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MK025RN file

Subject: Request for Review and Comment on Permit No. MK025RN, Roca Honda Uranium Mine, McKinley County, NM

The New Mexico MMD has received a Mine Operations and Reclamation Plan (MORP) from Roca Honda Resources, LLC (RHR), as part of a New Mine Permit Application. The application was deemed administratively complete on June 22, 2026.

The proposed Project is located approximately three miles northwest of the community of San Mateo, New Mexico, and approximately 22 road miles northeast of Grants, New Mexico, in McKinley County. The permit area encompasses Sections 9, 10, 16, and 17, and portions of Sections 11 and 15 in Township 13 North, Range 8 West (T13N, R8W). Sections 9, 10, and 11 are located on U.S. Forest Service land; Section 16 is on State of New Mexico land; and Sections 15 and 17 are privately owned.

Access to the northeastern portion of the permit area is provided by an existing Forest Service road in Section 11. Access to the southwestern portion of the permit area is provided via an

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existing haul route extending south from Section 17 through Section 20 to its intersection with NM-605. A rehabilitated existing road in Section 15 will be used as a utility corridor.

The permit area also includes a pipeline right-of-way to convey treated mine dewatering flows. The pipeline will originate at the water treatment plant, extend along the haul route through Sections 17 and 20, and then follow the existing NM-605 right-of-way to Milan, New Mexico. Treated water conveyed by the pipeline will be discharged to the Rio San Jose in the Village of Milan.

The anticipated mine life is approximately 21 years, including initial site development, ore production, reclamation, and reclamation monitoring. The Project is planned as a conventional underground mining operation with associated surface facilities, including two production shafts to support construction, operation, and reclamation activities. Mining would occur using either a step room-and-pillar or drift-and-fill mining method, depending on the characteristics of each ore zone.

The Project includes approximately 305 acres of surface disturbance, including approximately 38 acres on U.S. Forest Service land, with the remainder on State and private land. The Project will not include leach pads, heaps, pits, tailings disposal facilities, or mills. Ore-bearing materials removed from the mine will be transported off-site by truck to a mill for processing.

MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the application. See the below details for this request:

Application link: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-mine-applications/mining-applications-regular-new/mk025rn-roca-honda-mine/>

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Site inspection date: TBD.

Comments requested by: August 22, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (505) 651-7721 or email maille.gray@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,



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