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

**RE: Request for Comments on Regular Exploration Permit Modification Application,
Turquoise Mountain Project, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR087ER**

Dear Dr. Zemlick,

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Virginia Seamster
NM Department of Game and Fish
1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507

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

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Mr. Corey Durr
BLM Las Cruces
1800 Marquess St.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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Dear Mr. Durr,

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

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

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Mr. Bryan Victor
State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Dear Mr. Victor,

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