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RE: Request for Public Hearing - Tyrone Mine Closure/Closeout Plan, Little Rock and Emma Expansion - Tyrone Permit No. GR010RE, GR007RE, and Revision 21-1 to GR010RE

Dear Mr. Shelton:

On behalf of the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), I would like to request a public hearing on the Tyrone Mine Closure/Closeout Plan revision, including the Little Rock Mine and Emma Expansion Project.

There are a number of concerns that are of interest to the public and adjacent homeowners and therefore warrant a public hearing including the following:

- Groundwater supply and groundwater quality impacts to shallow and regional aquifers and domestic wells;
- Construction of new waste rock stockpiles and associated materials handling that may pose a groundwater quality risk and create sources of fugitive dust;
- Concerns associated with construction, operation, and reclamation of the Tyrone Mine, such as nuisance dust, noise, lights, traffic, blasting, water quality and supply concerns, and impacts to wildlife;
- Reclamation cost estimate, especially for closure water treatment, replacement costs, and methodology to ensure appropriate time period and discount rates for cost estimation;
- Financial assurance instruments that do not rely on third party, corporate guarantees that put the taxpayer at risk for reclamation liability.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Allyson Siwik, Executive Director

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