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April 25, 2024

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

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

Dear Dr. Zemlick,

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Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes  
Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: Mine File (SI060EM)

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

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

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Ms. Cortney Wands  
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division  
407 Galisteo St., Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

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Ms. Jenna Padilla  
USFS Cibola National Forest  
2113 Osuna Rd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

Dear Ms. Padilla,

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Ms. Erika Rowe  
EMNRD-Forestry Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

Dear Ms. Rowe,

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

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060EM**

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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