

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that American Minerals Inc. (AMI), c/o C-E Minerals/Mulcoa, P.O. Box 37, Andersonville, Georgia 31711 has submitted an Application for partial release of financial assurance covering the reclamation liability under its Existing Mining Operation Permit No. LU001RE issued February 6, 1996 by the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD); and also as covered under Discharge Permit No. DP-1234 reissued by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on September 19, 2008. The 20-acre site is owned by the City of Deming and is situated at 900 Country Club Road, Deming, New Mexico 88031. The site lies within the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 25, Township 23 South, Range 9 West, NMPM, approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the City center. The property has been leased to AMI and its predecessors since the 1950's and was used as a manganese ore-buying and processing site. Operations ceased in 2003 and the 16-acres occupied by the processing plant and stockpiles of manganese bearing rejects (tails) were fully reclaimed in 2005 in accordance with the permit. The manganese-bearing tailing was buried on site and all equipment and buildings have been removed. The site now contains a well-established growth of native grasses and forbs. The post-reclamation, 12-year-monitoring period of the surface and the groundwater as mandated by law will continue until 2017. AMI has requested a release of 92.5 percent or \$92,500 of the \$100,000 reclamation bond held jointly by MMD and NMED. The estimated cost of monitoring the site until 2017 is \$7500. A copy of the Application is available for public inspection during business hours at the office of MMD at the following address:

Mr. Bill Brancard, Director  
Mining and Minerals Division  
Wendell Chino Building  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

The Application may also be viewed at MMD's web site <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/index.htm>. Written comments may be sent to the above address and may also be emailed to [holland.sheperd@state.nm.us](mailto:holland.sheperd@state.nm.us). Any interested person may request that the Director conduct a Public Hearing on the Application. Such request must be made within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice in the newspaper.