

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

Melanie A. Kenderdine
Cabinet Secretary

Ben Shelton
Deputy Secretary

Erin Taylor
Deputy Secretary

Albert Chang, Director
Mining and Minerals Division



April 29, 2025

Mr. Mitchell Vokaty
7508 Hill and Dale Rd NW
Elk River, MN 22660

RE: Technically Approvable Determination, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. SI060MN

Dear Mr. Vokaty,

On March 26, 2024, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received an application from Mitchell Vokaty ("Permittee") for a new minimal impact mine operation. The application proposes to disturb no more than 0.45 acres within the Gila National Forest, Black Range District, in Sierra County New Mexico. The application was assigned provisional Permit No. SI060MN. Upon review of the application, MMD requested additional information from the Permittee, which was received on August 8, 2024. In accordance with 19.10.3.304.J(6) NMAC, an environmental determination was requested by MMD from the New Mexico Environment Department. This determination was received on October 24, 2024.

MMD has reviewed the application and supporting information and has determined that the application is technically approvable. Pursuant to 19.10.3.304.E NMAC, as this operation does not exceed two acres of total disturbance, no financial assurance is required to be provided to MMD. However, as this project is on land managed by the United States Forest Service ("USFS"), you may still be required to provide financial assurance to the USFS as determined by their regulations. Please note that this letter does not formally approve the operation and no mining activities shall begin until a Permit is approved by the MMD Director. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354, or via email at kevin.barnes@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")

Cc w/o enclosures: David "DJ" Ennis, Program Manager, MARF/MMD
Bret Mellott, US Forest Service
File (SI060MN)