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Permit No. CI007RE

Subject: Request for Review and Comment on Request for Release, J.J. No. 1 Mine, Seyboyeta, Cibola County, New Mexico, dated July 17, 2026

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has received an application from Intera Inc. (Intera) on behalf of SOHIO Western Mining Company (Rio Tinto Closure) for the release of the J.J. No. 1 Mine, Permit No. CI007RE and has deemed this application Administratively Complete. This Revision Application is requesting release from the NM Mining Act and release of all associated Financial Assurance (FA).

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/ci007re-jj-no-1-l-bar-mine/>

Site location: 4 miles East of Bibo, NM off of Marquez Rd.

Site inspection date: TBD: Please reach out to MMD if your agency is interested in attending a site visit in November 2026

Comments requested by: November 30, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (505) 467-9589 or by email at clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov