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September 05, 2025

Kevin Raabe, President
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Re: Approval of Time Extension for Deliverable Mt. Taylor Mine Updated Closure Closeout Plan

Dear Kevin Raabe,

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received letters, dated August 22, 2025, titled *Notice of Delay of Deliverable for Mount Taylor Mine Updated Closeout Closure Plan*. Another letter was received, dated August 28, 2025, titled *Notice of Delay of Deliverable for Mount Taylor Mine Updated CCP Cost Estimate*. The letters requested a 47-day time extension from the original due date of August 29, 2025. The new due date requested is October 15, 2025, for the updated Closure Closeout Plan while an estimated completion date for the CCP Financial Assurance Cost Estimate could not be provided as it is uncertain how long the review process will take.

NMED and MMD have concluded that the extension request (deadline October 15, 2025) is approved. As a condition of approval, RGR shall submit to MMD and NMED a schedule of CCP tasks and associated completion dates. This schedule is due to the agencies two weeks after receipt of this letter.

NMED and MMD also concluded that the CCP Financial Assurance / Cost Estimate shall be provided 60 days after final approval of the updated CCP.

Please contact respective MMD and NMED permit leads Abimbola Ojekanmi at (505) 490-0726 or abimbola.ojekanmi@emnrd.nm.gov and Corey Dimond at (505) 795-4216 or corey.dimond@nmed.nm.gov with any questions.

Kevin Raabe
Time Extension Approval
September 05, 2025

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Chisler".

Amber Rheubottom
Mining Environmental Compliance Section
Ground Water Quality Bureau - NMED

Clint Chisler
Mining Act Reclamation Program
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RE: Schedule of CCP tasks and associated completion dates

Dear Amber Rheubottom and Clint Chisler,

Rio Grande Resources (RGR) received a letter from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED), dated September 5, 2025, titled *Approval of Time Extension for Deliverable Mt. Taylor Mine Updated Closure Closeout Plan*. The letter approved RGR's request for a time extension with the condition that RGR submits a schedule of CCP tasks and associated completion dates, two weeks after receiving the letter.

Attached to this document is RGR's schedule of CCP tasks along with their projected completion dates. These dates are estimates based on the expected approval of the CCP and the anticipated durations required to complete each task. The actual start date and time needed to complete the tasks may differ slightly depending on the approval process, weather conditions, contractor availability, and the inherent uncertainties in task durations.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to me at (970) 488-3111 or via email at mmeyer@enganalytics.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Engineering Analytics, Inc.



Melissa Meyer
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ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Calendar																																												
						1, 2026	M	M	Half 2, 2026	J	S	N	Half 1, 2027	J	M	M	Half 2, 2027	J	S	N	Half 1, 2028	J	M	M	Half 2, 2028	J	S	N	Half 1, 2029	J	M	M	Half 2, 2029	J	S	N	Half 1, 2030	J	M	M	Half 2, 2030	J	S	N	Half 1, 2031	J	M	M	Half 2, 2031	J
1	CCP Approval (Estimated)	1 day	Fri 5/1/26	Fri 5/1/26																																														
2	Project Management																																																	
3	Workplan Development and Approval	120 days	Mon 5/4/26	Fri 10/16/26	1																																													
4	Bids and Contracts	90 days	Mon 10/19/26	Fri 2/19/27	3																																													
5	Mobilization	30 days	Mon 2/22/27	Fri 4/2/27	4																																													
6	Documentation	1364 days	Fri 5/1/26	Wed 7/23/31																																														
7	Quality Control	1364 days	Fri 5/1/26	Wed 7/23/31																																														
8	Facility Removal																																																	
9	Well and Conduit Plugging	400 days	Fri 5/1/26	Thu 11/11/27																																														
10	Surface Facilities																																																	
11	Building Removal	60 days	Mon 4/5/27	Fri 6/25/27	5																																													
12	Concrete Removal	132 days	Mon 4/26/27	Tue 10/26/27	11FS-45 days																																													
13	Pipe Removal	231 days	Wed 10/27/27	Wed 9/13/28	12																																													
14	Disposal Cell																																																	
15	Disposal Cell Expansion Pit Area Contaminated Soil Removal	7 days	Thu 9/14/28	Fri 9/22/28	13																																													
16	Clearing & Grubbing Cell Pad	30 days	Mon 9/25/28	Fri 11/3/28	15																																													
17	Placement of Bottom Liner	13 days	Mon 11/6/28	Wed 11/22/28	16																																													
18	Placement of Demolished Site Materials	88 days	Thu 11/23/28	Mon 3/26/29	17																																													
19	Placement of Contaminated Soil	237 days	Tue 3/27/29	Wed 2/20/30	18																																													
20	Clearing and Grubbing Borrow Area	5 days	Thu 2/21/30	Wed 2/27/30	19																																													
21	Cover Placement	114 days	Thu 2/28/30	Tue 8/6/30	20																																													
22	Haul Rip-rap	114 days	Thu 3/7/30	Tue 8/13/30	21FS-109 days																																													
23	Erosion Control	114 days	Thu 3/14/30	Tue 8/20/30	22FS-109 days																																													
24	Earthwork																																																	
25	Contaminated Soil Removal																																																	
26	Windblown Area	3 days	Tue 3/27/29	Thu 3/29/29	18																																													
27	Ore Pad and Ore Pad Runoff Retention Pond	93 days	Fri 3/30/29	Tue 8/7/29	26																																													
28	Ore Pad Runoff Retention Pond, Buried Waste Rock	21 days	Wed 8/8/29	Wed 9/5/29	27																																													
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