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**Ben Shelton**Acting Deputy Secretary

March 11, 2025

Governor Charles Riley Pueblo of Acoma P.O. Box 309 Acoma, NM 87034

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

Dear Governor Riley,

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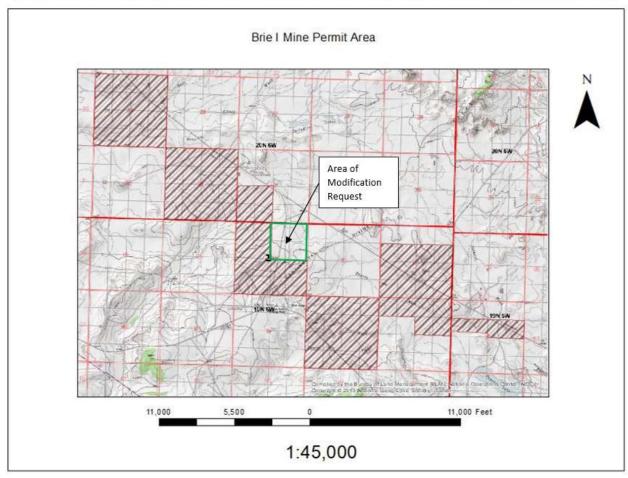
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THPO Steven Concho Pueblo of Acoma P.O. Box 309 Acoma, NM 87034

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

Dear THPO Concho,

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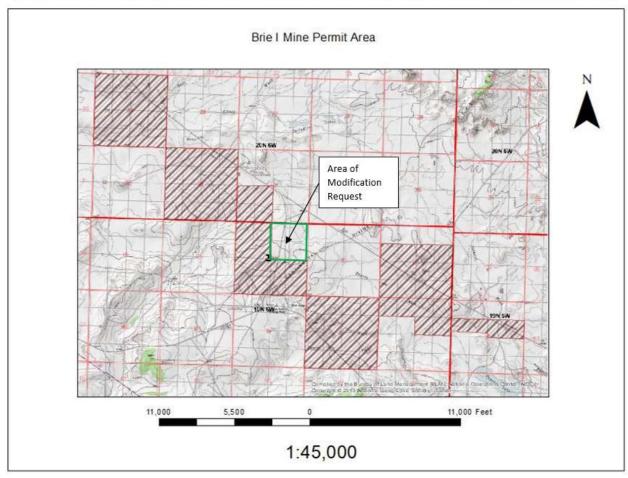
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Governor Eugene Jiron Pueblo of Isleta P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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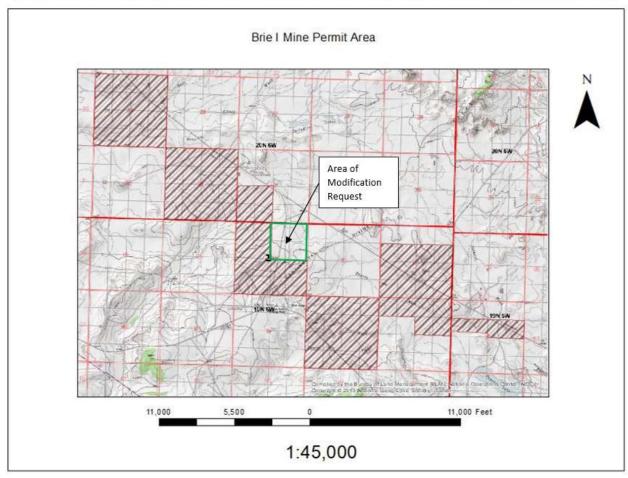
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THPO Henry Walt Pueblo of Isleta P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

Dear THPO Walt,

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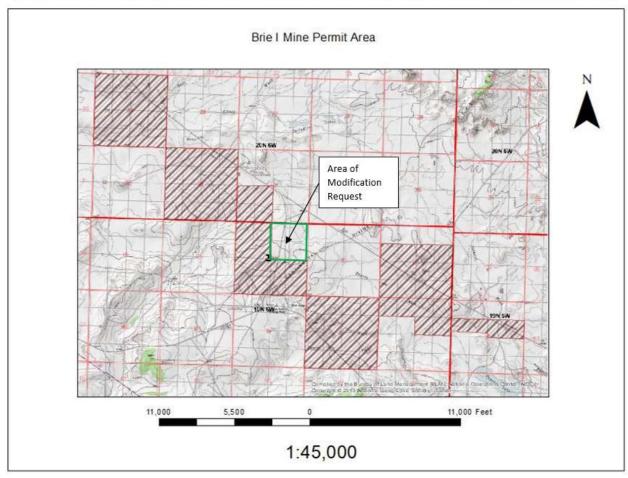
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Governor Harry Antonio Jr. Pueblo of Laguna P.O. Box 194 Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

Dear Governor Antonio Jr.,

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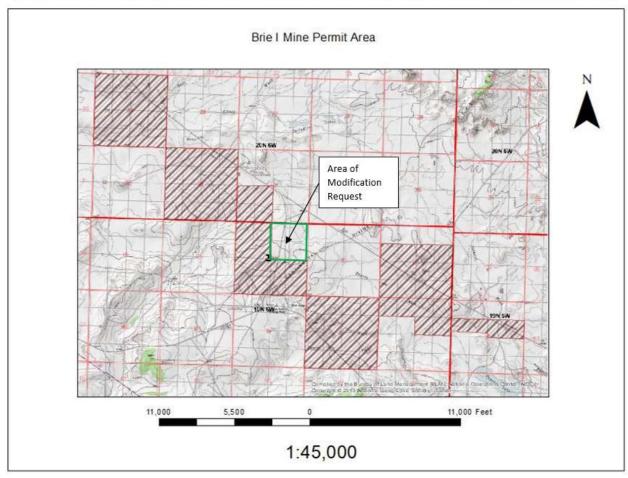
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THPO Richard Smith Sr. Pueblo of Laguna P.O. Box 194 Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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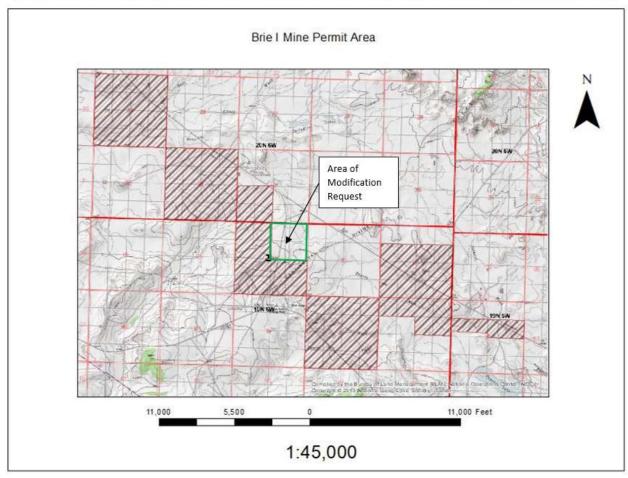
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Governor Earl Samuel Pueblo of Tesuque 20 TP 828 Santa Fe, NM 87506

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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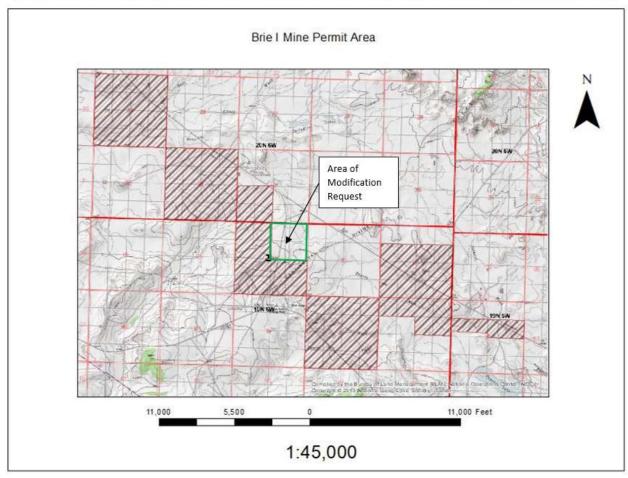
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THPO Larry Samuel Pueblo of Tesuque 20 TP 828 Santa Fe, NM 87506

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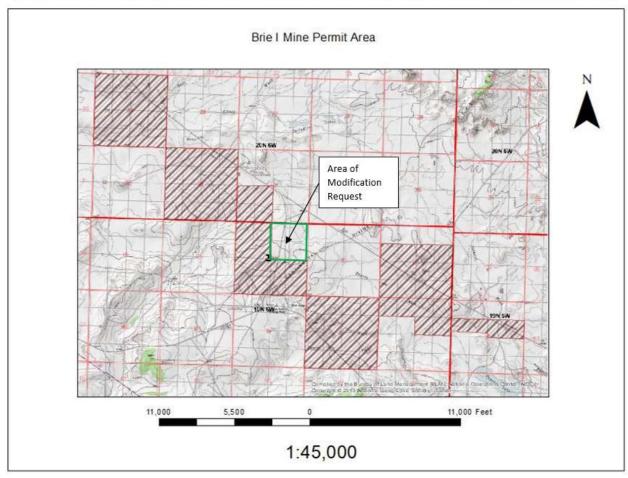
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Governor Arden Kucate Pueblo of Zuni P.O. Box 339 Zuni, NM 87327

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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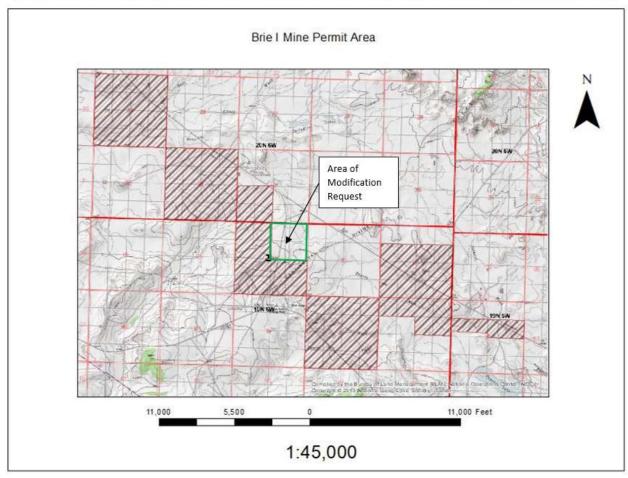
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THPO Kurt Dongoske Pueblo of Zuni P.O. Box 1149 Zuni, NM 87327

