

Rio Algom Mining LLC

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Mr. Holland Shepard
Program Manager, MARP
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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**RE: Request for Extension for Submittal of Closure/Closeout Plan,
Old Stope Leach Permit MK009RE and Discharge Permit 362**

Dear Mr. Shepard and Mr. Vollbrecht:

Rio Algom Mining LLC (RAML) respectfully requests an extension to **March 30, 2019** for submittal of the Closure/Closeout Plan (CCP) for the Ambrosia Lake Old Stope Leach Permit MK009RE and Discharge Permit 362. We appreciated your concurrence with the proposed revised due date during our meeting on October 17, 2018. We are submitting this request in response to your letter dated May 18, 2018, in which the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) required that RAML submit a CCP by November 10, 2018. As we discussed during the recent meeting, an extension for submittal of the CCP will provide RAML, MMD, and NMED time to continue coordinating with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding their planned actions within the San Mateo Creek Basin and at the Ambrosia Lake site.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Ballaine at (209) 736-4803. We look forward to receiving a response to our request for an extension.

Sincerely,
Rio Algom Mining, LLC

Sandra L. Ross, P.G.
Manager