

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL*

June 7, 2023

Bruce Norquist, Mine Manager  
Mt. Taylor Mine  
Rio Grande Resources Corporation  
P.O. Box 1150  
Grants, NM 87020

**RE: Approval of Temporary Surface Cover Production Shaft, dated April 30, 2023, Permit No. CI002RE**

Dear Mr. Norquist,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a submittal from Rio Grande Resources Corporation (RGR) titled, "Temporary Surface Cover Production Shaft" on May 26, 2023 via electronic submission for the temporary cover to be placed on the 24ft production shaft on-site.

MMD hereby approves this design. Please provide MMD a timeline as to when the work will be done and as-built drawings within 30 days of completion of the project.

Please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or at [clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program

cc: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP  
Anne Maurer, Mining Act Team Leader, Mining Environmental Compliance  
Section, New Mexico Environment Department, Ground Water Quality Bureau

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