



**Armando Martinez**  
Environmental Manager, Questa Mine

March 22, 2018

Mr. Clinton Chisler and Mr. Holland Sheppard  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Wendell Chino Building  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Withdrawal of Permit Modification 17-2, Permit TA001RE, Revision 96-2,  
Questa Mine Post Mining Land Use**

Dear Mr. Chisler and Mr. Sheppard:

Chevron Mining Inc. ("CMI") submitted Permit Modification 17-2 on November 15, 2017 to request changes to the post mining land use (PMLU) at the Questa Mine from forestry and water management to wildlife habitat and industrial/commercial. As you are aware, CMI will soon begin negotiations with the EPA and State agencies to address the reclamation of the waste rock piles under CERCLA. These negotiations, in part, will likely address the proposed wildlife PMLU with respect to reclamation practices and revegetation performance standards. As such, CMI believes that finalizing the PMLU changes may be premature as the views of the other agencies have not been considered.

CMI appreciates MMD's input regarding the proposed PMLU changes and initial review of the permit modification. However, CMI now requests that the modification be withdrawn and that MMD take no further action on it.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (575) 586-7639.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Armando Martinez".

Armando Martinez

CC: Ms. Anne Mauer, NMED

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