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Mr. Corey Dimond
Mining Environmental Compliance Section
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 S. St Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on Reclamation Cost Estimate, Revision 24-2, 2024 CCP Update,
Chino Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR009RE**

Dear Mr. Dimond,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has received a proposed Reclamation Cost Estimate and Net Present Value calculation (RCE) for Revision 24-2 to Permit No. GR009RE for the Chino Mine. Per 19.10.5.505(B)(3) NMAC, MMD requests that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) provide comments on the RCE within 30 days of the date of this letter. The proposed RCE and associated files can be found on the MMD website here:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr009re-chino-mine-modification-24-2-2024-ccp-update/>

If you have any questions, please contact the permit lead for Permit No. GR009RE at (505) 470-5354 or kevin.barnes@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: David "DJ" Ennis, Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF") Program Manager
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