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March 24, 2022

Mr. Bruce Norquist, Facilities Manager
Rio Grande Resources Corporation
Mt. Taylor Mine
P.O. Box 1150
Grants, NM 87020

Re: Approval of Time Extension to Submit a Permit Revision Application and Revised Closure/Closeout Plan, MMD Permit No. CI002RE and NMED Discharge Permit 61, Rio Grande Resources Corporation, Mount Taylor Mine

Dear Mr. Norquist,

The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Mining Environmental Compliance Section (MECS), collectively "the Agencies" received a letter, dated March 14, 2022, entitled *Request for Extension of Time to Submit a Permit Revision Application Including a Revised Closeout/Closure Plan for Mining Act Permit No. CI002RE and Additional Information for Discharge Permit 61 (DP-61) Renewal and Modification, Rio Grande Resources Corporation, Mt. Taylor Mine* (Time Extension Request). The Time Extension Request responded to a letter sent to RGR by the Agencies entitled *Request for Submittal of a Permit Revision Application Including a Revised Closeout/Closure Plan for Mining Act Permit No. CI002RE and Additional Information for Discharge Permit 61 (DP-61) Renewal and Modification, Rio Grande Resources Corporation, Mt. Taylor Mine* (Revised CCP letter), dated October 15, 2021. The Revised CCP letter requested, in part, that RGR submit an application for revision of Permit No. CI002RE, including an updated Closeout/Closure Plan for the Mt. Taylor Mine by April 13, 2022, or sooner. The Time Extension Request letter requested a 60-day time extension to submit the application for revision of Permit No. CI002RE, including an updated Closeout/Closure Plan for the Mt. Taylor Mine from April 13, 2022, to June 10, 2022. The Agencies have reviewed the Time Extension Request letter and hereby grant a 60-day time extension to June 10, 2022, for RGR to submit an application for revision of Permit No. CI002RE, including an updated Closeout/Closure Plan for the Mt. Taylor Mine.

Please contact respective MMD and NMED permit leads David Ogori at 505-216-8945 and Anne Maurer at 505-660-8878 with any questions regarding permitting issues for the Mt. Taylor Mine.

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Sincerely,

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