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Subject: Request for Review and Comment on Revision 26-1 to Permit No. BE001RE, Tijeras Mine and Mill in Bernalillo County, NM

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has received an application from GCC Rio Grande, Inc. for Revision 26-1 to the Tijeras Mine and Mill, Permit BE001RE and has deemed this application Administratively Complete. This Revision application is the submittal of an updated Closure/Closeout Plan for the Tijeras Mine and Mill, request for partial and final reclamation release in portions of the site, changing the reclamation reference area, and expansion into a new quarry.

MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the application. See the below details for this request:

Application link: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/be001re-tijeras-mine-and-mill-revision-26-1/>

Site location: 1 mile south of Tijeras, NM, off of highway 337

Site inspection date: TBD: Please reach out by 14 August if your agency is interested in attending the site visit.

Comments requested by: September 29, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (505) 651-7721 or email maille.gray@emnrd.nm.gov.