study was conducted in October 2020.

7	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, SOUTH STORM WATER POND, MT TAYLOR MINE, JUNE 2019	CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, SOUTH STORM WATER POND, MT TAYLOR MINE, JUNE 2019	No changes, title was correct.
8	RADON FLUX MEASUREMENTS REPORT, WASTE REPOSITORY COVER AT MT. TAYLOR MINE, MAY, 2019	RADON FLUX MEASUREMENTS REPORT, WASTE REPOSITORY COVER AT MT. TAYLOR MINE, MAY, 2019	No changes, title was correct.

## **APPENDIX D (Amended)**

### **FIELD SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TEST DATA**

D.1 2012 Soil Investigations

D.2 Radiological Investigations

D.3 Laboratory Test Results

D.4 Original Closeout Plan Soil Data

See these reports for sampling and testing data generated from 2014 to 2022:

- CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (CQAR), WASTE ROCK PILE / DISPOSAL CELL, MT TAYLOR MINE REACTIVATION, MAY 2021
- CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #2, MT TAYLOR MINE, JULY 2020
- CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, DISPOSAL CELL LINER, MT TAYLOR MINE, FEBRUARY 2020
- CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, MINE WATER TREATMENT POND #3, MT TAYLOR MINE, APRIL 2019
- SOIL AND WATER SAMPLING AND TESTING, WATER AND SEDIMENT IMPOUNDMENT LOCATIONS DOWNSTREAM OF MT TAYLOR MINE WATER OUTFALL 001, JANUARY 2015
- 2020 VEGETATION GROWTH REPORT, RIO GRANDE RESOURCES, JANUARY 2021
- CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL DATA REPORT, SOUTH STORM WATER POND, MT TAYLOR MINE, JUNE 2019
- RADON FLUX MEASUREMENTS REPORT, WASTE REPOSITORY COVER AT MT. TAYLOR MINE, MAY, 2019