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**Via ELECTRONIC MAIL**

September 1, 2022

Mr. Joseph Navarro  
USDOI Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces District Office  
1800 Marquess St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

**RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 22-1, Tyrone Mine, Permit No. GR010RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations**

Dear Mr. Navarro:

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1. The approval of the Little Rock Mine Precambrian granite waste rock as Reclamation Cover Material (“RCM”) for use in reclamation at the Tyrone Mine.
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MMD is processing the Modification Application under **Modification 22-1**. A copy of the Tyrone Modification 22-1 Application may be viewed on the MMD website at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr010re-tyrone-mine-modification-22-1-reclamation-cover-material/>

If your agency has comments on the Tyrone Mine Modification 22-1 Application, please respond within 45-days of the date of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 216-8945 or at David.Ohori@state.nm.us.

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Sincerely,



David Ohori, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager  
Carmen Rose, Senior Reclamation Specialist, MARP  
Mine File (GR010RE)

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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief  
Conservation Services Division  
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 22-1, Tyrone Mine, Permit No. GR010RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations**

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Ron Kellermueller, Mining & Energy Habitat Specialist, NMDG&F  
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Ms. Anne Maurer  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

**RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 22-1, Tyrone Mine, Permit No. GR010RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations**

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Brad Reid, NMED Mining Environmental Compliance Section  
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EMNRD-Forestry Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 22-1, Tyrone Mine, Permit No. GR010RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations**

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