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Request for NMED's Conditional Environmental Determination Letter for St. Anthony Mine Site Closure-Closeout Plan (CCOP), Cibola County, New Mexico [Permit Tracking No. MK006RE].

Dear Mr. Fox,

The New Mexico – Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) recently received and forwarded a copy of the updated St. Anthony Mine Closure Closeout Plan (CCP) to NMED-GWQB-MECS. The CCP was submitted by General Electric and United Nuclear Corporation (GE/UNC) on September 30, 2025.

NMED-GWQB provided necessary review comments and further confirmed that GE/UNC will need to petition NMED-Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to facilitate the need for Alternate Abatement Standards and the partial back-fill design of Pit 1.

Based on the timeline above and the need to ensure a timely delivery of the relevant Closure-Closeout permit MMD is requesting that NMED-GWQB-MECS provide a conditional Environmental Determination for this project.

Thanks for your support and consideration. Further questions or clarifications should be directed to Abimbola Ojekanmi at (505) 490-0726 or by email at abimbola.ojekanmi@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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