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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2023

TO: Anne Maurer, Mining Environmental Compliance Section, Ground Water Quality Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department

FROM: Alan Klatt, Watershed Protection Section, Surface Water Quality Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department

SUBJECT: **Request for Review and Comment, Section 27 Mine, Supplemental Characterization Work Plan, McKinley County, New Mexico Mining Act Permit No. MK005RE**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)-Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) received the subject request for comments on November 6, 2023. The request for comments is for the Supplemental Characterization Work Plan, Section 27 Mine, dated October 31, 2022. SWQB has prepared the following comments pursuant to 19.10.5.506 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

SWQB recommends that the Work Plan describe how the unnamed arroyo will be surveyed so that the lateral and vertical extent and volume of mining-related materials that may have been transported by surface runoff is accurately represented by the survey.

For questions related to these comments, please contact Alan Klatt, SWQB, at 505-819-9623.