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RA004RE Permit File

Subject: Request for Review and Comment on Revision 26-2 to Permit No. RA004RE, Rocky Mountain Mine, in Rio Arriba County, NM

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has received an application from CR Minerals Company, LLC (CR Minerals), for Revision 26-2 to the Rocky Mountain Mine, Permit RA004RE and has deemed this application Administratively Complete. This Revision application is the submittal of an updated Closure/Closeout Plan for the Rocky Mountain Mine and a request for partial and final release of financial assurance (FA) for reclaimed areas within the mine permit boundary. CR Minerals requests FA release for the earthwork component for 16 acres and final release of reclamation liability for 58.7 acres located within the permit boundary.

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/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-mine-applications/mining-applications-regular-existing/ra004re-rocky-mountain-mine/>

Site location: 6 miles west of Española, NM on 31 Mile Road

Site inspection date: September 22, 2026 at 10am. Please email me if your agency will attend.

Comments requested by: November 6, 2026

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