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RE: Joint Agency Approval of the Phase 2 Plan Addendum No. 1

Dear Mr. Martinez,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) hereafter referred to as the "Agencies" received the *Questa Tailing Facility – Phase 2 Building Demolition and Cleanup Plan Addendum No. 1 – Soil Removal at the Old Maintenance Shop* (Addendum) from Chevron Environmental Management Company (CEMC) on July 21, 2015. In an email to the Agencies dated July 21, 2015, CEMC requested approval of the Addendum.

The Agencies are submitting this letter jointly to CEMC to provide conditional approval of the Addendum. The Agencies request that CEMC provide the following information in the timeline specified within each condition.

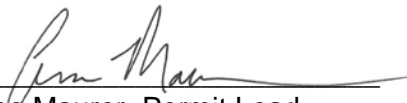
1. Within 60 days of receipt of this letter, please provide information about the level of confirmatory laboratory sampling (i.e. <5, between 5 and 10, or >10) for field XRF tests of molybdenum and specify the percent of samples that will be assayed by laboratory analysis.
2. On the monthly reports of demolition progress provided to the Agencies please identify areas where total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) contaminated soils have been found at both the mill and tailing demolition areas on report maps and provide the approximate volume of affected materials. Rather than generating any special or additional maps, the map format provided in the past monthly reports can be used.

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Please contact Joe Vinson at (505) 476-3414 or Anne Maurer at (505) 827-2906 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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