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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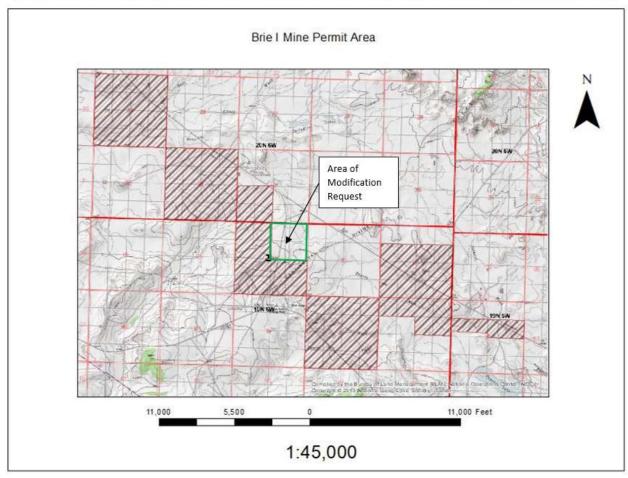
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President Buu Nygren Navajo Nation P.O. Box 7440 Window Rock, AZ 86515

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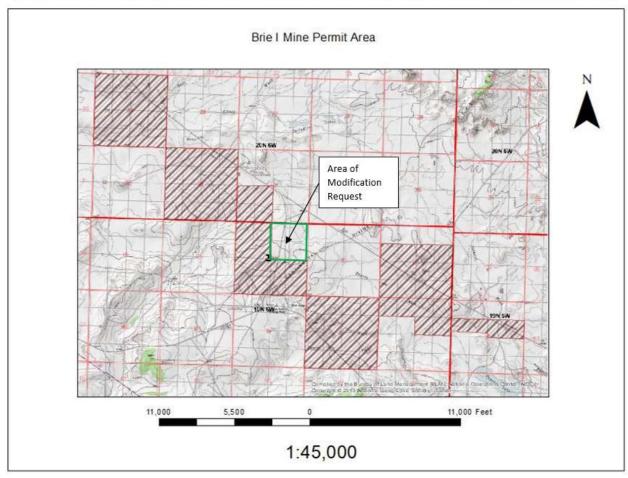
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THPO Richard M. Begay Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division P.O. Box 4950 Window Rock, AZ 86515

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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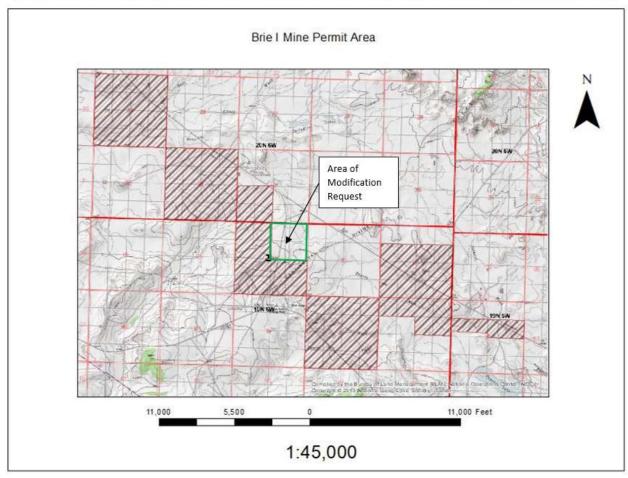
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Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma The Hopi Tribe P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Modification 24-1, Expansion of Permit Area to Include NE 1/4 Section 3, T19N, R9W, Brie I Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN

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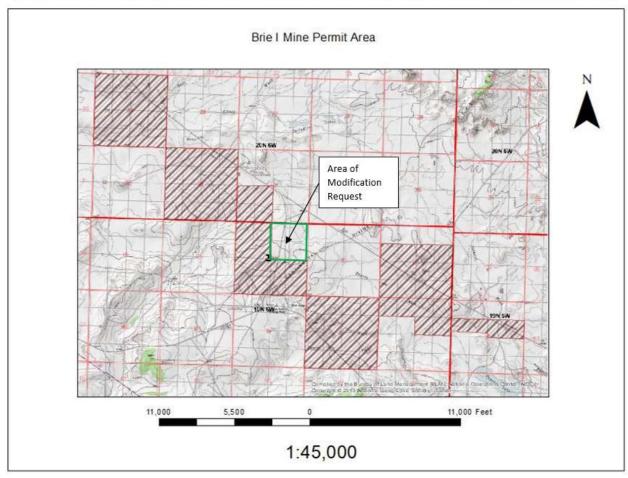
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Director Stewart Koyiyumptewa The Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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