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Mr. Anthony Gallegos, Mining Engineer
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Farmington Field Office
6251 College Blvd.
Farmington, NM 87402

**RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 19-1, Rocky Mountain Mine,
Permit No. RA004RE, CR Minerals Company, LLC**

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

On September 13, 2019, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a letter with attachments from CR Minerals Company, LLC (“CR Minerals”) requesting a modification of Permit No. RA004RE for the Rocky Mountain Mine. MMD assigned Permit Modification 19-1 to the permit modification application (“Application”). The Application proposes to mine for pumice and pumicite in Mine Unit E3 covering approximately 14 acres, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. MMD previously approved, under Revision 11-1, the closeout plan for mining in Mine Units E1 through E18 of the Rocky Mountain Mine New Unit- BLM East Permit Area covering approximately 349 acres, however, limiting the actual mining disturbance approved to the Mine Units E1 and E2 until either of these units are released from financial assurance (“FA”) by MMD or CR Minerals provides additional FA approved by MMD for mining disturbance in additional units of the BLM East Permit Area.

MMD has determined that the Application is administratively complete and is requesting comments from your agency on the Application. A copy of the Application may be viewed on the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/RA004REMod19-1.html>

If your agency has comments related to this application, please respond within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3432 or at David.Ohori@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

David Ohori, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
Calvin Parson, Geologist, BLM Rio Puerco Field Office
Mine File (RA004RE)