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New Mexico Environment Department Determination for the Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mine, Permit No. GR009RE

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Applicant) has submitted an application to the Mining and Minerals Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to revise existing New Mexico Mining Act (NMMA) Permit No. GR009RE for the Chino Mine. The application is a revision of the Closure/Closeout Plan submitted pursuant to the NMMA.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 69-36-7(P)(2) and NMMA Rule 19.10.5.506.J(5) NMAC a determination is hereby provided to the Applicant by the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department. The Applicant has demonstrated that the activities proposed or authorized for the Chino Mine are expected to achieve compliance with all applicable air, water quality, and other environmental standards if carried out as described in NMMA Permit No. GR009RE and associated state and federal environmental permits.

Applicant:	Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
Operation:	Chino Mine
Mining Act Permit:	GR009RE

Determination by: DocuSigned by: Jonas Armstrong E10D916987F8437...

Jonas Armstrong, Director
Water Protection Division
New Mexico Environment Department

Signed pursuant to the Delegation Order dated July 20, 2026, through which the Cabinet Secretary has delegated this authority to the Water Protection Division Director of the New Mexico Environment Department.