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Katie Zemlick  
Office of the State Engineer/ Hydrology Bureau  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Modification 22-1 Application, GCC Rio Grande Inc. Tijeras Mine and Mill, Bernalillo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. BE001RE**

Dear Ms. Zemlick:

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Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit BE001RE  
Mining Act Reclamation Program MARP/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD  
Mine File BE001RE



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Richard Reycraft Archaeologist  
Historic Preservation Division  
NM Department of Cultural Affairs  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

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Dear Dr. Reycraft:

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Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief  
Conservation Services Division/New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Anne Maurer, Mining Act Team Leader  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section/NMED - Groundwater Quality Bureau  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

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Dear Ms. Maurer:

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Andrew Frederick, Botanist  
NM State Forestry Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Post Office Box 1948  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

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Crystal Powell, District Ranger  
United States Forest Service  
11776 Hwy 337  
Tijeras, NM 87059

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