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Fernando Martinez, Director, Mining and Minerals Division
Attention: David Ohoi
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application for Modification 14-1, Tyrone Mine, Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Tyrone Operations, Permit No GR010RE

Dear Mr. Martinez,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 21, 2014, regarding an Application for Modification 14-1 from Freeport McMoRan, Tyrone Inc., Permit No GR010RE, for a proposed update of the closeout plan for the Tyrone Mine in Grant County. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups in New Mexico. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites that are habitations of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Hopi Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

In the enclosed letter dated May 5, 2014, in response to your correspondence dated April 21, 2014, regarding an Application for Revision 09-1 for a proposed update of the closeout plan for the Tyrone Mine, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office stated we are interested in consulting on any proposal in New Mexico with the potential to adversely affect prehistoric sites and we are not aware of any Traditional Cultural Properties in this project area.

We understand this proposal involves a new 56 acre waste rock stockpile. Therefore, to enable us to determine if this application may affect cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe, please provide us with a copy of the cultural resources survey of the area of potential effect for review and comment. If prehistoric sites are identified that may be adversely affected by project activities, we request continuing consultation on this proposal including being provided with a copies of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank again you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosure: May 5, 2014 letter
xc: New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office